

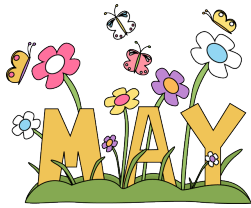
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Hillside News May 18, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES

- 18 Festival of Cultures, 6:30 PM
- 21 Bike Rodeo (Mrs. Riley, 9-9:45; Mrs. Santaniello, 10-10:45; Mrs. Shea, 11-11:45)
- 23 Art Show, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- 24 Early Release Day - No AM or PM Kindergarten (conferences)
- 28 No School -- Memorial Day
- 31 No AM or PM Kindergarten - AM & PM KASE in session

NOTE: NO AM & PM Kindergarten on 5/31 due to tours and screening for new Kindergarteners. AM & PM KASE will be held.

FYI: The last day of school is June 18 (early release).

News from Mr. K

The second half of May affords us the opportunity to enjoy the artistic talents of our students. The Spring Concert is the 1st of June and the Student Art Show opens this Wednesday, May 23rd. I hope you can make it to both!

This year's art show is a great example of the successful collaboration and integration done here at Hillside by students and staff. Student art work is on display in the lobby, throughout the upstairs hallway and on the lower level outside the cafeteria. You will notice that several pieces have QR codes on them similar to those you may find in many museums. These codes can be scanned in at least two ways. You can use the camera app on your smart phone or you can download the app we use here at school which is called *i-nigma QR Code*.

Scanning these codes will enable art show patrons to hear our student artists comment on the subjects of their three-dimensional sculptures, listen to musical compositions they created to compliment their Kandinsky-inspired paintings and comments they share in Spanish about their Kahlo-inspired self-portraits.

Congratulations to our blossoming artists and Art Teacher, Jennie Bates; Technology Specialist, Maria DeCicco; Spanish Teacher, Pat Marra and Music Teacher, Lynne Doran who helped make this year's art show such a successful

collaboration! If you cannot make Wednesday's opening, you can see the show when you come to the concert or any other time between now and June 8th when you might be here at school.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. K

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

We hope to see many of you at our 3rd Annual Festival of Cultures tonight at 6:30! Come learn more about over 18 countries that our families represent in the Hillside Community. Its an engaging and informative family event!

The next and last **PTC Meeting** is **May 22nd** at 7:15pm in the Hillside Gymnasium. In addition to updates on the latest PTC happenings, Mr. K will be sharing a slideshow on the latest developments with the design and construction of the new Sunita L. Williams School. We are in a very exciting phase with the new building, so you won't want to miss it! Please be sure to join us!

Hillside Day is Friday, May 25th! To celebrate, the PTC will be providing popsicles for all students, teachers and staff!

The **TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON IS COMING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!** On **June 5, 2018** help us throw an amazing **Thank You Luncheon** for our teachers and staff!!! This year's theme is "Red Carpet" and we plan on treating the teachers like stars! To make this luncheon a huge success, we need many, many volunteers. To volunteer to help that day or bring specific food items please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-wearerolling>. Please see attached flyer for additional details. Any questions, please contact Caitrin Dunphy at caitrin.dunphy@gmail.com.

Buddy Families Needed! Do you remember what it was like to be a new family at Hillside? Are you interested in welcoming new families to Hillside? Do you love our community and want to share your knowledge about it with those just starting out? Volunteer to be a buddy family! Our Welcome Committee is seeking existing families who would be willing to be paired with a new family over the summer. Reach out via email, perhaps meet up at a playground to introduce yourselves, and generally be available to answer any questions a new family may have. If you are interested please email our Welcome Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Docktor at sarahdocktor@gmail.com and Julie Hand at jhand1223@gmail.com.

Needham's July 4th Parade! Now featuring HILLSIDE! That's right! Hillside will be having its own float in the Needham July 4th parade this summer! We will be sending out more information soon on how you can be involved, from providing supplies or monetary donations, decorating the float, to participating in the parade. Depending on interest levels, we will hold a lottery for spots on the float or walking behind it during the parade. ALSO -- If you have a trailer we could borrow for the float or have any parade experience please let us know! Interested in more information? Please email April Crawford and Shelly Bansal-Snow at Hillsides4thofJuly@gmail.com.

