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Hillside News May 25, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES

- 28 No School -- Memorial Day
- 31 No AM or PM Kindergarten - AM & PM KASE in session

- 01 Hillside Movie Night - Ferdinand, Show starts at 8:00 PM in Hillside Field
- 05 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal
- 18 Last Day of School -- Early Release



ENJOY YOUR LONG WEEKEND!!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

We hope you enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend!!!

Today was Hillside Day!!! To celebrate, the PTC provided popsicles for all students, teachers and staff!!! Watch for FB posts and twitter feeds with pictures of the day.

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Clare Currie, Doris Tam and Gauri Malthankar for organizing and hosting a wonderful **Festival of Cultures!!! Thank you** to all of the **families who participated** in this wonderful event. The displays and performances were truly amazing. Thank you to everyone who came out to learn about the different countries. It was a fabulous night!!!

TICKETS are ON SALE NOW for the Calendar Raffle!!!

The Raffle letter came home in your child's/children's backpacks this week announcing all of the great prizes! Tickets are now on sale on through 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 is our second largest fundraiser of the year. It 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 to name just a few!!!

MOVIE NIGHT IN ONE WEEK – VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED! 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. We need some volunteers to work the concessions. To volunteer, please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-hillside>. Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details.

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES: It's hard to believe that our children have almost finished at Hillside and are soon off to High Rock! We are looking forward to the events scheduled to help send them off in style. Fifth Grade Field Day will be held on Tuesday, June 12th (9am-2pm) and the 5th Grade Party is on Friday, June 15th (4pm-6pm). Our Sign Up Geniuses are currently full so thank you to all who are volunteering to help. 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 Events

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!!!

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 a few more volunteers to help serve lunch.. If you can help please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-wearerolling>. Remember, childcare will be provided on the playground for those helping with the event that day so bring your kids along! Please see attached flyer for additional details. Any questions, please contact Caitrin Dunphy at caitrin.dunphy@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. Interested in more information? Please email April Crawford and Shelly Bansal-Snow at Hillsides4thofJuly@gmail.com.

Community

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP) Seeking Volunteers for 2018-2019 School Year

Do you have two mornings a month free during the school year? Are you looking for a meaningful and fun way to make a difference in children's lives? If so, then join our dynamic team of trained CAP volunteers who are committed to using guided discussions and role plays to teach children in the Needham Elementary Schools that they have the right to be Safe, Strong and Free with their friends and peers, when they meet adult strangers, and with those who are trusted to take care of them. We are now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The next training begins on October 28th. For more information or an application, please visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org or contact Caren Nemtzow, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org

Join the High Rock Pollard PTC! Calling all 5th grade parents, the HRP-PTC is in need of your help. There are far fewer asks from parents in middle school than in elementary school. No classroom volunteering, no Halloween or spring carnivals, no organized teacher gifts. What the HRP ~ PTC does bring to our community of 1300 students and 200 staff among both schools is top quality curriculum enrichment programs, funds for curriculum grants to teachers for innovation in the classroom, luncheons for all staff, scholarships for our students in need and countless other supports and programs for all students and teachers. You are still very much needed behind the scenes so please consider volunteering, reach out for more information, we would love to connect you with our current volunteer to find out more. If interested in any of the below positions, please email president@highrockpollardptc.org.

Newsletter & Communications- 1-2 volunteers to send out

regular PTC communication. We currently use Mail Chimp for our Newsletter format but we are open to discussing other options.

High Rock Hospitality- 1 to 2 volunteers

Are you great at throwing parties? We'd love your expertise and a few hours of your time over the course of the 2018/2019 school year! This fun opportunity as PTC Hospitality Co-Chairs helps show our Middle School teachers just how much we appreciate them! The High Rock Pollard PTC is looking for a couple of volunteers to plan and execute three teacher/staff meals: a lunch at the beginning of the year, a breakfast mid-year and an end of school lunch in June. Create an easy SignUp Genius for parents to bring food in and be available to set up the meals. If we cannot find volunteers to take on High Rock Hospitality, teacher appreciation lunches and breakfasts won't happen. Pollard parents represented High Rock this year and they cannot continue that responsibility, the logistics of planning for two different schools is far too difficult. Please consider volunteering!

Fundraising: Magazine Drive Coordinator- Seeking 1-2 volunteers to coordinate the online magazine fundraising campaign that typically takes place over a three week period in September/October. Responsibilities include coordinating dates and printing promotional fliers with school secretaries and magazine company. Once campaign is launched, volunteers need to continue to promote and advertise via newsletter. Once campaign period is over, volunteers need to get sales information from an online tracking report, establish who the top sellers are and distribute prizes accordingly. Magazine sales can be promoted post campaign period but sales will not go towards prize attainment.

Curriculum Grants - We are looking for a co-chair of the curriculum grants committee. This person would help facilitate the application and award of curriculum grants submitted by teachers, administration or parents. The co-chairs circulate the application to the committee via email and relay questions and concerns and ultimately approval or denial of the request from the committee back to the applicant.

