

Cider Mill School
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Cider Mill Meeting of the PTA Board
Tuesday October 13, 2009

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Attendees: Heather Wilcauskas, Pam Hickey, Callie Mellana, Michelle Callaghan, Amy Harris, Ginny Rico, Betsy Wallon, Teralyn Fonseca, Michele Barnes, Maria Wilcox, Kate Filaski, Surbhi Madhavani, Debbie McGrath, Jennifer Dahl, Bernadette MacDonald, Kathleen Skewis, Claudia Avallone, Anna MacDonald, Liz Cocoros, Julie Sweeney, Vanessa Hendry, Claire Ewing, Sheree Loud, Dina Levi, Laura Imrie, Donna Peterson

The meeting was called to order in the Cider Mill Cafeteria at 9:18 am

President's Welcome: Heather Wilcauskas welcomed everyone. She spoke of her responsibilities as the President of Cider Mill and as the Delegate to the Executive Board of Wilton PTA Council.

Heather outlined that the Council's function is to stay in touch, communication and consistency in the schools, district-wide.

Heather also shared that the Wilton PTA Council meeting reviewed budget concerns. Last year was a tough year for the budget. This year will be extremely tough.

Wilton Education Foundation donated \$36,000 last year; \$20,000 toward staff development, \$16,000 toward technology.

According to PTA Bylaws, PTA Fundraising is to go toward advocating for children/families at Cider Mill.

PTA's have been asked to support work of Wilton Education Foundation

League of Women Voters, Amy Harris:

Mission: A group of men and women who volunteer their time and whose mission is to promote informed and active participation in government.

"One vote can make a difference." Election November 3rd will determine those elected to put budget forth. **Get out and vote!** For more information about candidates, please

attend meeting Tuesday, October 20 from 7pm- 9pm, Brubeck Room at Wilton Library. Thursday, October 22 Meeting of Board of Ed at Wilton High School Professional Library.

Meeting will be televised on Channel 79. Also, Tuesday, October 27 Board of Finance meets in Town Hall- Room B.

Wilton League of Women Voters <http://www.wiltonlww.org> for membership info

***5th Grade Voter Education is scheduled for January. Training sessions: Mon 1/11/10 9:15am CM Cafeteria Wed 1/13/10 1:10 pm Staff Lounge or Cafeteria

***5th Grade Voter Education available from Amy Harris @ Homewench@aol.com

Wilton Public Schools Website: www.wilton.k12.ct.us Please refer to site for District-wide newsletter *** Long Range Planning Committee Information***

Turkey Trot, Michele Barnes: Annual Turkey Trot is Thursday, November 12. (Rain date is Friday, November 13.) Please go to Virtual Backpack to print permission slip and send it in with

\$2.00, which is a charitable donation toward the Wilton Food Bank. 3rd grade- 8:00 to 8:40/ 4th grade- 9:30 to 10:10. 5th grade has been changed to 1:15 pm to 1:55.

Please sign up to volunteer by printing the sign-up form from the virtual backpack.

Principal's Report, Ginny Rico: Thank you all for your support. Both the 3rd grade enrichment presentation and 5th grade Brain Challenge, went very well. Hopefully testing results will be back before

November conferences. PLEASE refer to Virtual Backpack which saves time and money. If that is not possible, please let teacher know. There are pop-ups on virtual backpack, please enable

pop-ups from this site or call Diane Strickland in the office who can assist you. TIMELY arrivals to school are extremely important for proper learning.

**New Policy: AFTER 7:40 am arrival, you must park in lower lot, walk in and sign your child in to school. From 7:15am until 2:45 pm, only buses and handicapped access.

Signs will be going up and fines will be levied, soon.

Book Swap, Jennifer Dahl: October 20, 21, 22nd. Bring in appropriate books for 3rd - 5th grade from 7:15- 7:45 am, receive a ticket for each book, swap ticket for book Thurs. 5:30-6:30 pm.

Book Fair: November 18-20 No checks accepted, CASH OR CREDIT. Please volunteer via Virtual Backpack. Approximately \$6,000.00 proceeds went to our library last year!

Wilton Youth Council, Claire Ewing: Ski/Skate and Board Sale - This weekend: Friday, October 16 3-9pm Sat, 9-5
Tents on Rout 7

Fundraising VP, Pam Hickey: We are still accepting donations, please send to: Cider Mill School, 240 School Road, Attn: Pam Hickey. Thank you!

10:05 am Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Callaghan, Secretary of Cider Mill PTA