

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 2, 2024

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

Important Dates

Dec 2	School resumes
Dec 6	Reflections Awards Ceremony, 6pm to 8pm, WHS LLC
Dec 9-16	MAP Testing
Dec 11	Shortened Day/Early Release
Dec 20	Spirit Day – PJs and Hot Cocoa
Dec 23-Jan 1	Schools Closed – Holiday Recess

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and enjoyed time with family and friends!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and we loved seeing the children's excitement over new books. We thank everyone who helped make it run smoothly, especially our amazing volunteers!

Our little turkeys ran hard at our annual Turkey Trot and helped raise over \$ that went to Wilton Social Services. A big thank you to our adult turkeys who led the way!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com or cathleenfareed@gmail.com.

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

School News

New Cider Mill Spirit Wear! On Sale ONLY until Dec 5

Stay warm now that the cold weather is here in some new cozy spirit wear! Winter wear includes hoodies, sweatpants and flannel pants. Orders accepted until December 5 only, with deliveries hopefully just before the holidays!

Orders can be made [HERE](#).



Helping Hands

Join Helping Hands in bringing holiday cheer to children with cancer! From Wednesday, November 20, 2024, to Friday, December 6, 2024, we will collect unwrapped and unused toys in the main lobby. Scan this QR code if you would like some ideas. (Not required to use the wish list)

We appreciate your support in making a difference in the lives of children with cancer.



Cider Mill PTA Social Media

The Cider Mill PTA has a new social media presence! Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram at:



These accounts do not replace the current Cider Mill Parent Community Page and information will be available on all three pages.

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!

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>

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 Historical Society

The Great Trains Holiday Show Returns!

Model trains, holiday cheer, and family fun returns with one of Wilton's favorite holiday traditions, the Great Trains Holiday Show! Explore the Wilton Historical Society's 18th and 19th century historic buildings – charmingly decorated for the holiday season – to find multiple layouts of model trains that wind their way through miniature winter landscapes, vibrant towns, and mountain tunnels, and some familiar landmarks. The interactive displays and model holiday village are perfect holiday fun for all ages. Whether a model train builder or collector, young wannabe train conductors, or a family looking for a delightful seasonal experience, the Great Trains Holiday Show has something for everyone.

Model train gauges include G, HO, and O.



The Great Holiday Train Show will run **Friday, November 29 – Monday January 20, 2025**. Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 – 4:00, and Sundays 12:00 – 4:00. Free for members of Wilton Historical; \$5 per non-member child and \$10 for non-member adults. Special holiday programming most weekends in December.

While you are visiting the Train Show, don't miss the Betts Store Museum Shop for one stop holiday shopping. Visit wiltonhistorical.org for more information about the show and additional holiday programming.

Great Trains Holiday Show is generously supported by Ellen M. Essman CPA & Associates, Lynne Murphy Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices, and RVNAhealth.

Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Road

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/>

WILTON YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

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
FREE Kick Off Clinic & Pizza Party

9 Sessions
1/5, 1/12, 1/19,
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23,
3/2, 3/9

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Wilton Lacrosse



WINTER CLINICS

<p><u>K-4th Boys</u></p> <p><i>Zeoli Field House (WHS)</i> Sundays (1/5, 1/12, 1/26 2/2, 2/9, 2/23 3/2) K-2nd: 1:15pm - 2:15pm 3rd/4th: 2:15pm - 3:15pm</p> <p><u>5th-8th Boys</u> 6-7pm <i>Fujitani (WHS) Stadium Turf</i> Warrior Wednesdays</p> <p>12/4, 12/11, 12/18 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 2/5, 2/12, 2/26</p>	<p><u>K-2nd Girls</u></p> <p><i>Zeoli Field House (WHS)</i> Sundays (1/5, 1/12, 1/26 2/2, 2/9, 3/2) 2:15pm-3:15pm</p> <p><u>3rd-8th Girls</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm <i>Northeast Athletic Center</i> Norwalk, CT</p> <p>3rd/4th: Mondays 5th/6th: Wednesdays 7th/8th: Thursdays</p>
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Wilton Youth Council



**HOW TO TALK SO
KIDS WILL LISTEN™***
A Parent Skills Workshop

Do you want to increase cooperation?
Reduce yelling and backtalk?

Come together with Susan and other parents to learn and practice skills to be more effective.



LED BY SUSAN BAUERFELD, PHD

4 TUESDAYS, FROM 7-830 PM
January 7, 14, 21 & 28

REGISTER & MORE INFO AT
WILTONYOUTH.ORG

"..thank you! I feel like I have a new set of wings! You have taught me to look at things with a new insight and have given me the tools to implement them. This has helped me with everything in my daily life ..." - past participant

*Based on the book by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

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

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 OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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