

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – March 11, 2024

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

### Important Dates

<b>Mar 12</b>	Cider Mill PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cider Mill Cafeteria and Zoom
<b>Mar 15</b>	5th Grade Fun Night!
<b>Mar 21</b>	CM Spirit Day, Mismatched Socks in honor of World Syndrome Day
<b>Mar 21</b>	BOE Meeting 7:00 pm
<b>Mar 25-28</b>	MAP Testing
<b>Mar 29</b>	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
<b>April 4</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Nights

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Our next **PTA meeting is this Tuesday, March 12, 9:15 am in the Cider Mill cafeteria and via Zoom.** A separate email will come with details. **Dr. Falcone and Assistant Principal Dudics will recap the proposed schedule changes and take some questions.**

Our **5<sup>th</sup> Grade yearbook** is nearing completion! The yearbook committee is now taking submissions for personal messages! Fifth grade yearbook SHOUT-OUTS: Place a personalized message to your fifth grader in the yearbook! This is free to all fifth-grade families. Fill out the following form to enter a message for your student: <https://forms.gle/gAr9ah46FFMtT3QZ6>

Our **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade fun night** is almost ready for sign up! Please reserve **April 4** on your calendar!

**The PTA needs you for next year!** We will have many spots open including president, president-elect, fundraising, spirit wear, treasurer and more! Please email if you are interested as we need to finalize a board by April.

As always, we thank you for your support. We can always be reached at [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com) or [carolinehavlin@hotmail.com](mailto:carolinehavlin@hotmail.com)

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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](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINNY/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](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](https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2)

WPS 2023-24 School Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/342735\\_2](https://www.wiltonps.org/342735_2)

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/>

ParentSquare 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

### **PTA Meeting March 12 – Schedule Change Presentation**

Our next PTA meeting will take place on **March 12, 9:15 am in the Cider Mill cafeteria**. If you are unable to attend in person, below is a Zoom link. For those who cannot make either, the meeting will be recorded.

**Dr. Falcone and Assistant Principal Dudics will be reviewing the proposed schedule change again at the end of our meeting, and if time allows, they will be taking some questions.**

Topic: PTA General Meeting

Time: March 12, 2024, 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/94346642971>

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### **The PTA Needs YOU!**

We will have many board positions open next year including president, president-elect, treasurer, fundraising, spirit wear chair and more! Below is a list of our available positions:

President  
President-elect  
Fundraising Team  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Spirit Wear Chair  
Membership Chair  
Reps for Zero Waste  
Webpage Coordinator

**Please contact [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com) if interested! We need a full slate for our April meeting to be voted in during our May meeting!**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Nights!**

Please save the date! April 4. Sign up will begin soon. This is a drop off, free event, funded by the PTA.



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### **Fifth Grade Yearbooks**

Fifth grade yearbook SHOUT-OUTS: Place a personalized message to your fifth grader in the yearbook! This is free to all fifth-grade families. Fill out the following form to enter a message for your student: <https://forms.gle/gAr9ah46FFMtT3QZ6>

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the fifth grade yearbook! We had an incredible response and we're so appreciative! We will include as many of them as we can. Yearbooks will be distributed toward the end of the school year to all fifth graders at no charge.

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### **Middlebrook Special Education Coffee Time**

The Middlebrook Special Education department is offering a coffee morning to those with 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving up next year.

**April 9, 2024, 10am to 11am, Middlebrook LLC**

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### **The School Store is Open for Business!**

The Cider Mill School Store is now available to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, rotating each grade each Wednesday. The store is brought to the cafeteria where students can shop for a variety of small items, including pencils and erasers.

If you're interested in running the store for a session, please sign up here (Cider Mill School Store Schedule 2024): [SignUpGenius](#)

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## AtoZ Connect

Our new membership platform is now live! To sign up, please go to [Cider Mill PTA - Home Page \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://membershiptoolkit.com). You can register here and then join the PTA by clicking on Join The PTA.

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!

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## Wilton SEPTA

Think spring!

Yankees baseball ticket sales are in full swing! Get them before they are going, going, gone! 🏆

Pre-sale tickets just \$65!

it's a real steal...

includes \$15 food/ drink voucher and a

Yankees backpack, to sweeten the deal!

Ticket Limit 4 per customer.



