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PTA Schoolhouse Scoop

November 27, 2016



Important Dates\*

**Ongoing:**  National PTA Reflections submissions being accepted through January 6th. See [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cowVnywXhwso1QJ19I7tc22iF-hThmUmS336bBkFKq0/edit?usp=sharing) for more information.

**Dec 8:**  Board of Education Meeting. Wilton High School Professional Library. 7:30pm.

**Dec 9:**  2 Hour Delayed Opening for staff development. School starts at 11:05am.

**Dec 19:** PTA Meeting. Starts at 9:30am in the Cafeteria. **\*\*Evening PTA Meeting will be held at 7pm in the Library.**

**Dec 22:** Winter Holiday Sing Along for students and staff.

**Dec 23:** Early Dismissal at 1:15pm for Winter Holiday Break. Note School Dismissal Manager will close at 10:30am.

**Jan 3:** School resumes after Winter Holiday Break. Welcome Back!

**Jan 6:** Deadline to turn in PTA Reflections submissions. See [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cowVnywXhwso1QJ19I7tc22iF-hThmUmS336bBkFKq0/edit?usp=sharing) for more information.

**Jan 6:** Reading Rocks! Pledge forms go home today. Sponsored by the Wilton Education Foundation.

**Jan 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day. 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

✚ **PTA Reflections Student Art Competition This year’s theme is “What Is Your Story?”**

This is a great opportunity for student artists to REFLECT on the theme – CREATE art – BE RECOGNIZED! Entries will be displayed at the Wilton Library in January. First place winners will move forward to the state level.

Students are encouraged to submit original pieces of art in one or more of the following categories:

**Visual Arts** – **Photography** – **Dance Choreography** – **Literature** – **Film Production** – **Musical Composition**

For entry forms and rules please visit the CT PTA Reflections website: <http://www.ctpta.org/reflections-program>

Students can place their entries in the blue bin in the main office starting Thursday, November 17th. **The deadline for submission is Friday, January 6th**. For more information please contact Jane Hamilton (janehamilton15@mac.com) or Emily Galligan (emgrill@yahoo.com)

✚ **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**

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 December 2nd**.

✚ **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

✚ **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) 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

**“Privileged and Pressured: The Risks of Growing Up in an Affluent Community”** with Dr. Suniya Luthar was standing room only in the WHS Little Theatre on October 21st. We are thrilled to be able to share Dr. Luthar’s presentation slides. Please especially note that the last few slides, which weren’t covered in the talk, but may be helpful! Also, there have been many who have asked for follow up on the topics/concerns/issues raised in Luthar’s presentation. Please know that we are working on a few different approaches and the first event will be held in January. Details will be available soon. Link to slides here:

<http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_VeF7Q_/00ee5d1782829a263745a49013852ec4/Privileged_and_Pressured.pdf>

✚ **NAMI-CAN Parent Support Group**

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child’s behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? 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 December 19th from 10-11:30am at the G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

✚ **Drum Jam now enrolling for Winter Session**

Drum Jam classes, led by Wilton native Kenny Mercer, now forming for the Winter Session. Classes are held after school in the Old Town Hall. See the [**flyer**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CKerry%5CDownloads%5CDrum%20Jam.jpg) for more information.

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**](http://k2mdtv.blogspot.com)(Use the MDTV link to view the morning announcement broadcast each day at 9:00am)

**MobileArq School Directory** [**https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory**](https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory)

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

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Calendars:

**Chartwells November Lunch Menu: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_VYHCm_/1094302fe4d3bf4c3745a49013852ec4/MD_Nov_2016_final.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. Please put “Schoolhouse Scoop submission” in your subject box.

The next Schoolhouse Scoop newsletter is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, December 7th.

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)