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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – March 27, 2023

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

Important Dates

March 27	BOF Public Hearing for the BOE proposed school budget
April 4	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
April 6	Cider Mill Spirit Day
April 7	Good Friday – School Closed
April 10 – 14	Spring Recess – School Closed
May 05	Cider Mill Spirit Day
May 09	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
May 29	Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

A big thank you to all attended our March PTA meeting to listen to **Middlebrook Principal Jory Higgins** speak on their proposed schedule change.

Budget News! A reminder that **March 27th, the Board of Finance** will take public comment on the Board of Education proposed budget starting at 7pm. A BOF survey can be filled out here [Wilton Board of Finance Resident Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) and public comment can be made at [Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Finally, as we begin looking towards next school year, we have **several Executive Board positions to fill - President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, and Co-Parent at Large!** Please contact us if you would like more information or to be considered for the positions.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds
Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

Helpful Links

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or cmattend@wiltonps.org

CM School

Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2

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Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: https://wiltonps.org/579910_3

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

School News

CM Spiritwear

Use the link below to order!

<https://catoonahink.com/cidermill23/shop/home>

Please place your order by 3/30/2023 for delivery on or about 4/21/2023.

Completed orders will be distributed by a PTA representative at school. Please contact us with any questions or concerns at catoonahink@gmail.com.

Connecticut State Reflection Winners!

We have wonderful news about the performance of our **Cider Mill PTA Reflections** students at the **Connecticut State level in the Intermediate & Special Artist Division!**

Congratulations to:

ELANA YERMESHEVA for placing 3rd in **DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY**.

JIYA PRAVEEN for placing 2nd in **FILM**.

SAMIYA ATREE for placing 1st in **MUSIC COMPOSITION**.

MAGNOLIA TESLER for placing 1st in **VISUAL ARTS, Special Artist Division**.

MYRA JAISWAL for placing 2nd in **VISUAL ARTS**.

First place winners **Samiya Atree and Magnolia Tesler** will now be competing Nationally! Best of luck to them!

A **PTA Reflections State Ceremony** will be held on **Wednesday, May 10th** at Fairfield Woods Middle School at 7 pm to honor **ALL** State winners!

We are so proud of them for honorably representing Cider Mill School!

5th Grade Yearbook

Calling all **5th Grade parents** - we need some of your photos for the 5th Grade yearbook to help make this as memorable as possible! We would love it if you could share with us some pictures of your 5th grader (even better if it also has a bunch of their Cider Mill friends in it) from the events listed below.

- First Day of 5th Grade
- Halloween
- Walkathon
- Turkey Trot
- Snowball Dance
- Wilton town team sports/scouts/band/theater
- Any Cider Mill events that are upcoming (like field trips or any in classroom events)

Please send all photos **in the "actual size" format** to:

CMyearbookPTA@gmail.com

Do not send screenshots of photos or send from cell phones in small/medium/large size format as the clarity is not good enough to print.

It would be extremely helpful if you include names of those in the picture, CM house and teacher (if possible).

Thanks, from Your Yearbook Team

Wilton SEPTA

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, 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.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

Community News

Wilton Baseball

Come celebrate baseball with our Wilton baseball community on April 29th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at the Wilton YMCA and meet baseball legend Dwight "Doc" Gooden.

[A CELEBRATION OF BASEBALL with Baseball Legend Dwight "Doc" Gooden eventbrite.com](#)



Wilton Baseball Fundraiser
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Sat April 29th-Wilton YMCA

6:00p- 8:00p Wilton Little League, WBSA & Wilton Boosters come together for an evening with NY Baseball Legend "Doc" Gooden!

Meet Doc Gooden!
\$100 adults \$25 Kids
Family of 4 \$200
Food Sampling-Beer-Wine
All proceeds are donations!

**SILENT AUCTION!
TAKE PIC WITH DOC!**

Logos: Wilton Little League, WBSA (Wilton Baseball Softball Association), Wilton Public Schools, Riverbrook Regional YMCA, Two Roads, Athletic Brewing Co.

Board of Finance Survey

In advance of their budget deliberations, the **Board of Finance** is asking residents to complete a survey to provide feedback on the FY2024 proposed 4.5% increase in the Board of Education budget, 2.15% proposed increase in the Board of Selectmen budget and the 5.5% - 6% proposed increase in the mill rate. Their survey is available online here or downloadable from the town website here. **Responses must be received by March 31st.**

The survey can be found here: [Wilton Board of Finance Resident Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wilton-board-of-finance-resident-survey)

Meet the Wilton Youth Council

INTERESTED IN EMPOWERING WILTON'S YOUTH, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY?

Meet the Wilton Youth Council Board

March 15, 2023
 9 AM - 11 AM
 at Tusk & Cup, Wilton Center
 Drop in

Evening of April 24, 2023
 7 PM at a private home.
 Address sent with RSVP.
 RSVP to info@wiltonyouth.org

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Wilton Zero Waste

Feed the Earth, Not the Landfill

Zero Waste Week Challenge

What you do with your food scraps can have the biggest impact on the overall health of our community, planet and yes, your wallet.

Did you know that by far the largest amount of garbage that residents throw away in Connecticut is food waste? More than ¼ of the solid waste in the state is food with the average family throwing out 1 in every 4 bags of groceries. Our food scraps can all be used for good — an outsized reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and rich soil returned to the Earth to nourish our planet and our soul.

Our students show us how they feed the Earth every day in our cafeteria, so now it's time for our families to show us how they are feeding our Earth and not the landfill at home by participating in our Spring Zero Waste Week Family Challenge.

From now until March 31st, fill out our form [HERE](#) and upload a photo showing us how your household is working to reduce food waste and/or divert food scraps. We'll pick one winner per school.

What could that look like?

Reducing Food Waste:

- Show us your weekly meal plan
- Show us your grocery list in order to help you only buy what you need for the week ahead
- Show us how you utilize your freezer for surplus items

- Show us your leftovers for lunch the next day

Diverting Food Scraps:

- Show us your backyard composting system
- Have you hired [Curbside Compost](#) to pick up your food scraps weekly? Show us your bucket
- Are you participating in the [NEW Town of Wilton Food Scrap Recycling Program](#) at the Transfer Station? Show us your starter kit, a picture of your system or a selfie of you dropping off your food scraps at the Transfer Station
- Miller-Driscoll - Erin Moran erinoconn@gmail.com
- Cider Mill - Denise Reznik dee0128@gmail.com
- Middlebrook - Nicole Northway nicole.northway3@gmail.com

NAMI-CAN WILTON

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling.

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 and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently.

Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Submit News to Hot Cider

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