

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication
March 22, 2015

Important Dates

Mar. 23	Day 7
Mar. 31	Deadline to turn in box tops to win No-Homework Night
April 3	NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
April 7	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
April 7	3rd Grade South Concert - 7pm, Gym
April 8	3rd Grade North Concert – 7pm, Gym
April 10-12	Wilton Spring Spectacular Carnival, Miller Driscoll School
April 13-17	NO SCHOOL (Spring Vacation)
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
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School News

The Race is On! Which Classes will Win No-Homework Nights? ~ Deadline Tuesday, March 31

The Box Tops for Education program will give Cider Mill ten cents for each box top we turn in – that’s an unrestricted gift to our school for the needs of our students! From now until March 31, each student should bring in as many box tops as possible from participating products, such as Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Box tops will be collected in classrooms. On April 1, the class from each house that has the most box tops will win a no-homework night! See <http://www.boxtops4education.com> for the full list of participating products, and start clipping those box tops!

Your PTA Needs You!

Fun Nights, Field Days, Junior Great Books, Book Fairs, School Supplies, 5th Grade Yearbook, 5th Grade Fashion Show, Library Volunteers, Room Reps, School Store, River Study Volunteers, Gifts and Grants for Teachers, School Photos, Turkey Trot, Walkathon, 5th Grade Inventions Convention, School Handbook the list goes on. All of these things (including Hot Cider!) are brought to you and your children by the dedicated and hard working volunteers that make up our PTA board. However,

many of them are moving up to Middlebrook at the end of this academic year and we need new volunteers to take their places.

Being a part of the PTA board is a great way to gain insight into the workings of the school, and to get into the school to see the students, while helping to enrich their educational experiences and assist staff and faculty members, all at the same time. If you are interested in joining the board, please email Sarah Beach (sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com) or Nicola Davies (nicoladavies@outlook.com) to discuss which role may suit you. Many thanks!

News from Guidance

Helping Hands, Cider Mill's new Student Leadership Team, has been busy! There are 19 students from all grades and houses who are working hard with an Adult Team to promote a more positive school climate. The students have come together to create a video, a banner, and posters. They also created their own charter and will be helping to look at data, which comes out of a voluntary survey taken in March by students, parents, and faculty. We are hoping to get the survey results back in late March/early April; part of the team will then present the data to the faculty. Smaller projects will be created to make Cider Mill a more positive learning environment for all and the team will be asking other students to contribute their time, talents, and ideas. Cider Mill is working with the Center for School Climate and Learning. Please let School Counselor Dawn Randall know if you have any questions (x 4257 or randalld@wilton.k12.ct.us).

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May. Be prepared by buying your shirt now. Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand, but if we sell out of an item, it will take up to six weeks for your order to be fulfilled. The order form can be found at http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear. We also still have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear - Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL) and Pink Hoodies (YXL). All items \$10. See photo [here](#), or view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Community News

Parent Connection - Parenting Book Series ~ Tuesday, March 24, 10:30am-12pm, Wilton Library Rimer Room

Wilton Youth Council's Parent Connection and Wilton Library are partnering with psychologist and Wilton mom, Dr. Susan Bauerfeld, to sponsor a parenting book discussion series. The Parenting Book Series was established to help parents sift through the avalanche of advice that exists in the world of parenting books. Dr. Bauerfeld will present an overview of a parenting book chosen for its soundness and relevance to the community. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Reading the book is not required but is encouraged and will likely enhance the discussion. The last session remaining in the series is on March 24 and will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The book being discussed is: *Mindful Parenting: Simple and Powerful Solutions for Raising Creative, Engaged, Happy Kids in Today's Hectic World* by Kristen Race, Ph.D. Admission is free and reservations are recommended. Please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org.

How to Raise Kids Who Do the Right Thing ~ Wednesday, April 1, 7pm, Greens Farms Academy Choral Room, 35 Beachside Avenue, Westport

As part of the Eyes Wide Open Speaker Series, "How to Raise Kids Who Do the Right Thing" will be presented by the Greens Farms Academy Parents' Association and is open to the public. Dr. Michele Borba will talk to parents about developing skills that can help their child learn to say no, solve problems more amicably, think before acting, and consider the needs of others. For more information and to RSVP, visit gfacademy.org/eyeswideopen.

Save the Date - Wilton Spring Spectacular Carnival! ~ Friday - Sunday, April 10 - 12, Miller Driscoll School

The carnival is quickly approaching and we are preparing for a fun-filled family weekend! This will be an outdoor event with rides, games, food provided by the Kiwanis club and much more! The event will be held on the south end of the Miller-Driscoll School property. The dates and times are as follows:

- April 10th - 5pm-9pm
- April 11th - 12pm-9pm
- April 12th - 12pm-5pm

Wristbands will be for sale for \$25, valid for any ONE of the days listed above. Wristbands = unlimited rides and fun! We look forward to seeing you at the Wilton Spring Spectacular! Any questions? Please contact Susan Price at sprice14@optonline.net.

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link:
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