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES: It's hard to believe that our children have almost finished at Hillside and are soon off to High Rock! There are a few upcoming year-end events that require the help of parents to make them successful. We hope you can help with one or more of them.

Field Day- Tuesday, June 12th, 9am-2pm: Field Day is a day of fun-filled team activities coordinated by Phys. Ed. Dept., the 5th grade teachers and staffed by the parents! It is a day of outdoor fun with games, obstacle courses, food, drink and more! We could use supplies and volunteers to make the day run smoothly. To volunteer and join in on the fun: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-fifth>.

5th Grade Party - Friday, June 15th, 4pm - 6pm: The PTC and the 5th Grade families are sponsoring a Pool Party at the Boston Sports Club, Wellesley for the ENTIRE 5th Grade Class. To volunteer to chaperone and/or provide food, sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-fifth>.

If you have any questions about either of these events, please feel free to reach out to your room parent! Or you can contact Jessica Rolanti at jrolanti@gmail.com for questions about

Field Day and Seema Layne at seemalayne@gmail.com for questions about the Year-End Party.

Upcoming Event

The Calendar Raffle is coming!!! Raffle letter announcing all of the great prizes coming soon! Tickets will go on sale on May 21st – June 1st and the first drawing will be held on **Monday June 4th**. Drawings will take place, winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded **every day from June 4-8th, 2018**. This annual fundraiser helps the PTC raise much-needed funds to support enrichment programs at Hillside. It also offers participants the chance to win some great prizes!! This year your family could win \$100 gift card to Volante Farms, a night at The Hilltop Inn in Newport, RI, or a home organizing session with Grid and Glam just to name a few!!!

Hillside Night at Fenway is Tuesday, May 29th at 7:10 p.m. For those of you who have purchased tickets, we will be distributing e-tickets and you will receive them to your inbox closer to the game. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun night!!! Let's go Red Sox!!!

NEW THIS YEAR! Please join us on **Friday, June 1st** for a **Movie Night** outside on the Green Machine (no rain date) at 8 p.m. (concessions open at 7 p.m.) We'll be screening the animated film Ferdinand. This sweet movie about a bull with a big heart will appeal to kids and grown-ups alike so be sure to join us. The Movie Night will replace the Spring Carnival for this year. Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: Your box top contributions make a difference!! Please keep them coming!!!! Collection sheets and a collection box for sheets/box tops are located at the PTC bulletin board near Lori's desk.

Amazon Smile: When you shop Amazon, be sure to shop via the Amazon Smile link and designate the Hillside Parent Teacher Council Trust as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of their proceeds back to the PTC every time you purchase eligible items. It takes very little effort, but the pay-off for the PTC is great!

Seeking Volunteers

The PTC depends very heavily on parent volunteerism. We are fortunate to have many very dedicated parents who step up each year to run committees, but we are always looking for more help! Below are some great volunteer opportunities we hope you will consider:

Yearbook Coordinator Co-Chair (2018-2019): Samantha Shapiro would love to have a co-chair next year to help her work with students to put together the Hillside Yearbook for 2018-19. This is creative and very rewarding work!! Email Samantha (samshap333@hotmail.com), Erin (eringapstein@gmail.com) or Meg (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Seeking 1st Grade Cafeteria Volunteers: As we head into the last month of school, we are short on lunchtime help and are asking if you can sign up, please do so! You can sign-up for as many or as few days as you can offer. To sign up, please use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4badaa22a31-first1>

To ensure you get all our future updates, please **LIKE us on Facebook (Hillside Elementary School PTC, follow us on Twitter at @hillsideptc and register your information through our website www.HillsidePTC.org** so that you will receive our email blast.

