



What's the Buzz at Cider Mill School (Family Update for 10/15/21)

Dear Families,

Happy fall! We hope you and your families find time to enjoy the beautiful weather and all of the beautiful experiences available to us in the northeast. Our very own Wilton Historical Society has designed a fantastic [History is Here! Scavenger Hunt](#) that provides a hands-on and fun way for students and their families to explore our very own community of Wilton. The Scavenger Hunt will occur the week of October 16-23, so head to their website for more information and schedule time to pick-up your Scavenger Hunt Kit! As you can see below, we have a very busy fall at Cider Mill School. We continue to prioritize students' social-emotional well-being and their academic success. Please contact us directly with any questions at falconej@wiltonps.org, okeefec@wiltonps.org, and crossj@wiltonps.org. Below are the BookMark hyperlinks that will take you directly to particular sections of the newsletter.

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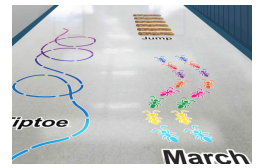
Intramurals & Enrichment Clubs: *Intramurals* work on a rolling registration process. Students may sign-up once and attend at any time, for any activity, throughout the year. You may continue to use this [registration link](#) to sign-up your child for intramural participation. Please [click this link](#) or write a check to the Cider Mill Activity Fund to pay the one time \$25 Participation fee. The **Enrichment Club** registration has closed, but you may reach out to Karen Fallon in the main office if you are still interested in participation (fallonk@wiltonps.org). Please [click this link](#) to review the Enrichment Club newsletter shared with families last month.

CoVID Masks: Thank you to all of our families for working with us to keep each other safe and healthy. We have gone through an inordinate number of youth disposable masks since the start of the school year due to loss or breakage. Please send your child in with a few extra masks in their backpack just in case.

Halloween: We are very excited to try a new format for our Halloween Parade this year. On Friday, 10/29, we will hold 2 separate parades up on the WHS track. Please have your child wear their costume to school since **students will not be able to use the bathroom to change prior to the parade due to on-going needs for social distancing**. Both 20-minute parades will be held in the morning:

- Cannondale and Nod Hill will be on the track from 8:20-8:35/40
- Kent and Belden Hill will be on the track from 9:00-9:15/20
- Please be "on-time" as the students will walk one full turn around the track. Families may park at the tennis courts, in the lot across from the courts and in the lower CM parking lot if space is available. Do not park in the Junior lot adjacent to Guy Whitten Field.

Parent Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to help us lay down the remaining stickers for our sensory walkways in Cannondale, Belden Hill and Kent on Saturday, October 23rd. If you are available to help, please sign-up using the [SignUpGenius](#) app.



Quarantine Learning: Here is the link to the [District's Quarantine Learning Plan](#). To access quarantine learning for any classroom, a **student simply logs into Schoology and goes directly to the homeroom teacher's Course and goes to the Updates Page**. All directions for access to instructional materials and resources will be on this page. The classroom teacher will not be able to communicate with families to provide additional instructions since they will be busy teaching the students in-class.

Representative Thomas Talk- Learn the signs of Domestic Violence: Join Representative Stephanie Thomas as she speaks with local domestic violence organizations. For more information [click this link](#).

November Conferences: A reminder that families have the option to participate in either Zoom or in-person conferences in November. Please be sure you have confirmed with your teacher. If you choose to come in-person, **please arrive early and leave plenty of time for "check-in" at the front office since conferences are scheduled in very tight intervals**. Visitors will be asked to show an ID and proof of full COVID-19 vaccination to enter our school buildings during school hours. COVID-19 vaccination cards / records or pictures of COVID-19 vaccination cards / records will be accepted and should be provided at the main office. Those who qualify for a medical or religious exemption or otherwise do not have proof of vaccination should contact Maria Coleman, COVID Liaison, at colemanm@wiltonps.org prior to the date they hope to visit one of our schools. People who are not vaccinated can be admitted to the buildings with proof of a negative COVID PCR or antigen test taken within 72 hours of the visit.

Veteran's Day: We are very happy that we will still be able to creatively celebrate our Veterans on November 11th. Please help us honor our Veterans by having your child co-create our Veterans' Padlet and FlipGrid. Please refer to this [letter](#) for more information.

Cider Mill Green Team: The Green Team (Zero Waste Recycling) met to discuss Zero Waste Week starting on October 18th. Volunteers will reach out to get parent helpers in the cafeteria where we will be conducting an assortment of quizzes, raffles and other events at lunchtime to build student awareness. In addition, we are starting a project to collect crayons that have outlived their usefulness and can be recycled. We will hold a Grade Weigh-In competition to see who has the least recycling, garbage and food scraps by weight at the end of the week! Don't forget to have your child bring in their reusable water bottles!!

Up-coming Dates:

- Friday, October 29 ~ Halloween Parades (see schedule above)
- The week of November 1 (during PE classes, more info to follow) ~ Turkey Trot
- Tuesday, November 2 - No School for Students - Election Day / Professional Development
- Friday, November 5 ~ School Spirit Day - Wear House Colors!
- Thursday, November 11 ~ Veterans Day - Virtual in school Celebration
- Wednesday, November 17 ~ Photo Retake Day
- Thursday, November 18-Tuesday, November 23 ~ Early Dismissal at 12:00 for Conferences
- Wednesday, November 24-Friday, November 26 ~ District Closed for Thanksgiving

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather this weekend!

Jen, Catherine, and Jeremy