# HOT CIDER

# CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – June 3, 2024

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

# **Important Dates**

- June 3 Wilton Children's Theater Registration Deadline
- June 3 Zero Waste Summer Reading Collection Deadline
- June 4 Cider Mill Countdown Begins!
- June 4-5 Helping Hands Bake Sale
- **June 5** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Distribution
- June 7 Middlebrook Course Registration Deadline
- June 7-9 Hideaway Circus Performances
- **June 10-11** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremonies
- June 12-14 Shortened Days
- June 14 Last Day of School!
- June 18 Trackside Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Open House
- June 30 EduKits Early Purchase Deadline

# More important dates are listed below!

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our final issue of Hot Cider this year!

It has been a busy year for our Cider Mill PTA. We have managed to provide many events, fundraisers, hospitality, and fundraising opportunities for our community. We are grateful for everyone who has helped out, no matter how big or small. A special thank you from myself to Danielle Michalisin, who has made putting these issues of Hot Cider together so easy. Her help is greatly appreciated.

Our new 2024/2025 PTA board will be ready to get started again in August to make the next school year even better!

We wish everyone a great end-of-year. Please be sure to check the event listings below, and have a safe and happy summer!

As always, we thank you for your support. We can always be reached at <u>giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com</u> or <u>carolinehavlin@hotmail.com</u>

Melissa Reynolds and Caroline Hoffman Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

# **Helpful Links**

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or <a href="mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org">cmattend@wiltonps.org</a>

CM House

List: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9dolNY/edit

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

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: <u>https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps\_covid\_protocols\_2022-</u> 23\_school\_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: <a href="https://www.wiltonps.org/342738\_2">https://www.wiltonps.org/342738\_2</a>

WPS 2023-24 School Calendar: <u>https://www.wiltonps.org/342735\_2</u>

CM Interactive Calendar: <u>https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\_3</u>

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

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

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: <u>https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\_3</u>

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

ParentSquare Information: <u>https://wiltonps.org/595543\_3</u>

Schoology Information: <a href="https://wiltonps.org/576129\_3">https://wiltonps.org/576129\_3</a>

Special Bus Assignments: <a href="https://wiltonps.org/579910\_3">https://wiltonps.org/579910\_3</a>

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

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

Join Wilton SEPTA: <a href="https://www.wiltonsepta.org/">https://www.wiltonsepta.org/</a>

# **School News**

# Important End-of-Year Dates

Repeated for your convenience are important end-of-year events and dates coming up at Cider Mill!

#### Upcoming Dates:

- June 3 ~ Grade 3 Strings Combined Concert (6:30 pm)
- June 4 ~ Grade 5 Band/CM Jazz Ensemble/World Food (6:30 pm)
- June 10 ~ Moving Up/Closing House ~ 5th Grade South
- June 11 ~ Moving Up/Closing House ~ 5th Grade North
- June 12-14 ~ Shortened Days (12:00 pm Dismissal )
- June 14 ~ Last Day of School
- Closing House: Each teacher will share individual information about their closing house. Here is a
  link to a chart for a schedule of our school wide closing house collabrations and teachers will

link to a chart for a <u>schedule of our school-wide closing house celebrations</u> and teachers will share an entry "ticket" for you to show at the front office (you may print or show a digital copy on a mobile device).

#### 2023-2024 CM Closing House/Moving Up Chart

Date	Grade/House	Time
Tuesday, June 4	Cannondale Grade 4	1:15 pm
Friday, June 7	Belden Hill Grade 4	8:30 – 9:00 am
Thursday, June 6	Nod Hill Grade 4	1:15 – 2:00 pm
Thursday, June 6	Kent Grade 4	1:15 pm

Friday, June 7	Belden Hill Grade 3	1:00 – 1:45 pm
Friday, June 7	Cannondale Grade 3	1:30 – 2:15 pm
Monday, June 10	Belden Hill Grade 5	Moving Up 8:00 am Closing House 9:00 am
Monday, June 10	Kent Grade 5	Closing House 8:00 am Moving Up 9:00 am
Tuesday, June 11	Cannondale Grade 5	Moving Up 8:00 am Closing House 9:00 am
Tuesday, June 11	Nod Hill Grade 5	Closing House 8:00 am Moving Up 9:00 am

Visitors: Be prepared to show your invitation to the closing house on your phone or a hard copy printout for easier entry into the building. Your driver's license will need to be presented in the event you do not have the invitation.

