

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – November 18, 2024

Cider Mill School is a Community of Learners, ALL committed to being the best we can be.

### Important Dates

<b>Nov 18</b>	Turkey Trot (Wear House Colors!)
<b>Nov 21-26</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Nov 21-26</b>	Shortened Days / Early Release for Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>Nov 22-24</b>	Singin' in the Rain JR. Performances
<b>Nov 27-Dec 1</b>	Thanksgiving Recess / No School

#### Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

This week marks the beginning of our Scholastic Book Fair which will run into next week, as well as our annual Turkey Trot on Monday! It's a busy week! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help out with both events.

A reminder that teacher conferences also begin this week so please stop and check out our very full lost and found. They will be in the school lobby for easy perusing.

The Cider Mill PTA wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break with family and friends.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com) or [cathleenfareed@gmail.com](mailto:cathleenfareed@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Melissa Reynolds, President  
Cathleen Fareed, President-Elect

### School News

#### **Jim Cook Turkey Trot November 18**

Please join us in cheering on our little turkeys as they run their way to the high school track!

**5th Grade 10:05-10:35**

**4th Grade 11:05-11:35**

**3rd Grade 12:05-12:35**

\* Please remember to have your child wear sneakers for the event.

\* Parents are encouraged to come out and cheer on their children.

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#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Hello, our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** is fast approaching! Our fair will run from **November 21-26 from 7am to 3pm in the cafeteria**. Children will shop with their classes and parents are welcome to come and shop when in for teacher conferences.

The PTA relies on the Scholastic Book Fair as a great source of fundraising revenue. We also love that it encourages reading among our children and hopefully fosters a love of books that will only grow.

The fair accepts cash, credit cards, Apple Pay and eWallets. **A reminder that an eWallet is only good for one book fair. Any funds left on a previous eWallet were converted to a gift card in your**

**Scholastic account. You can apply that balance when creating a new eWallet for your child.**

Simply go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill> to create your child's eWallet.

We are not doing holds on items this year as it creates quite a pile of books and add-ons, and often they are not claimed during the fair. An email will go out the night before classes shop for preparation. However, as with all PTA activities, participation is of course voluntary.

**VOLUNTEERS!!**

We of course could not make this fair work without you! If you are available to volunteer for a shift, please sign up [HERE!](#)

