

HOT CIDER
CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 12, 2021

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

Important Dates

Sep 13	DAY 1
Sep 16	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
Sep 22	CM OPEN HOUSE – BH & KT (South)
Sep 23	BOE MEETING (7.00 PM)
Sep 28	PHOTO DAY
Sep 29	CM OPEN HOUSE – CN & NH (North)
Oct 07	BOE MEETING (7.00 PM)
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
Oct 12	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Professional Development)

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope your first two weeks back have been great! As we settle into the school year, the PTA is looking forward to an incredible year of events, activities, and celebrations. In fact, our Fifth Graders will be participating in the “**Brain Challenge**” later this month - it’s the PTA’s 13th year funding this exciting in-school enrichment activity! As usual, we could not do this without support from our wonderful community.

This leads me to my first request of the school year. ***Would you please consider joining the PTA?*** You can join the PTA by using the MobileArq app or website – this gives you access to the school directory, membership to the PTA, and voting rights at our general meetings. To join, please visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory> and select “Parent Signup.” The code to join is WILTON.

Finally, ***please join us in the Cider Mill cafeteria on Tuesday, September 14th at 9:15 a.m. for our first general PTA meeting!*** If you are new to the school, please arrive a couple minutes early and make sure to bring your identification so you may be entered into the visitor system. And of course, please don’t forget your mask!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle Krupa

Incoming CM PTA President

School News

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are sending out a HUGE plea to all family members interested in becoming a recess/lunch monitor. The hours are 10:30-1:30daily. We would greatly appreciate the support as we are currently 4 monitors short to start the year. If you have interest or questions, please email Jeremy Cross at crossj@wiltonps.org.

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Wilton Special Education PTA - We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts, and grants program and more! **Registration for membership will begin on August 31st**. Please access our membership through the MobileArq system. Each school in the district has its own registration. SEPTA will be an additional option provided when you join any of the other schools' PTAs. Contact us directly at wiltonsepta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved and like our [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

SEPTA Board and School Representatives for the 2021-2022:

Cider Mill- Rosalie Witt - rwitt17@gmail.com

Join us for our First SEPTA Meeting on October 6th, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Please click on the link below to access the meeting via Zoom. We look forward to serving everyone in our community this year!

[SEPTA meeting link](#)

MS. PRESIDENT US PROGRAM

Girls entering grades 4-8 are invited to enroll in the Ms President US program, which begins October 1st.

[Ms President US](#), a non-partisan, non-profit civics, and leadership program, motivates and prepares girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know that they can achieve them. By introducing the girls to students and women who are leaders in their community, state, and on a national level, participants learn about the political process. The girls then have a chance to interact with the leaders and engage in activities that help them develop their own leadership skills. Each session is facilitated by high school girls who serve as mentors throughout the program.

Session topics include:

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet & Greet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Women's History and Leadership
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Communications & Media
- State Capitol Visit

The program culminates in a campaign and election whereby participants have the opportunity to create their own campaign (or work on another participant's campaign) and run for Ms President US of Wilton. The sessions will be held either in person or via Zoom (depending upon health and safety guidelines) from 4:15pm-5:45pm on 8 Fridays between October and March. In addition, there is a field trip to the State Capitol, and an Election.

To enroll or learn more, visit <https://www.mspressidentus.org>. Enrollment fee for the program is \$250 and ***scholarships are available***. Space is limited. Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms President US program.

Advance thanks,
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Community News

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at www.wiltonyouth.org and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

Coming soon:

Breathe and Connect: A Yoga / Mindfulness Experience

Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18

Jacqueline Jackson, E-RYT 500, will lead three age-appropriate workshops for children, teens, and adults.

Explore mindfulness, meditation, and yoga to manage back-to-school stress. Choose options to build your own toolbox of helpful techniques. Our goal? To get rid of the tension in the body so it is better able to house a quiet mind. Learn more at: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/breathe-connect>

Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend

Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19

Has your neighborhood had a block party this year? It's not too late to participate in Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend. Don't miss this great opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you haven't seen in a while! Learn more at: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/block-party>

Woodcock Nature Center

Where the Wild Things Run 5K & Kids 1K Fun Run

Sunday, October 3 beginning at 8:30 am

Woodcock Nature Center welcomes runners, hikers and walkers of all ages at its annual **Where the Wild Things Run 5K and Kids Fun Run on Sunday, October 3 at 8:30am**. For several decades, this event has highlighted Woodcock's nearly 5 miles of publicly accessible trails and raised money for the center's educational programs.

The popular 5K, which kicks-off at 9 am is 90% trail with a mix of groomed trails, rugged trails and narrow bridges/boardwalks. Walkers are also welcome. The terrain of the 5k will highlight the diversity and beauty of the Woodcock property. A shorter 1K Kids Fun Run geared towards ages 6 and up kicks-off at 8:30 am.

After the Kids Fun Run families are invited to stick around for some unique post-race festivities on the nature center grounds including snacks, music, games, playground fun, nature crafts, and the not-to-be-missed annual live turtle race at 9:15am!

\$35 5K/\$20 Kids Run. Register and details at woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K

Improve Your Academics!

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

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

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