## **Wilton SEPTA is looking for your help!**

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to join for the 2023-2024 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.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program
- Membership, Board, and Committee positions are 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 2024 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign

Zoom link for all 2024 meetings:

<https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/91771706236>

## Community News

### Zero Waste

Our District Zero Waste Schools Committee will not be doing a full Zero Waste Week this March as we are trying to incorporate monthly themes this year and next.

**BUT**, we are still going to host a **ONE DAY ONLY** reusable raffle day in our cafeteria this **Wednesday, March 13th**.

Students earn raffle tickets for bringing in reusable items such as water bottles, lunch boxes, containers, napkins, utensils and even ice packs!

We hope your child will participate again this week!

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### Woodcock Nature Center

#### **Spring Programs at Woodcock Nature Center!**

Hiking, animal encounters, nature art, outdoor activities, and so much more - join the Woodcock team for an outdoor adventure! Enrichment programs are offered for K-8 and run by experienced educators on the nature center's 150-acre North Wilton preserve.

**Navigators** - Tuesdays, 4:15-5:45 pm beginning April 2

**Earth Artists** - Wednesdays, 4:15-5:45 pm beginning April 3

**Swamp Explorer Saturday** - Saturday, March 23 from 1-3 pm

**Amphibians After Dark** - Saturday, March 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Limited space so register today at [woodcocknaturecenter.org](http://woodcocknaturecenter.org)

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### Wilton Basketball Fundraiser

Join us April 27th at 5:30 pm at the Wilton YMCA for the **Wilton Baseball Fundraiser** with Special Guest, Ron Darling: Mets pitching legend and current Mets SNY broadcaster!

After a sold-out event last year, Wilton Little League, WBSA and WHS Baseball is proud to announce another amazing event! Keynote address, Q & A, autographs, and photo ops with Ron Darling! Food! Beverages! Ice Cream Emergency truck! Silent Auction!

Buy tickets here! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/850358564357?aff=oddtcreator>

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### Camp Gordyland

#### **Summer Camp at the YMCA!**

Join us this summer at the Riverbrook YMCA Camp Gordyland! Available for campers ages 3 – 15. Register for the weeks that fit your schedule and lock in your spot today! Spend the summer exploring our 22 acres, including archery, swimming lessons, fishing, arts & crafts, sports and more.

**Traditional Day Camp runs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, with additional before and after care hours available.

To set up a tour or for questions, contact our [Camp Directors Here](#). For more Information about Camp Gordyland, [visit our Website](#).

[Register Here](#) to sign up for one or more weeks of summer fun!

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## **Ambler Farm Summer Camp**

**Join us for your choice of weeks or for the whole summer!**

**Ages: 1st – 8th grade**

**Camp Dates and Time: June 17 – August 5, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**(After Camp Care from 1:00 – 3:00 pm)**

**Registration: Now open for members; opens on February 15 for nonmembers**

Campers attending our summer camp will have an amazing time experiencing farm life through hands-on activities, spending time with our farm animals, getting their hands dirty in our educational gardens, and working around the farm.

Every week is sure to include:

- Spending time with our baby goats, sheep, chickens, baby rabbits and holding our baby chicks, turkeys, and geese
- Woodworking
- Hayrides
- Harvesting
- Cooking with recipes that are inspired by what is growing in our gardens

Depending on the week, campers will:

- Harvest berries, peas, cucumbers, garlic scapes, garlic, potatoes, tomatoes and more
- Check our nesting boxes for eggs

Campers are divided by grade levels for appropriate activities.

**Click here to register: [https://amblerfarm.campmanagement.com/p/campers/login\\_m.php](https://amblerfarm.campmanagement.com/p/campers/login_m.php)**

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## **Wilton Youth Council**

### **Roundtable Discussion on Play**

Tuesday, March 12 from 10-11:30

Comstock Community Center.

Facilitators are:

- Vanessa Wilson, Executive Director of Positive Directions
- Ethan Bourque, Psychotherapist, Sasco River Center
- David Dudics, Assistant Principal, Cider Mill

Register at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/251b8888-bdcf-4a9d-8236-33a08d6ecc61> **Play is important at all ages!**

### **Coffee -- Community -- Connection**

Wednesday, March 13 from 9:30-10:30 am

Riverbrook Regional YMCA Cafe

No registration required.

Building relationships leads to less stress, a greater sense of self and healthier behaviors. Grab a cup of coffee and come meet some fellow Wilton residents, ask (and answer!) questions and help build community during this informal opportunity for connection!

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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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## NAMI-CAN WILTON

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 meetings are 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. <https://namisouthwestct.org>

In the meantime, for more information please 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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