**CIDER MILL Countdown**- Click Here for the 2024 <u>Cider Mill Countdown</u>. The countdown begins on **Tuesday**, 6/4 with a "C" and will end on Friday, 6/14, the last day of school, with an "L"!

# **Cider Mill Countdown 2024**

6/4 COMPLIMENT DAY -Compliment a friend or teacher today

6/5 I'M SO BRIGHT I NEED SHADES DAY

-Wear your favorite sunglasses today!

6/6 DANCE IT OUT DAY

-Have a class dance party between subjects during the day!

6/7 EXCITING FACT DAY

-Bring in an exciting, strange, or unusual fact about something you know a lot about! The stranger, the better!

- 6/10 READ THE DAY AWAY DAY -DEAR Time with Your Class
- 6/11 MEMORY DAY

-Share memories of the school year with your class

# 6/12 nterest Day

-Share a special interest you have with your class

# 6/13 AUGH-OUT-LOUD DAY

-Bring a joke to school to share with your class

6/14 ONGING FOR SUMMER DAY!

-What's on your "Summer To Do" list? Make a list of what you hope to do this summer because it's our last day!!

Have an amazing summer! We are so proud of all of your hard work this year!

• 5th Grade "Moving-up" & Closing House Schedule (schedule): we invite our fifth grade families to join us for our traditional Moving-up Ceremony. The times are coordinated with their Closing House Celebrations. Please be aware that there will be many families visiting that morning and parking may be an issue. Folks can always park down in the tennis court lot or in the empty lot across the street.

• **5th Grade Yearbooks:** we are thankful again to the PTA for purchasing for each of our 5th graders their own copy of the yearbook! The yearbooks will be distributed, and the full grade will gather outside in the afternoon of **June 5** to sign each other's yearbooks.

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# 2024/2025 PTA Board

Our 2024/2025 PTA Board is ready to serve, and we have some new names:

Melissa Reynolds – President Cathleen Fareed – President Elect (new) Jess Evans – co-Treasurer (new) Rebecca Perlman – co-Treasurer (new) Kelly Cerabino – Secretary (new) Connie Rinaldi – Gifts and Grants Caroline Hoffman – Hospitality Marisa Rosado, Alana D'Angelica – Fundraising (new) Sara Sclafani – Parent at Large Libbet Field – Special Education Interests

The Board was voted in during our May 7 meeting, and will become effective on July 1!

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#### 5th Grade Yard Signs!

**Yard signs for moving up 5<sup>th</sup> graders** are still available for purchase! Please see <u>HERE</u> to purchase your sign, either generic or personalized (or use the QR code below). Please note that bulk ordering through Cider Mill has ended, but **individual ordering is still open**; signs will be delivered directly to your home.



#### Zero Waste

#### **Cider Mill Summer Reading Collection**

**CM Green Team is doing a summer reading collection now through June 3rd.** Please consider donating books in good condition and appropriate to our Cider Mill students in grades 3 - 5. Books can be dropped off in our collection bins at the North and South Side drop off entrances for kids being dropped off, as well as in the Main Lobby for kids taking the bus.

Books will then be sorted and carted through each house for students to view and see if they are interested in grabbing one for their summer reading. All remaining books will help us start the first Little Free Libraries in each of our House Cores for the 2024-2025 school year. It's a chance for students to give a book, get a book all year long outside of their regular LLC and classroom assigned books. Our CM Green Team students will be the caretakers of our Little Free Libraries throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping sort donations and create reading carts, please email Tammy and Denise at <u>tammythornton1112@gmail.com</u> and <u>dee0128@gmail.com</u>.

