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PTA Schoolhouse Scoop

January 15, 2017



Important Dates\*

**Ongoing:**  PAJANUARY Drive. Our second graders are asking the Miller-Driscoll community to

 Donate new pajamas in children’s and teen sizes. Collection boxes will be in the Main

 Office through January 30th.

**Jan 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day. School and Offices Closed.

**Jan 18:** Miller-Driscoll Early Learning CenterPreschool Information Session for Parents. Starts at 10am. Click [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M8gxfaUR46J0_ooWaLHaGkHZmXWB1G57oq7MIasyh6M/edit?usp=sharing) for more information.

**Jan 19:** Miller-Driscoll Early Learning Center Open House for parents and prospective students. Starts at 4pm. Click [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M8gxfaUR46J0_ooWaLHaGkHZmXWB1G57oq7MIasyh6M/edit?usp=sharing) for more information.

**Jan 19:** Family Math Game Night. 6:30-7:30pm in the Cafeteria.

**Jan 23:** PTA Meeting. Starts at 9:30am in the Cafeteria.

**Jan 24:** Kindergarten Fun Fitness Night\* 6:30-8:15pm in the Gym. Snow date January 31st.

**Jan 25:** First Grade Fun Fitness Night\* 6:30-8:15pm in the Gym. Snow date February 1st.

**Jan 26:** Second Grade Fun Fitness Night\* 6:30-8:15pm in the Gym. Snow date February 2nd.

**Jan 26:** Board of Education Meeting. Wilton High School Professional Library. 7:00pm.

**Jan 27:** Dress Like a Rock Star Day! Reading Rocks **pledge forms and money DUE**.

**Jan 31:**  Parents as Reading Partners for Pre-K & K. Starts at 9:30am.

**Feb 1:** Visiting Author book **order forms DUE**.

**Jan 28-Feb 12:** “Reading Rocks!” Reading Period.

**Feb 13:**  PTA Meeting. Starts at 9:30am in the Cafeteria.

**Feb 17:**  February Break. No School.

**Feb 20:** President’s Day. School and Offices Closed.

**\*Pre-Registration is required for Fun Fitness Nights.**

\*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

✚ **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**

✚ **Reading Rocks! ~ Pledges Due On or Before Friday, January 27th**

Wilton Education Foundation’s (WEF’s) very successful “Reading Rocks!” program is back for its 6th year!

“Reading Rocks!” is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon type fundraiser for students in Pre-K to 5th grades. Over the five years of this event, “Reading Rocks!” has raised more than **$200,000 for our Wilton Public Schools**! This year, with your support, we hope to attain 100% student participation.

“Reading Rocks!” pledge forms were sent home with students on Friday, January 6th. The pledge forms are also posted on Edline’s homepage. **Students must turn in completed pledge forms, and pledge money raised, to teachers on or before Friday, January 27th**. For each individual pledge students get by Jan. 27 they earn a chance to **WIN AN IPAD OR KINDLE FIRE!** For example, if your child receives 20 pledges, he or she earns 20 changes to win! There will be one Kindle Fire awarded per K-2 grade at Miller-Driscoll and one iPad awarded across all grades PreK-5.\*

\*win an iPad or a gift card of equivalent value to the Apple Store

For questions please contact Julie Steckel at jjsteckel@gmail.com or Kiki Cross at kcross106@gmail.com. Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring “Reading Rocks!”

✚ **Box Top Competition**

Miller-Driscoll’s 2nd Box Tops Competition of the school year will run from Monday, January 30, 2017-Friday, February 10, 2017. If you didn’t continue to cut and collect since our last competition, we are giving you a heads up. Start cutting!!

✚ **Visiting Author Days |Order Forms Due Wednesday, February 1**

On March 1-2 Elise Broach, author of many critically acclaimed children’s books will be meeting students at Miller-Driscoll to talk about the joy of writing. We are delighted to have Ms. Broach visit our school and are certain your children will enjoy the opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting with such a talented author. In preparation for her visit, our librarians and classroom teachers will be reading her books with the children. Pre-ordered books will be autographed by Ms. Broach on the days of her presentation in March. Sponsored by the PTA. Please return order forms by Wednesday, February 1st.

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 February 3rd.**

✚ **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**

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

Feel like you have no one to talk with about your child’s challenging behavior? You are not alone.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified 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 town in the surrounding area.

Our next meetings are Mondays January 23rd and February 20th from 10-11:30, at G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more info, contact Beth at **203-984-0123** or Beth44es@gmail.com; or Vanessa at EliasVanessa5@gmail.com, or text **203-970-4130**.

✚ **Parent Advisory Board Meeting**

The Parent Advisory Board (PAB) will be presenting a meeting: The ABCs of IEPs. Speaker Attorney DeFrancis, Esq will discuss Special Services, PPTs and the IEP Process. January 26th, 10am-12pm. Wilton Library Association, 2nd Floor. Please RSVP: pabwilton@gmail.com

*Community News submissions are accepted from any Wilton organization wishing to notify the Miller-Driscoll community of events or opportunities appropriate for our students and families. Submissions may be edited at the discretion of the editor and are not intended as endorsements by the Miller-Driscoll PTA.*

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 January Lunch Menu: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/pages/Wilton_School_District/Our_District/Departments/Food_Services-_Chartwells)

**Wilton Public Schools 2016-2017: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_NKBzB_/224e6b1d52415c333745a49013852ec4/2016-17_revised_December_2015.pdf)

**Wilton Public Schools 2017-2018: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_WWB2r_/3718c8d69b1c7daa3745a49013852ec4/2017-18_Approved.pdf)

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

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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, January 29th. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 25th.

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)