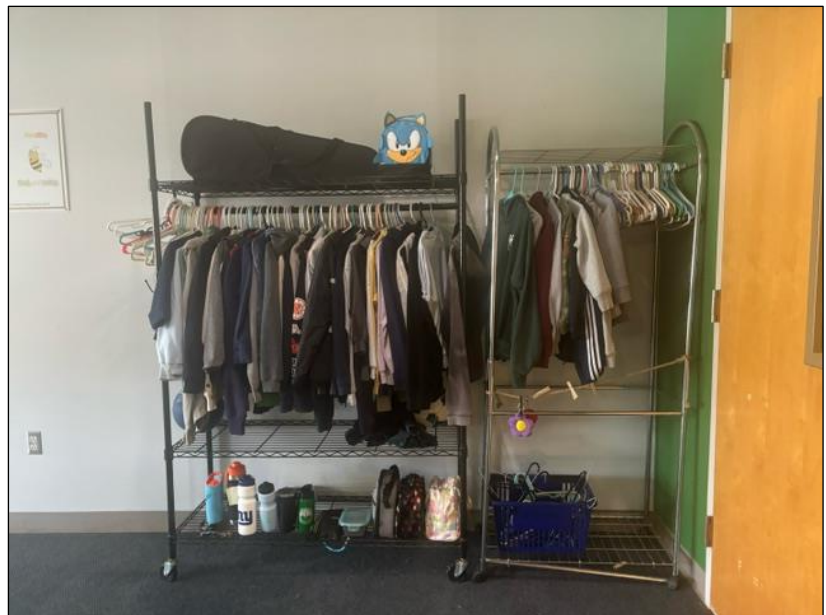
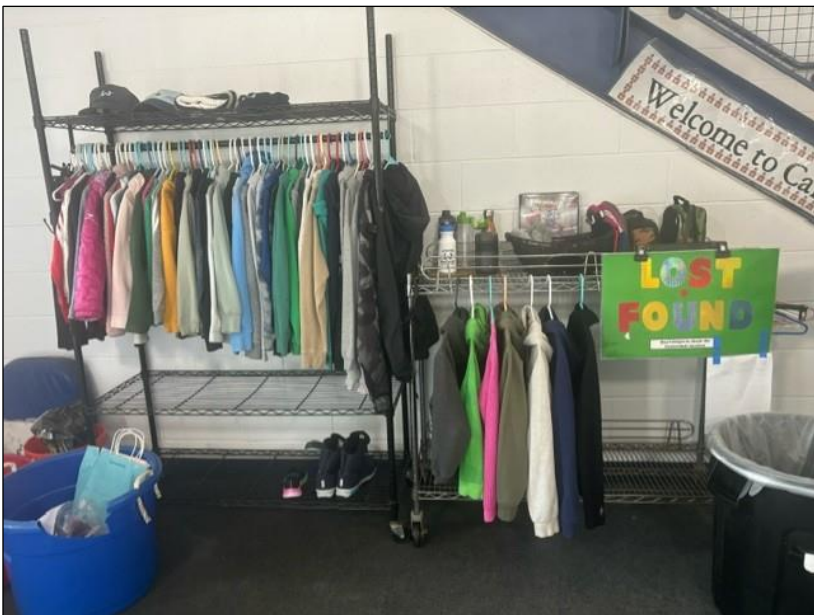
Please see below for when classes are signed up to shop so far. This is subject to change. Full details of duties will come to those who have signed up before the fair opens. Thank you everyone for your support and we look forward to a great book fair!

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**Lost and Found, FINAL CALL!**

All Lost and Found will be in the main lobby during parent conferences this week and next. Please take a look as you enter or leave the school!

**All lost and found will be cleared out over the Thanksgiving Break, and clothing will be donated to The Turnover Shop.**



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**Teacher Photocopying Aides Needed!**

We need your support to keep things running smoothly! We're looking for volunteers to help make copies for our teachers and staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 am. If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up using the link below. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49AEAF28A5FB6-51225341-cider#/>

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help our school community!

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**AtoZ Connect**

**PTA Membership and Directory ARE LIVE!**

Our Membership Portal is now live and ready to accept members for the 2024/2025 school year!

A Single Membership gives you directory access and one vote when voting on PTA issues. A Family Membership gives you directory access and two votes.

Through this platform we will provide a directory of students, sell tickets to events, sell spirit wear, and conduct surveys. All revenue goes to pay dues to the CTPTA and to support school events, grants, gifts, and more!

Sign up now! <https://cidermillpta.membershiptoolkit.com/story/364235>

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### Wilton SEPTA

The Wilton SEPTA's mission is to build compassionate, trusting, and collaborative relationships with all members of our schools and community. We strive to ensure that the diversity of all children receiving Special Education and related services will be supported, celebrated and socially embraced. Collectively, we will work to increase access to resources, empowering every child with the opportunity and inspiration to thrive.

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to join for the 2024-2025 school year, for meeting dates, for volunteer and officer opportunities, and to stay updated with the latest news and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams. Please stay tuned!

## Community News

### Wilton Youth Field Hockey

Calling all field hockey players or those looking to try a new sport! WYFH is offering winter clinics on Sunday nights again this year. We are kicking off the season with a **FREE** clinic and pizza party on Sunday, December 15th from 4:00-5:45 pm at the Wilton High School field house - come check it out! Following that, we will offer 9 sessions that will run from Jan through mid March (1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9). K-4th will run from 4:30-5:30 pm and 5th-8th will run from 4:30-6:00 pm each Sunday. Sign up on our website is required for both the FREE kick-off event and the 9 sessions that follow. We hope to see you there! <https://www.wiltonyouthfieldhockey.org/>



**REGISTER NOW FOR  
WINTER CLINICS**

Open to grades K-8  
No experience necessary!