Parent Programming Coordinator- We are looking for 2 volunteers to coordinate a few parent lecture events for next year. Programs in the past have ranged from a day of lecture speakers to an evening viewing of movies like Screenagers.

Media Center Coordinator: 1-2 volunteers
Work with the High Rock and Pollard librarians to schedule a consistent group of volunteers who work in the media center weekly or biweekly. Recruit volunteers through the PTC and school newsletters, create the schedule and be available throughout the year to help with any scheduling changes.

Box Tops Coordinator:
The heart of a successful Box Tops campaign is the school's Box Tops for Education coordinator. Coordinators are responsible for organizing and submitting Box Tops collected by the school, raising awareness about Box Tops at the school and in the community, communicating the

school's earnings progress to school supporters, and spreading the word about new opportunities to earn with Box Tops.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: Your box top contributions make a difference!! We made \$1,600 this year on box tops. Go HILLSIDE! 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:

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.

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) or Meg (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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



"Little Shop of Horrors" Coming to Needham High June 8th & 9th!

Don't miss NHS's student-directed musical, "Little Shop of Horrors"! Performances are on **Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th at 7pm** in the Needham High School auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5, *cash or check, please*.

This electrifying musical rock comedy, set in the 1960s on Skid Row, will knock your socks off and leave you singing and laughing for days! The story is about how the introduction of a man-eating plant, "Audrey II," impacts a nerdy floral assistant, his coworker (who happens to be the woman of his dreams), and their nasty boss. The talented cast of NHS students will doo-wop, dance and sing their way into your hearts as they face difficult decisions and fight for love on the streets of New York.

You will not want to miss this sensational, high-energy production! May not be suitable for all audiences. Questions? Please contact Director/Co-Music Director/Choreographer Julia Chase at jmich222@gmail.com.



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.

Needham Street Fair

Saturday, June 2, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Town Common

Experience fun for the whole family at Needham's biggest annual community event!

- Enjoy Touch the Trucks, Trolley & Pony Rides, Photo Booth, Bouncy House, Face Painting and much more.
- Soak in performances featuring neighborhood talent.
- Sample fare from Needham restaurants.
- Stop by our local business and organization booths.

For more information about the event, please go to www.nmchamber.com

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.

Raising Peacemakers Theater Camp -- July 23-28, 2018 in Needham!

The program combines original music and theater to focus on human virtues and is for children ages 4 - 15. For more information <https://www.raisingpeacemakers.org/> or call 860-816-2470.

The **Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)** is seeking volunteers for the 2018-2019 school year to teach children to protect themselves from verbal, physical and sexual assault. Applications are now being accepted for the training that begins on October 28th. For more information and an application, please contact Caren Nemptzow, Director, at cnemptzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org.



Needham Parents Care Brings You Another:
[Parent Tip-of-the-Month: Social Media & Technology Part 2](#)

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

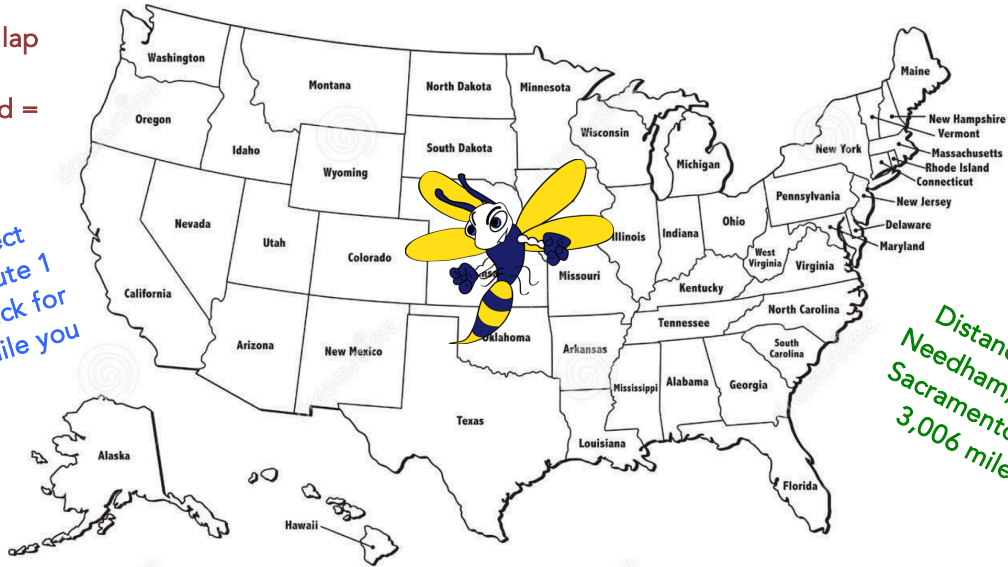
When: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

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!**