

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - February 10th, 2019

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

## Important Dates

<b>Feb 11</b>	Day 5
<b>Feb 11</b>	Superintendent's public presentation of the budget, Middlebrook Auditorium, 7pm
<b>Feb 12</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Feb 13</b>	5th Grade Band Performance, 7-8pm
<b>Feb 14</b>	EARLY RELEASE (Professional Learning Day), Dismissal at 11:55am
<b>Feb 15</b>	NO SCHOOL (February Break)
<b>Feb 15</b>	Cider Mill's Got Talent Audition Video Due
<b>Feb 18</b>	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
<b>Feb 21</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, Wilton High School Professional Library
<b>Feb 27</b>	3rd Grade South (Belden Hill & Kent) Strings Performance, 1:20-2pm
<b>Feb 27</b>	PTA Pizza & Paint Night, 6-8pm, (Sold out!)
<b>Feb 28</b>	3rd Grade North (Cannondale & Nod Hill) Strings Performance, 1:20-2pm
<b>Mar 7</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, Wilton High School Professional Library
<b>Mar 12</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Mar 13</b>	Parent Book Club with Dr. Kevin Smith, Comstock, 10am
<b>Mar 13</b>	5th Grade Band Performance, 7-8pm
<b>Mar 20</b>	Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation at Middlebrook School, 7-8pm (Snow date-Mar27th)
<b>Mar 21</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, Wilton High School Professional Library
<b>Mar 27</b>	3rd Grade Strings- South Side, 1.20pm-2pm
<b>Mar 28</b>	3rd Grade Concert- North Side, 7-8pm

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [fallonk@wiltonps.org](mailto:fallonk@wiltonps.org)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Our Hospitality team put together a delicious Bus Driver Breakfast last week. Everyone loved the wonderful food and it's great to be able to give a little something to the hard working drivers that safely transport our children.

The 4th Grade Fun Night was full of excitement and laughter; the Westchester Circus Arts Company put on a fantastic show, and the 4th graders came away with a lot of new skills. Thanks to Claire Anastasia for chairing the entire event and to all the parent volunteers for helping it run so smoothly.

Please try to come to our February 12th PTA meeting, 9:15 in the Cider Mill Cafeteria - last month only a handful of parents attended. We have invited Officer Diane MacLean to be our guest speaker at this meeting and answer your questions and have a conversation about school safety and her role at Cider Mill. If you cannot make it, please use the google form link below to submit a question for Officer MacLean to answer at the meeting. It can be anything from school safety, to her role in the school, to any other concern you might have. We will report back answers in the Hot Cider.

[GoogleFormLink- Questions For Officer MacLean](#)

There is a new policy starting immediately the at the School Store will only allow students to purchase a maximum of \$10 worth of items in one day.

Lastly, we are starting to look for parents to become involved in the PTA next school year. Please see below and reach out to Amanda Patania ([amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in knowing about any of the positions.

Thank you for all of your support, and don't forget to eat at Little Pub tomorrow!

Amanda Patania & Carolyn Lyon  
PTA Co-Presidents

### **PTA Open Positions 2019-2020 School Year**

Executive Board

- Co-President, serving alongside Carolyn Lyon
- Secretary, attending PTA meetings and taking notes to report back to parents. Collecting reports from Committee Chairs to report at PTA meetings.
- Treasurer, keeping financial records for Cider Mill PTA, submitting financial reports and tax forms.
- Committee Chairs - more positions may open up later in the year.

### **Committee Chairs - more positions may open up later in the year.**

- Hospitality, join our current chairs in hosting a variety of different events for our faculty and staff.
- 3rd Grade Great Books, Helping organize volunteers and run the Great Books lunch program for 3rd Grade.
- Volunteer Co-ordinator, gathering volunteers that may be interested in events during the school year such as Walk-a-thon, School store, Art etc
- 3rd and 5th Grade River Study, helping co-ordinate volunteers and liaise with Science teachers for the River Study

For more information on any of these positions or any other opportunity you may be interested in, please contact Amanda Patania [amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com).

### **Budget Spotlight**

Superintendent Kevin Smith will present his budget to the public on Monday, Feb. 11 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Middlebrook School auditorium.

The BoE/BoF Budget Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget will be on March 25th at 7:30pm at Middlebrook in the auditorium. Information and other meeting dates can be found on the BoE website.

## **School News**

### **Little Pub, Monday February 11th**

Come out to Little Pub before you head off for Winter Break! This Monday, February 11th, 15% of proceeds go back to Cider Mill. Just mention that you're with Cider Mill while you're there. It should make for a delicious and easy Monday night dinner that benefits your school. Thanks for the support!

### **Math Curriculum**

Trudy Denton will go through the proposed changes as they were presented at the January 10th BOE meeting. There will be time for a Q & A. Parents are encouraged to visit the math program update page [here](#) and if they have thoughts they wish to share with the math department a google form is available to fill out [here](#).

