



## **What's the Buzz at Cider Mill School (Family Update for 5/21/21)**



We hope this Update finds you enjoying this glorious weather! As we head into our last few weeks of school, we continue to celebrate kindness with our "Kindness Rocks" project and gear up for our end of year celebrations. Please take a moment and mark your calendars accordingly! ***Finally, as your children get their outfits ready for the day, please speak with them about appropriate school attire.***

***Shirts should have appropriate language, avoid showing midriffs and have straps or sleeves. Shorts should be long enough so students' fingertips touch the bottom of the shorts. We appreciate your support in this matter. If clothing is inappropriate, someone will contact the family as needed.*** As always, please contact us directly with any questions at [falconej@wiltonps.org](mailto:falconej@wiltonps.org), [okeefec@wiltonps.org](mailto:okeefec@wiltonps.org), and [birdl@wiltonps.org](mailto:birdl@wiltonps.org). Below are the BookMark hyperlinks that will take you directly to particular sections of the newsletter.

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### **Spring Events & School Wide End of Year Celebrations:**

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- **PE Team Fun Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day games and activities during P.E. class.** Third and fourth grade students have already begun participating in fun relay games and activities during physical education class. Since they will not have a traditional field day this year, students have been able to play some fun games both on the turf field and in their gymnasiums during P.E. Games will include Chopsticks Relays, Frisbee Concentration, and Hop Sac Relays to name a few. So far students have been enjoying the return of the nice weather and the cooperative games during class.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Fun Day:** This year fifth grade students will participate in a Team Fun Day. Classes will all be participating in 7 different games and activities on the turf field on May 27 with a rain date of May 28. Classes will be separated on the field and games will be mostly relay based. Every student will have an opportunity to participate in every different game. The event will conclude with all students

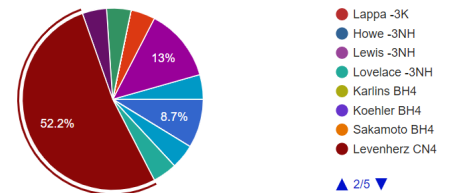
receiving a treat from the College Creamery ice cream truck courtesy of the Cider Mill PTA! Fun will be had by all as we bring the 2020-2021 school year to a close.

- **Team Fun Day for Remote Learners:** [Click Here](#) - please contact your teacher if your student would like to attend and participate on-site for any of the outdoor activities!

**Cider Mill Book Collection:** As we implemented our Spring curriculum, we realized we still have many books that support our curriculum that have yet to be returned from last Spring and from remote learners. We would greatly appreciate it if each family could take the time to go through their rooms and bookshelves to identify books that can be returned to school. Please drop them in the labeled box that will be in the front foyer of Cider Mill! We appreciate your support!

### Student Advocacy- Wilton Public Schools, “For A Better World”

- **WHS Sophomore Students:** Wilton High School students, Connor Smith, Zack Yuschuk and Colin Tsai, have formed an interest group to help raise money for the Wilton food pantry. The group is called Wilton Community Outreach (WCO). The mission of WCO is to improve local communities and help the underserved of Connecticut - [check out their website!](#) Their first event is Sunday, May 23rd and they are holding a raffle that ends Friday, May 28th at 7pm. [Click here to support this cause](#) by purchasing a raffle ticket!
- **Student Passion Project (Elyse Pencu) - Let's Make Wilton Clean!** Elyse designed a contest geared to helping “clean-up” our town! ([flyer](#)) Thanks to Elyse's advocacy for our town's environment, students collected and filled 53 bags of garbage for our town! Mrs. Levenherz' class took the lead with over half of the submissions. Thanks to their commitment and care for the environment, Wilton's **Green Team** will treat this class with a pizza party! A huge thank you to Elyse and all of our students who collected trash for their work toward “A Better World”!



- **CM Beautification Projects** - this Spring we had 2 groups of students take on special projects to beautify our school grounds! The CM aftercare crew cleaned up and beautified the south entrance area and another group of learners created a beautiful garden around our front sign! Thank you for all of your hard work!

**Last Lost & Found:** Cider Mill and the PTA are hosting a “Lost and Found” event on May 26th on the bus loop at Cider Mill. Tables will be set up ( rain or shine ) under the canopy from noon-12:45 for the North side and 12:45-1:30 for the South side.

**CM Trivia Night:** The PTA is running a second Trivia Night hosted by a local company called Rock, Paper, Scissors Custom Events. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 28th at 7pm. Please contact Amanda Patania at: [amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com).

### Wednesday Lunch with Cider Mill Admins ([Calendar & Links/Recordings](#)):

- **Wilton Racial Equity and Inclusion Work at Cider Mill School:** Last week, during the first week of May, our Admin. Team spent a Wednesday afternoon with many of our students discussing Padlet [Link](#) Password: CMIdentity. We also are thrilled to purposely integrate more diverse texts that provide

“window or mirrors” for all of our children. Check out [this link](#) for more information about the picture books recently purchased.

- **Self Care & Bicycle Safety:** We had a great lunch meeting with students on Wednesday that focused on Self Care and Bicycle Safety. Biking is a great form of self-care for all and we thought it was important to remind students of some safety guidelines before getting on their bikes since the weather has warmed up. Please review this [Slide Deck](#) for tips and informative videos. You can also watch this [Recording](#) (Passcode: t7rd#@66) of the lunch if you missed it and would like to watch. Special thanks for Jill Koleszar, one of our paraprofessionals, who is also one of over 6,000 people in the US who is certified to teach bike education classes for the League of American Bicyclists.

#### **Up-coming Dates:**

- May 28 ~ [Hats for Hometown Help](#)
- May 31 ~ No School for Students and Staff ~ Memorial Day
- June 2 ~ Proud to be a CM Member Day! - Wear all 4 House Colors
- June 4 ~ Exercise Dance Day! Wear sneakers & workout clothes
- June 8 ~ Mismatch Day! Wear as many mismatched clothes as you can
- June 9 ~ Shortened Day - 11:55 Dismissal
- June 10 ~ Shortened Day - 11:55 Dismissal
- June 11 ~ Last Day of School! Shortened Day - 11:55 Dismissal

We hope you enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

*Jen, Catherine, and Lauren*