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PTA Schoolhouse Scoop

June 18, 2017



Important Dates\*

**Ongoing:** 2017-2018 School Supply Kit Sale!! **Order supplies by June 30th** for best pricing at [www.edukitinc.com](http://www.edukitinc.com)

**June 21-23:** Early Dismissal at 1:15pm. No lunch served. **School Dismissal Manager Closes at 10:30am.**

**June 21-23:** PTA Sponsored Magic Show with Danny Magic. All classes, PreK-2nd will attend!

**June 21:** Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7pm in the Wilton HS Professional Library.

**June 23:**  Last Day of School. HAPPY SUMMER!

**Aug 31:** Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Day. 9:00-9:45am.

**Aug 31:** First & Second Grade Meet the Teacher Day. 10:00-10:45am.

**Sept 5:** First Day of the 2017-2018 School Year. Starts at 9:05am.

\*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 for the most up to date information.

**Click** [**HERE**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSds460HxvX_cdv3radgxKCrlgJLxAA5obXjKsFCnvGWp7gGNg/viewform?c=0&w=1) **to volunteer with the PTA for the 2017-2018 school year!**

Volunteering helps ensure the Miller-Driscoll PTA can continue to provide enrichment and fun for all students. There are opportunities to fit your schedule! Click above to access the online volunteer form. More details included below. Thank you!!

School News

✚ **2017-2018 School Supply Kits on sale Now!! Order Miller-Driscoll School Supplies Now to be ready for the fall!**

Orders are ONLY accepted online. Order by June 30th for Best Pricing and Free Shipping.

To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to [www.edukitinc.com](http://www.edukitinc.com)
2. Enter Wilton’s zip code 06897 to find Miller-Driscoll School
3. Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
4. Your child’s kit will be delivered to the classroom

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* Be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase

Questions? Contact Jackie Shaw at jackielshaw@hotmail.com

New this year! Miller-Driscoll PTA is expanding our school supply donation program within Wilton, and surrounding communities. We have partnered with Wilton Social Services and local organizations in Bridgeport and Norwalk. Please consider making a donation towards providing school supplies for students in Wilton and surrounding communities. The PTA will work directly with Wilton Social Services and local community organizations in Norwalk/Bridgeport to select, purchase and distribute the much needed items. Donations can be made when purchasing your kits online. Thank you for your support!

✚ **Incoming Third Grade School Supplies for Cider Mill School**

To order your kits online:

1. Go to our school page <https://www.edukitinc.com/page.asp?id=15&schoolid=1717>
2. REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
3. Submit your order. Your child’s kit will be delivered to the classroom,

✚ **Miller-Driscoll PTA volunteer opportunities for the 2017-2018 school year!**

**Click** [**HERE**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSds460HxvX_cdv3radgxKCrlgJLxAA5obXjKsFCnvGWp7gGNg/viewform?c=0&w=1) **to volunteer with our wonderful PTA for the 2017-2018 school year!**

Help the Miller-Driscoll PTA continue its tradition of programming and curriculum enrichment! Below is a list of open chairperson positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

* Parent at Large (Board of Directors Position)
* Directory (MobileArq)
* Special Education Representative
* Science Enrichment-Kindergarten
* Pumpkin Carving
* Fun Fitness Night—All Grades
* Kindergarten Parent Social
* Community Service

If you are willing to lend your time and talents or would like to learn more about any of the above positions please contact Evelyn Drew at evelyndrew@gmail.com

✚ **Miller-Driscoll Library Volunteers Needed!**

Miller-Driscoll Library Volunteer Opportunity

Do you love books? Do you like to organize? Want to work with the kids of Miller-Driscoll on a regular basis throughout the school year? Then, we may have just the opportunity for you! We are looking for a few new faces to join us in the library next year. The library volunteers are essential to keeping the library running smoothly. It is a unique opportunity that allows you to assist the librarians and the children weekly or biweekly throughout the school year. We get going very quickly at the beginning of the year so if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact either Michelle Krupa (michelleAkrupa@gmail.com) or Emma Halliwell (emma.halliwell@yahoo.co.uk), the Miller-Driscoll Library volunteer coordinators. Our Information and Organizational meeting for becoming a library volunteer will be held on September 15th at 9:30am in the school library with assignments starting the week of September 18th. It’s not that far off! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

✚ **Attention 2nd Grade Parents!! Cider Mill PTA opportunities for the 2017-2018 school year!**

The 2017-2018 Cider Mill Volunteer Form is paperless and now available. Click [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh8hWva91HUi8K2cVlEUZt_rBvTZt5kaHmx1_pZ7e2u8HMgg/viewform?c=0&w=1) to register your interest in becoming a classroom PTA representative, sign up as a library volunteer or school store volunteer or choose one of over 20 other volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions about any of the roles, please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at **203-563-0866**

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 September 8th!**

✚ **Lost Property at the Bus Depot**

Is your child missing a jacket, water bottle or hat? Items left on buses can be found at the Bus Depot Lost and Found. The bus depot is located at 130 School Road. If your child has lost or left something of value, other than clothing, on a bus, please contact the bus company directly.  They will ask you for the child’s bus number, date lost, and a description of the article. Dispatch Office 203-762-8600

**Community News**

✚ **NAMI-CAN June 26th at 10am**

Summer is here, along with a BIG change in routine. Afraid of how your child’s behavior will change (or has already) with less structure this summer? Frustrated by your child’s challenging behavior? Worried about how your child’s behavior effects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? You are not alone.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children (age 18 and under) with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meetings are Monday, June 26th and September 25th (contact us for potential summer date) from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

✚ **Wilton Youth Council (WYC) – wiltonyouth.org**

PGP 2017 – Walk through 6/24 from 1-4pm

It’s that time of year, when the Class Project of the senior year graduating (this year Class Project 2017) culminates in the special night of PGP – Post Graduation Party. This event was started over 30 years ago by Wilton parents to provide a safe venue for kids on their graduation night and to provide one last opportunity to come together as a class. The PGP is a tremendous effort by Wilton parents and would not be possible without community support, which is why there is a traditional “walk through” at Middlebrook school the day of graduation that is open to all parents and community members (aged 18 and up). The event is always a secret so no children or photography are permitted. Come get a taste of PGP and what parents of Class Project 2017 have put together on Saturday, June 24th from 1-4pm at Middlebrook!

Looking to get involved? Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved and shadow board members for a year in preparation for the following year! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our **new** and **improved** **Wilton Youth Council website**! We hope you will find it to be helpful in finding out more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org)!

*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

**PTA Membership** Click [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qR9vOZQAKypByHrXz-TL6JGWmowMxBwHF25NnA8Sp2o/edit?usp=sharing)for membership information

Calendars:

**Chartwells June Lunch Menu: Click** [**HERE**](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/_ceIVd_/dc6c6b9e490e1dab3745a49013852ec4/June_MenuMD_.pdf)

**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, September 3rd. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, August 30th.

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)