Questions? Please email Tammy and Denise at <u>tammythornton1112@gmail.com</u> and <u>dee0128@gmail.com</u>.

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# Course Registration for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

In preparation for the 2024-2025 school year, parents/guardians of rising 6 graders must please review the <u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Middlebrook Course Verification Parent/Guardian Letter</u>. There are important steps you must take, by June 7th, to ensure your child/children are correctly scheduled. We also suggest that you visit the embedded links available within the letter to learn more about the placement process. The letter and embedded links/documents can be found on the Middlebrook School website under "MB Information" and "<u>MB Course Registration</u> 2024-2025".

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# EduKits on Sale Now!

Cider Mill School offers parents the convenience of EduKit as their one-stop affordable option to buying school supplies for the 2024/2025 school year! EduKits are customized to include school supplies selected and approved by our teachers. Your student's kit will be in the classroom on Meet the Teacher Day. Please check school website for details.

**4th and 5th Graders: PLEASE ORDER YOUR KIT BY THE HOUSE YOU CURRENTLY ARE IN. THIS WILL HELP STREAMLINE OUR DISTRIBUTION PROCESS.** (NOTE: All kits are the same, so if your child moves houses, we will make sure it gets to the appropriate classroom.) This option does not apply to 3rd Graders, as they will not have been assigned a house at the time of ordering.

A complete list of items in each grade's kit can be found on our school's ordering page at <u>www.edukitinc.com</u>. Headphones or Earbuds are required by all students and may be purchased along with your kit or brought from home.

**The early purchase deadline is June 30. But Last Chance ordering can be made from July 1 – 22.** Orders are subject to a \$12.95 shipping fee and will be sent directly to your home by August 20th.

A portion of your purchase directly supports the activities and initiatives of our PTA. Also, please consider donating to kits purchased by social services for students in need. Thank you for your support!

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Lost and Found

Is your child missing a water bottle, a jacket, or a snack bag? A headband, a hat, or a fidget? If any of your child's belongings haven't made their way home, he or she can check the Lost and Found to try to recover them. As the end of the school year is nearing, we ask all students to please stop by if they're missing anything; parents can stop in to look, too. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Turnover Shop.

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#### Wilton Continuing Education Summer Program

Welcome to the Summer Program for elementary, middle, and high school students! Select from a variety of weeklong activities designed for fun, learning or playing. Full-day and half-day classes are offered in STEM, sports & games, academics, fine arts, and special interests for students entering grades PreK - 12 in Fall 2024. Classes include, but are not limited to:

- Arts & Crafts with Mrs. Casl
- "Be A Good Sport"! with Mr. Giaimo
- Innovation, Creation, and Imagination
- Power Up! 3D Printing, Drones & Gaming
- Tennis with Coach Yvonne!
- Wire Exploration

Click <u>here</u> for details and to register.

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#### Wilton Summer Fun Program!

Come join us for some summer fun at Miller-Driscoll **taught by Wilton's Finest**...our WPS teachers. Try it out for one week or four! Students who have completed 3rd through 5th grade are welcome to join in the fun!

# Days of the Week and Time: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Cost: \$250/week

#### Each week will feature activities through STEAM, Social Experiences, Cooking or Play:

July 8 – 11	Transportation Adventures
July 15 – 18	In My Own Backyard (Wilton)
July 22 – 25	Cross Country Adventure (USA)
July 29 – Aug 1	Where in the World am I (World)

Click here for the registration form: <u>Summer Fun 2024</u>. Please contact Patty Terranova at <u>terranovap@wiltonps.org</u> with any questions you may have.

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#### 2024 – 2025 Extended Day Childcare Registration

Online registration is now open for the Cider Mill 2024-25 Extended Day Childcare Program!

Who can participate: Students entering grades 3 - 5 in the fall Length of time: 2:15 - 6:30 pm

Prior to registration, click <u>here</u> to create and/or update your parent and student account with Wilton Continuing Education.