Information sessions for members of the community will be held in the Zellner Gallery on the following dates and times\*:

February 19, 10am - 11.30am  
February 26, 10am - 11.30am  
February 28, 7pm - 8.30pm  
March 18, 7pm - 8.30pm  
Snow date March 26, 7pm - 8.30pm

\*Please note, each date will cover the same presentation and material.

### **Parent Book club with Dr. Kevin Smith ~ Wednesday, March 13th@10am, Comstock Community Center**

\*Please note this event had to be postponed due to delayed opening. March 13th is the new date.

We are pleased to announce a new district-wide parent book clubs on one of our favorite books, *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*, by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. Heard about the book and been wanting to read it? Have you read it and would love to discuss? Now is your chance! Space is limited to 20 people, and registration is required. Now is the time to start reading! The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and Wilton Youth Council. Book Club is for parents with children in grade K-5th.

Free; register at [RaiseAnAdultWiltonKto5.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raise-an-adult-wilton-kt-5)

Sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton School PTA/PTSAs.

### **A Community Conversation: CHARTING THE COURSE**

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to the culmination of a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children.

The series began with screenings of *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture* and *Beyond Measure*. It concludes with a Community Conversation on February 25. Join us for a discussion about the well-being of our children. We will ask participants to consider children's lives at home, school and in organized activities. Working in groups, we will identify concrete, actionable steps for schools, families, and the community.

#### **Community Conversation**

Zellner Gallery at Wilton High School's Clune Center

**Monday, February 25 7:00 PM**

**REGISTER AT:** [ChartingTheCourse.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charting-the-course)

Missed one or both of the movies? *Race to Nowhere* is available to rent on Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube and Google Play. Consider reading *Beyond Measure*. And either way, please join us on February 25th!

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## **Ongoing School News**

### **Join the PTA ~ We Need Your Support!**

Join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join here, and use the code - 'wilton' [https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school\\_directory\\_parent\\_register.html](https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html)

Parents please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our Directory Chair Jennifer Wulff [jen@presto.org](mailto:jen@presto.org) (Please add [support@mobilearq.com](mailto:support@mobilearq.com) to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.)

### **CM Participating in Crayola ColorCycle Program**

Cider Mill is now participating in Crayola's ColorCycle program. All you need to do is bring in your used/dried markers, dry erase markers and highlighters (all brands will be accepted) to school and drop them off in the collection box by the art rooms or in the LLC. We ship them off to Crayola where they recycle them.

### **Get Your CM Spiritwear**

Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts) can be purchased at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: [cidermillpta.org](http://cidermillpta.org), Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

### **Cider Mill School Store**

We are looking for parent volunteers to work in the Cider Mill School Store! The School Store is open during lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're interested in helping out, please email [CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com](mailto:CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com) to get onto our email volunteer list and to find out how to sign up for shifts throughout the school year!

### **Find Us on Facebook!**

The PTA has a group on Facebook called Cider Mill Parent Community. It is a place where the PTA can communicate to parents, and also where parents can communicate with one another. Please check it out by clicking here: [Cider Mill Parent Community](https://www.facebook.com/CiderMillParentCommunity)

### **Stop and Shop Rewards Program**

CIDER MILL SCHOOL – (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

**To participate:**

- Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

**To earn points:**

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2018 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

**Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill**

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at [amandaNmittchell@gmail.com](mailto:amandaNmittchell@gmail.com).

**Box Tops**

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at [heathermm@optonline.net](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

**Community News**

**SPLITS - New Support Group for Kids**

Is your child affected by a recent divorce or separation? Does your child need the skills to cope with their emotions? Join SPLITS

Starting: Tuesday, February 12th from 2:30 to 3:30pm (weekly for 4 weeks) at **Wilton Youth Services** in Comstock. [Click Here for Registration Form](#)

\*\* Bus #35 goes to Comstock if you would like your child to take the bus please alert the school. SPLITS program leaders will meet your child at the front entrance of Comstock.

SPLITS can help your child by:

- Building healthy coping strategies - Assisting them on when & how to ask for help -
- Recognizing loss, change & gain - Recognizing strengths that will increase self confidence -

**Wilton Youth Council (WYC)**

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit [wiltonyouth.org](http://wiltonyouth.org) for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for an overview of this year's events!

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at [courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com).

**Wilton SEPTA~ Accepting Memberships**

Please join Wilton Public School's Special Education Parent Teacher Association! Membership is \$15 individual/family and \$10 WPS staff. Visit WiltonSEPTA web site for more information, including our missions statement, goals and objectives, links to meeting schedules, minutes and membership info:

[www.wiltonsepta.org](http://www.wiltonsepta.org)

Wilton SEPTA's February meeting will not be held on the 2nd Wednesday instead the February meeting be held on Monday, Feb 11th at 4pm in the Zellner Gallery. Meeting for March will resume at the regular second Weds of the month schedule.

For more info and membership please visit our website: [www.wiltonsepta.org](http://www.wiltonsepta.org)

visit our facebook page: Wilton SEPTA

email us at [www.wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:www.wiltonsepta@gmail.com)

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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