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A Message From Mrs. Greiff:

Spring Allergies

I have seen many students for spring allergy symptoms this week. Sometimes we are doing everything right and still the pollen prevails. Or, sometimes, children refuse to do what's best for them and ignore our advice! Please check with your pediatrician before giving any medications.

Seasonal allergy symptoms are hard to reverse once they start, so the best action is prevention. The over-the-counter, non-sedating medications work well when taken daily. The same is true for antihistamine eye drops. Please consider giving them in the morning before school.

Other Preventive Measures:

Wear hats and sunglasses for recess
Wash hands and face when coming indoors
Keep car and house windows closed
Shower before bed
Wash bed sheets more frequently
Use saline nasal sprays as needed to rinse nasal passages

More Hillside Hornet Buzz...

The Hillside Bike Rodeo -
Volunteers Needed!



The Hillside school continues its partnership with the Needham Police Department once again this year with our annual Bike Rodeo. The Bike Rodeo is an educational experience for our 3rd grade riders and non-riders alike. Riders and non-riders will visit various bicycle education stations to learn about riding safety. Riders have an opportunity to earn their very own Bicycle license by riding through our riding course. Students who earn their bicycle license are granted riding privileges to school **with** parental consent of course.

The Bike Rodeo will take place on Monday, May 21st (rain date, June 4th) -- Mrs. Riley's class from 9:00-9:45, Mrs. Santaniello's class from 10:00-10:45, and Mrs. Shea's class

from 11:00-11:45. Notices are going home with our 3rd graders today.

In order to make our Bike Rodeos work, we need a hearty crew of volunteers! If you would like to help out for your child's Bike Rodeo or even better, stay for all three, please contact Mr. Tatro at rob_tatro@needham.k12.ma.us or check out <http://hillsidepe.weebly.com/special-events.html> for more information.

Summer Explorations Program



Summer Explorations offers students entering grades 1-9 more than 90 weeklong, morning, afternoon and full-day enrichment classes in July. There are classes in science, sports, fine and performing arts, culture, cooking, crafts, technology, engineering and more to appeal to the inquisitive, active, and creative child. All classes are taught by Needham Public Schools teachers and other trained education professionals. Students participating in both morning and afternoon sessions bring their own lunch and stay for a supervised lunch period with their friends. The program runs for 4 weeks in July, and students may register for classes in any or all of the weeks. The Hillside School will have classes for grades 1-5 and the High Rock School will have classes for grades 3-9. The relaxed and fun setting of Summer Explorations provides an excellent opportunity for children to develop new skills and to explore new interests. Register online today!



Donate, Consign, Volunteer and Shop for gently used children's clothing, toys & equipment at Parent Talk's Spring Sale! Saturday, May 19th 8:30a.m.-12:45pm at the Christ Episcopal Church [1132 Highland Ave Needham](http://1132HighlandAveNeedham.com). Donations accepted until May 16th. For more info email clothingsale@parenttalk.info or go to <http://www.parenttalk.info/community/used-clothing-toy-sale.php>

The Needham Exchange Club will be hosting a Car Show on Sunday, May 20th from 10am – 2pm at Needham High School. The show will highlight antique cars, muscle cars, sports cars, and much more!
Needhamcarshow.com or www.needhamexchangeclub.org

Interested in learning more about Cub Scouts? Join Needham Pack 4 for one of our year-end Pack Meetings and see what it's all about: Sunday, May 20 at 3:45 pm at Christ Episcopal Church or on Sunday, June 3 at 4:00 pm at Claxton Field (Central Avenue across from Needham RTS) for an end-of-year BBQ with food and games. To learn more, please contact webmaster.pack4@gmail.com and visit our website at pack4needham.org.



BOOK SALE BEGINS FRIDAY, JUNE 1

The book sale of Friends of the Needham Public Library begins with added hours on Friday, June 1 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Friends' Book Shop and the Community Room. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call 781-455-7559 or friendsneedhamlibrary.org.

