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PTA Schoolhouse Scoop

January 1, 2017



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.

**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 and Book Character Dress-Up Day. Sponsored by the Wilton Education Foundation.

**Jan 12:** Board of Education Meeting. Wilton High School Professional Library. 7:00pm.

**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 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.

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

\*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)

✚ **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**

✚ **Look out for “Reading Rocks!” pledge forms coming soon!**

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 will be sent home with students by Friday, January 6th, which is also “Book Character Day” where students can dress up as a favorite book character. The pledge form will also be available to download on Edline by 12/19 **for those wishing to start collecting pledges over the winter break!**

Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too, including an iPad\*, Kindle Fires and more!!

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!”

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

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 January 6th. \*\*Book Character Dress-Up Day\*\***.

✚ **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**

✚ **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 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in the Old Town Hall from 4-4:45. See the [**flyer**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8rSdN3qbGSKUWtNVGdLeWNqVVE/view?usp=sharing) for more information or contact Kenny at kennydrumjam@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)

**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, January 15th. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 11th.

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)