Keep your username and password handy to expedite your registration on the date and time above. Go directly to <u>wiltoncontinuinged.org</u> and click on Childcare to register.

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#### AtoZ Connect

To sign up for our new membership platform for the 2024-25 school year, you may go to <u>Cider Mill PTA</u> - <u>Home Page (membershiptoolkit.com)</u> when it's once again available. 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!

# 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

Zoom link for the final meeting of the school year on June 5: https://wiltonps.zoom.us/s/91771706236

# **Community News**

#### Wilton Children's Theater

**Registration for our school year shows is now open and closes June 3 at 5:00 pm**. You must register before June 3 for one of these shows in order to be eligible for the lottery. Registration is open to all Wilton residents in incoming grades 4th-8th. All details can be found on our website: https://www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org/register

# **Calling all Boy Scouts!**

Interested parents and future scouts in  $5^{th} - 9^{th}$  grades are invited to an open house to meet the scout and parent leaders of Troop 20. The presentation will share the new joiner experience, troop activities, an overview of the leaders, and registration information. Event details are as follows:

Date and time: Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm Place: Cider Mill School Cafeteria

To learn more about Troop 20 or reach out with questions, please visit the following website: www.wiltontroop20.com







#### **Helping Hands Bake Sale**

Helping Hands is excited to announce a fun and meaningful event – a Bake Sale to raise money for children fighting cancer. We will have a delicious selection for your children to enjoy, so please remind them to stop by the mornings of **Tuesday and Wednesday**, June 4th and 5th! Tables will be set up outside the main office from 7:15 – 7:40 am. Items will cost between \$1 and \$2 and all money raised will be donated to Circle of Care. If you would like to make an additional donation to Circle of Care via Venmo, please click here. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful organization. We hope that together we can make a difference!

#### The Hideaway Circus is Coming to Town!



The Wilton Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to announce that **Hideaway Circus will be performing their newest production**, *Canvas Sky*, at the **Comstock Community Center on June 7 at 7:30 pm**, **June 8 at 4:00 and 7:30 pm**, and **June 9 at 2:00 pm**.

*Canvas Sky* is an outdoor show that tells the story of a clown struggling to find his place in a circus troupe. With help from an unexpected friend, he finds his voice in a tale that celebrates self-acceptance and the power to uplift. The narrative is told through circus arts, original music and a contemporary storyline, brought to you by ten world class performers and a team of award-winning designers. The production takes place on a custom-built circular stage and aerial rig, offering a unique, open-air experience for all ages.

Three tiers of seating are available: General Admission, where spectators can bring their own portable chair or blanket; Premium Seating, providing a comfortable outdoor spectator lawn chair; and the VIP Experience, which offers center-front seating with the most comfortable chairs. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$65. Tickets are available now at **Eventbrite**.

For more information about Hideaway Circus and *Canvas Sky*, please visit <u>www.hideawaycircus.com</u>.

# Wilton Youth Council

Mark your calendar for the next *Coffee - Community - Conversation*: Join WYC and Wilton community members to gather and build connections on **Wednesday**, June 12 from 9:30 – 10:30 am at Tusk & Cup (142 Old Ridgefield Rd, Wilton).

# Trackside Teen Center

Trackside Teen Center would love to invite graduating 5th grade students to an **Open House Ice Cream Night** just for rising 6th graders and new kids to Trackside. Join us on **Tuesday, June 18 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** for ice cream, games and getting to know the high school leaders and staff at Trackside! If you have a graduating 5th grader this is their chance to see what the buzz is all about and even sign up for our summer programs! Parents are welcome to stay for the first 30 minutes to chat with our team. A list of everything can be found at <u>www.trackside.org</u>.

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#### Summer Music Lessons

Register now for <u>Summer music lessons</u> with the Wilton Conservatory of Music.

Summer session is a great time to learn something new, or reinforce what students have learned during the school year.

