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PTA Schoolhouse Scoop

October 16, 2016



Important Dates\*

**Oct 17:** PTA Meeting. Starts at 9:30am in the Cafeteria.

**Oct 20**: Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2: Literacy and Math Nights. Starts at 7:00pm in the Gym. No children please.

**Oct 21**: Dr. Suniya Luthar: Privileged & Pressured. Co-Sponsored by the PTA. Starts at 10am at Wilton High School’s Little Theater. **As school will be in session, please allow yourself time for parking and security.**

**Oct 25-27**: PTA Sponsored Pumpkin Carving Nights. 7pm in the Cafeteria.

**Oct 27**: Board of Education Meeting. Wilton High School Professional Library. 7:00pm.

**Oct 31**: Halloween Parades in the Bus Loop. **10:15am** (note new time!)—All of Kindergarten & Half of 2nd Grade (Bisceglie, Constantino, McGann, Miller, Scholz & Vickrey)

**2pm**—All of 1st Grade & Half of 2nd Grade (Casl, Forrest, Geluso, Kear, Magner, Margid & Pampillonio)

**Nov 7**: Professional Development Day. No school for students.

**Nov 8**: Election Day. Professional Development Day. No school for students.

**Nov 10**: Board of Education Meeting. Wilton High School Professional Library. 7:00pm.

**Nov 11**: Veterans’ Day Sing Along. Starts at 9:30. Staff and students only.

**Nov 14**: PTA Meeting. Starts at 9:30am in the Cafeteria.

**Nov 17-22**: Parent-Teacher Conferences. Early Dismissal at 1:15pm. Note School Dismissal Manager will close at 10:30am.

**Nov 17**: Family Fun Night at the PTA Book Fair. 6pm-8pm in the Gym.

**Nov 17-22**: PTA’s Book Fair 8am-4pm in the Gym.

**Nov 23**: Early Dismissal at 1:15pm for Thanksgiving Holiday. School Dismissal Manager will close at 10:30am.

**Nov 24-25**: Thanksgiving Holiday. School and offices closed.

\*While we do our best to accurately reflect dates and times of school meetings and events, it is possible that there are changes. Please check the [calendar on edline](http://www.miller-driscollschool.org/pages/wiltonmd/Calendar) for the most up to date information.

School News

✚ **Miller-Driscoll Annual Letter of Appeal---**Click [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QVAwKxLLF6pdLtIy9JPaIluIAzdGiP7IH-fxZlfc-sw/edit?usp=sharing) for Annual Letter of Appeal

✚ **Save the Date! Fun Fitness Nights coming in January!**

Come have some FUN with your friends at Fun Fitness Night!

Kindergarten: **Tuesday, January 24th 6:30-8:15pm**

First Grade: **Wednesday, January 25th 6:30-8:15pm**

Second Grade: **Thursday, January 26th 6:30-8:15pm**

✚ **Box Tops Competition**

Our first Box Top for Education competition will run **10/17-10/28!** Cut out the box tops, check expiration dates and send in with your child.

✚ **PTA’s Pumpkin Carving Nights**

Pumpkin Carving Nights are October 25-27th at 7pm in the Cafeteria. Register for one night at [mdpumpkincarving2016@gmail.com](mailto:mdpumpkincarving2016@gmail.com) Please provide your child’s name, grade, teacher and how many people are attending. Current Miller-Driscoll students only, please.

✚ **PTA’s Book Fair is coming soon!**

Join our Bookaneer crew! Order the new *Pete the Cate and Missing Cupcakes* BEFORE our Book Fair arrives! Forms and money are due on October 24th. Orders will be placed that day so don’t miss out! See the attached[**form**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8rSdN3qbGSKbXYya3g4elB5WEU/view?usp=sharing) if you didn’t receive one in class. Contact Amanda Mitchell at [amandaNmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:amandaNmitchell@gmail.com) with any questions.

Ongoing News at Miller-Driscoll

✚ **Show your School Spirit!**

The first Friday in each month is school spirit day where we all show our school spirit. The next spirit day is **Friday November 4th**.

✚ **PTA Volunteer Opportunities for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Interested in helping the PTA with one or more of our great programs for students? Please click on the link to fill out the form and submit. Click [**here!**](http://goo.gl/forms/wHL0plQhQLdKmqcc2)

✚ **Miller-Driscoll PTA Membership**

Membership in the Miller-Driscoll PTA is now ONLINE and PAPERLESS! Just go to <https://wilton.mobilearq.com> and click Parent Registration (code on the next page is “wilton”) to become a Miller-Driscoll PTA member, pay PTA dues, make a Supporting Donation to our Annual Appeal, and view the Miller-Driscoll PTA Directory! Individual memberships will start at just $20 and includes immediate access to the online school directory! Enjoy the ability to edit your information in the online directory anytime, add email addresses and cell phone numbers to your family listing, and even download the MobileArq App on your Apple and Android devices for viewing on the go! Please contact Michelle Krupa ([michelleakrupa@gmail.com](mailto:michelleakrupa@gmail.com)) with any questions!