The Needham Women's Club announces that tickets are now on sale for this year's Needham Garden Tour scheduled for Sunday, June 10th from 1pm-4pm. Tour-goers will see the spectacular gardens of six Needham homeowners including a container garden tour raffle and a home with colorful table settings for outdoor entertaining. Tour tickets are available \$30 in advance (\$35 day of the event) and early access tickets are available for the first 85 people, which includes the Garden Party before the tour. For more information or to purchase tickets online, please go to NeedhamWomensClub.org.

The Hillside PTC Presents

A Post-Sundown Outdoor Movie Night

FERDINAND

Friday, June 1st

8 p.m.

Hillside Field

Suggested
donation
\$5/family
to help us
cover costs



POPCORN, CANDY & WATER WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**Concessions will open at 7 p.m.*

Bring blankets, sleeping bags and/or chairs to sit on!

SAVE THE DATE:

June 5, 2018



Please Join Us As We Roll Out the Red Carpet for Our Faculty and Staff!

Save the date of Tuesday, June 5th (which is an early release day) to volunteer for the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. We will be looking for plenty of assistance with food and beverage donations, event set-up, staffing and clean-up, as well as childcare coverage.

The sign-up genius will be going out next week. Questions? Email me at caitrin.dunphy@gmail.com.

What: Hillside Staff Appreciation Luncheon

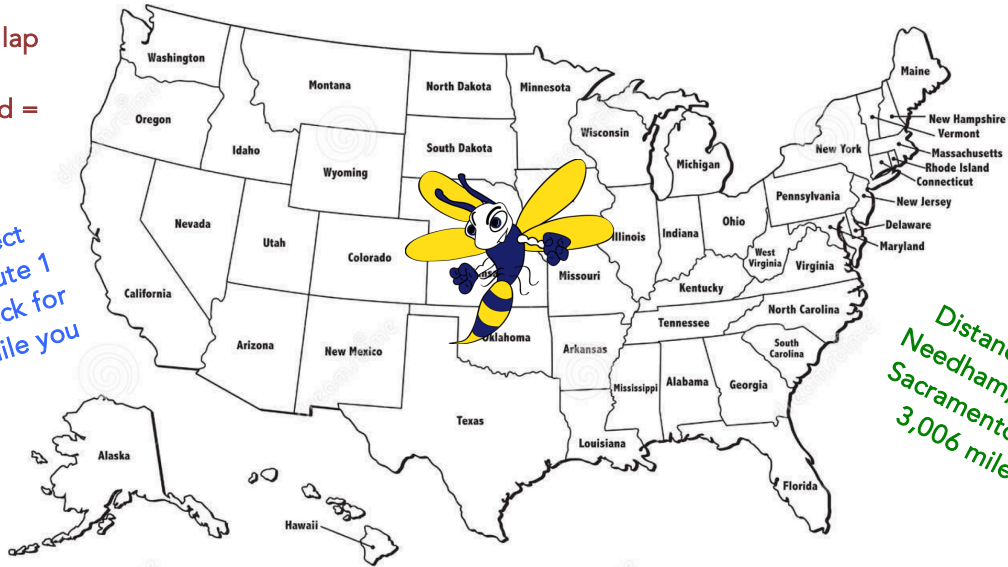
When: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Where: The Hillside Gymnasium

Hornets Buzz Across America

1 complete lap
around the
Hillside Field =
¼ mile

You can collect
and contribute 1
popsicle stick for
every ¼ mile you
run/walk.



Distance from
Needham, MA to
Sacramento, CA:
3,006 miles!

**We are in the home stretch of our Hillside Hornets buzzing
across America!!!**

**The Buzz around the field is back on Friday mornings – join us
at the field for a morning walk/jog/run and collect 1 popsicle
stick per lap.**

**Also, you can still contribute sticks by walking to school on
any day, including the Walk/Bike to School days!**

**THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED
PARTICIPATION!!!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS FOR
ALL THEIR EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING THE HORNET GET TO CALIFORNIA!**