Lessons are held at Cider Mill School. We welcome ages K thru adults and all experience levels. **The 8**week session begins June 18 (skipping the week of July 1), with lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Can't commit to the full session? Camp and vacation schedules can be accommodated with a shorter, pro-rated session – some lessons are better than no lessons! Contact <u>conservatory@wiltonps.org</u> before registering if you need a pro-rated session.

We are excited to announce that George Lesiw is returning this summer to teach guitar & cello! And of course many of your favorites are back as well!

**<u>Register today</u>** or contact <u>conservatory@wiltonps.org</u> with questions. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

# **Enrollment for Ms President US**

Ms President US is a nonprofit program for girls in 4th through 8th grade that motivates and prepares them to pursue civic leadership in their communities and beyond. The <u>annual</u> report provides a substantial overview.

Students currently in 3rd-7th grade (rising 4th-8th graders) are invited to participate in our program and can find out more about it from the <u>enrollment flyer</u>, <u>alumni video</u>, CT State Capitol <u>field trip sizzle reel</u>, and <u>election sizzle reel</u>.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Ms President Social Media Manager, Nisa Quarles (nisa.quarles@mspresidentus.org) or Ms President US' Executive Director, Amanda Cordano (amanda@mspresidentus.org). Thank you in advance!

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# Class of '25 Slides!

Order your customizable slides before the weather gets warm!! The Class of 2025 PGP Committee has worked closely with ISlides to create two custom pairs of slides designed exclusively for Wilton. Not only can you choose from one of the two designs, you can PERSONALIZE your slides too – add a last name, a team name, a number – to customize them and make them uniquely your own. Slides are \$50 a pair; personalization is free of charge.

Click the link below to order! https://islideusa.com/collections/wilton-warriors-1

Step 1: CHOOSE YOUR DESIGN & SIZE Pick YOUR style and size!



# Woodcock Nature Center

#### **Open Houses**

All are welcome to swing by for a visit! Check out our indoor animal enclosures and say hello to your favorite Woodcock ambassador animal. Plan a longer visit by enjoying our grounds, trails and playground, which are open from dawn to dusk daily free of charge.

Dates: Saturday, June 8, 9:00 – 11:00 am Sunday, July 7, 9:00 – 11:00 am Sunday, August 11, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### No registration required.

#### Family Campfires!

Gather 'round the Woodcock fire for some s'mores and a good 'ole fashioned family campfire. Enjoy good company in the great outdoors, play on our playground, kick-back... have a treat!

Registration strongly recommended for communication of weather and event information, but walk-ins are welcome.

Dates: Sundays, June 30 and August 4 Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm Suggested donation: \$25 per family per event Click here to register: <u>Family Campfires</u>

# 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) Click here to register: <u>Summer Camp</u>

Campers attending our summer camp will have an amazing time experiencing farm life through handson 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 scrapes, garlic, potatoes, tomatoes and more
- Check our nesting boxes for eggs

Campers are divided by grade levels for appropriate activities.

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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 <a href="https://turnovershopwilton.org/">https://turnovershopwilton.org/</a>.

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#### IvyMath

**<u>IvyMath</u>** is providing all Cider Mill families with a free online math tutoring session and an in-depth parent conference to discuss your child's strengths and weaknesses and how they compare to grade level.

IvyMath will also create a custom learning plan that maps out the exact areas your child should be focusing on in math for the rest of the year and what they will need to review over the summer. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, and understand what your child needs to feel confident and stay on track in math next year.

The IvyMath tutoring session, parent conference, and learning plan are free for all Cider Mill families. Popular times fill up, so please register quickly! **Signup now at:** <u>IvyMath.com/Boost</u>

#### 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. <u>https://namisouthwestct.org</u>

For the password and more information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or <u>beth44es@gmail.com</u> OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or <u>eliasvanessa5@gmail.com</u>. **Our next meeting is Monday, June 3 over Zoom from 10:00 – 11:30 am.** 

**Zoom link:** <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775421936Meeting</u> **ID:** 837 7542 1936

Submit News to Hot Cider

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