Sundays @ WHS  
field house  
\*2/23 only @ Middlebrook\*

4:30 - 5:30 pm K-4th  
4:30 - 6:00 pm 5th-8th

\$150 K-4th, \$250 5th-8th

12/15 4:00-5:45  
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### **Wilton Children's Theater Presents Singin' in the Rain JR.**

Tap your toes and sing along to the Wilton Children's Theater (WCT) adaptation of one of the greatest movie musicals of all time. This student production of Singin' in the Rain JR., featuring 40 students in grades 4 - 8, is ideal for families and friends of all ages.

WCT will present Singin' in the Rain JR. at the Middlebrook School Auditorium, 131 School Road, Wilton, CT. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors and are available online and at the door (if not sold out). Ticket sales open to the public on November 8. For more information, please visit [www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org](http://www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org).

#### **Show dates and times are as follows:**

- **Friday, November 22 at 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, November 23 at 4:00 pm**
- **Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 pm**

Secure your seat, join the fun, and let your heart sing along with the catchy tunes of this delightful musical. This is set to be a great time for audience and performers alike!

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### **Coming Soon: Marché Wilton!**

Marché Wilton is a local, unique shopping experience blending together the work of 25 Fairfield County artisans, makers, bakers, growers and non-profit organizations. **This first-ever, pop-up holiday market will support Small Business Saturday.** Details are as follows:

**Date: Saturday, November 30**

**Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Location: WEPCO Complex/ St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 36 New Canaan Rd, Wilton**

**Instagram Link: [Marché Wilton Shopping Event](#)**

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person for adults 18+, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Wilton Social Services.

Happy shopping!

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### **Wilton Youth Council**

If you have questions or would like to get involved in [Wilton Youth Council](#), email Chandra Ring at [cring@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:cring@wiltonyouth.org). Stay tuned for more information about community events, parenting groups and programs on healthy families, building connections, transitions, and more!

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### **Woodcock Nature Center**

#### **Wreath Festival**

This popular annual event pairs decorating a 24" balsam wreath using unique materials, while relaxing by a roaring fire among friends. Wreath festival welcomes nearly 800 guests and raises over \$90,000 for the nature center's programs in environmental education. **Thank you for your support!**

Now available to purchase are **individual tickets** in our picturesque pondside tent (21+ only), **Family Day tickets** which include the opportunity to make a wreath with all ages, and a limited number of **to-go decorating kits**.



**Group Requests** in our pavilion (minimum of 15 and up to 18) can now only be made by [emailing us](#). Limited dates are available.

**New this year: Commemorative ornaments** can be added to any order during checkout and "**kid friendly**" materials can be added to to-go kits!

Please read all details closely before purchasing.  
21+ only except Family Day. No refunds or exchanges.  
Advance purchase required. All attendees must have a ticket.

**Single Ticket Dates: December 2-13** ([Register Here](#))  
**Family Dates: December 14-15** ([Register Here](#))

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### The Turnover Shop

The Turnover Shop is a great Wilton resource when looking to reuse or donate items you no longer need. They run on volunteers and sell by donations or consignment. Many of our lost and found items end up at the Turnover Shop at the end of terms! Please check them out at <https://turnovershopwilton.org/>.

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### Wilton NAMI-CAN: Free Parent Support Group

School is back in session and for many children, so are the academic and social stresses that can cause behavioral changes. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely, find resources and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area.

**Website:** <https://namisouthwestct.org>

**Fall Meeting Dates:** December 2  
**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am  
**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81998029176>  
**Meeting ID:** 819 9802 9176

**For the password and more information:** Contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com).

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