✚ **Lost Property at the Bus Depot**

Is your child missing a jacket, water bottle or hat? Check out the Bus Depot Lost Property Site and see if any of these items left on buses belong back in your house! <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com/>

**Community News**

✚ **Wilton Youth Council (WYC)**

Find us on Facebook or visit wiltonyouth.org

**Save the Date – Dr. Suniya Luthar to speak to parents. October 21, 2016 at 10:00am**

**\*As school will be in session, please allow yourself extra time for parking and security\***

Suniya Luthar, Ph.D., Foundation Professor of Psychology at Arizona State University and Professor Emerita of Columbia University’s Teachers College will speak at the Wilton High School Little Theater on Oct. 21, 2016 at 10:00am. While she was on the faculty at Yale University, Dr. Luthar conducted a groundbreaking study of students in Westport, CT that found that affluent teenagers have the elevated levels of anxiety and depression that most people associate with children in poverty. Dr. Luthar will explain this phenomenon to parents and school staff, and educate us on strategies to foster strength and resilience in our youth. She will also touch on her more recent research on motherhood and the challenges facing mothers of adolescents today. Co-Sponsored by the Miller-Driscoll PTA.

**The Cyber Child: Effects of Social Media – Neurological, Social, and Educational Implications with Chris Parrot. 2 Sessions:**

**-Tuesday, November 1, 2016 10:00-11:30am at Wilton Library** *Registration recommended (*[*www.wiltonlibrary.org*](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) *or 203-762-6334)*

**-Tuesday, November 1, 2016 7:00-8:30pm at Weston Senior Center** (inside Hurlbutt Elementary School) 9 School Road, Weston

What is the true impact of social media on our children? What are the benefits and pitfalls-neurologically, socially and educationally-to cyber exposure? What are the best strategies for parents to support the overall well-being of their children in today’s social-media-centric world? This workshop will answer these questions, leveraging the most current research on the effects of social media on children’s brains and behaviors. Participants will explore the cyber social reality that pervades children’s lives and shapes their still-forming identities and social interactions. They will be asked to critically evaluate how their own interactions with children, consciously and unconsciously, are affected by social media and technology. This presentation is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

✚ **NAMI-CAN Support Group for Parents**

Has the back to school honeymoon work off? The academic and social demands can overwhelm kids this time of year and 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 meeting is 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 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. Our next meeting is **Monday, October 24 from 10-11:30am**. G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com

✚ **Second Annual Fall Fest at Wilton Congregational Church will be held on October 28th.** See [flyer](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8rSdN3qbGSKNGU1cFFXQUJidFU/view?usp=sharing) for details.

✚ **Academic Year in America (AYA) seeking host family**

AYA is seeking a Wilton host family for the second half of the academic year for a student already enrolled at Wilton High School. Family does not have to have current students in the district! For more information please contact Marisa Faraoni at [marisafaraoni@gmail.com](mailto:marisafaraoni@gmail.com)

Important Numbers/Websites

**Office:** 203.762.8678 and 203.762.3374

**Attendance Line:** 203.761-0364 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm). During non-school hours, call the school’s office.

**Student Transportation of America (Bus) Hotline**: 203.762.8600

**NEW!!! Looking for a Special Bus Assignment for the 2016-2017 school year?** Special bus assignments will now be listed on **School Dismissal Manager**. Previous lists are no longer valid.

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**Miller-Driscoll\*:** <http://www.edline.net/pages/wiltonmd>

**Miller-Driscoll PTA:** [HERE](http://www.miller-driscollschool.org/pages/wiltonmd/Our_School/Departments/Miller-Driscoll_PTA)

**Wilton School District**: <http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/pages/Wilton_School_District>

**PowerSchool:** <https://psapp.wilton.k12.ct.us/public/>

**\*\*MDTV\*\* http://k2mdtv.blogspot.com**

\*\*Use the MDTV link to view the morning announcement broadcast each day at 9:00am

Calendars:

**Chartwells School Lunch Menu: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_UeAYq_/1e86368f3bd7bdef3745a49013852ec4/MD_Oct_2017_a.pdf)

**Wilton Public Schools 2016-2107: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_NKBzB_/224e6b1d52415c333745a49013852ec4/2016-17_revised_December_2015.pdf)

**Wilton School District Calendar (Monthly view): Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/pages/Wilton_School_District/Calendar)

**Miller-Driscoll School Calendar (Monthly view): Click** [**HERE**](http://www.miller-driscollschool.org/pages/wiltonmd/Calendar)

Schoolhouse Scoop: Deadlines, Policies + Procedures

To submit **School News**, email [kerryoray@charter.net](mailto:kerryoray@charter.net). Please put “Schoolhouse Scoop submission” in your subject box.

The next Schoolhouse Scoop newsletter is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 26th.

For deadline and publication dates, click [here](http://www.miller-driscollschool.org/pages/wiltonmd/Our_School/Departments/Miller-Driscoll_PTA/Schoolhouse_Scoop_Newsletter/Schoolhouse_Scoop_Publication_).

For previous issues, click [here](http://www.miller-driscollschool.org/pages/wiltonmd/Our_School/Departments/Miller-Driscoll_PTA/Schoolhouse_Scoop_Newsletter/Schoolhouse_Scoop)