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Hillside News June 8, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES

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Last Day of School -- Early Release

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Thank you to **Tricia Sherman** for organizing and running **Movie Night!** The kids had a great time watching the movie, playing with friends and lighting up glow sticks!

Our **"Red Carpet" Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** was a HUGE success!!! Thank you so much to all the families who contributed and to the parents who volunteered to help make the event so special for our amazing teachers and staff! A **big thank you** to **Caitrin Dunphy** and **Betsy Alperstein** for organizing the luncheon and making the teachers feel like stars this year!

The **Calendar Raffle** ended today – Congrats to all of our raffle winners and a **big thank you** to **Jennifer Schaffstein** and **April Crawford** for running the Calendar Raffle!!! Thanks to all of the Hillside families who purchased raffle tickets and donated prizes! Thanks to you we raised over \$7,100 to fund field trips, special grade-level programs and special technology resources. **WAY TO FINISH STRONG HILLSIDE!!!!**

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.

A MESSAGE FROM HILLSIDE CARES: Please ask your child to check the Lost & Found before the last day of school. Sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, hats, and other assorted items have been collected and are waiting for their

rightful owners to claim them! Any items left after June 18th will be discarded or donated to Circle of Hope. Please contact Sarah Burns @ sarahmag18@yahoo.com with any questions.

Looking Ahead

School Tool Box - School Supply Kits

Online ordering for teacher-approved school supply kits is OPEN! Order online through www.schooltoolbox.com and **schedule your delivery date to your home for anytime this summer!** No need to worry about the back to school rush! Not only is this a quick and easy way to get all of your school supplies but a portion of the proceeds benefit Hillside School! This program is being offered to rising 1st through 5th graders. (Rising kindergarteners will receive a separate letter this summer from their teacher.) No need to know which teacher you have next year— each grade level has a pre-built school supply box already loaded on the school toolbox site—so you can **one-click order** all your teacher approved supplies! You can also order additional supplies for your home or other siblings not at Hillside! Go to www.schooltoolbox.com and search for Hillside School! If you have any questions contact Jessica Young at jessicamercer@yahoo.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 are looking for volunteers to help with assembly as well asking for donations of materials and decorations to make our float awesome! We are also looking still looking for a **trailer** that can hold between 8-10 kids. If you can help out or want to make a donation sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f044aacab2fabf85-4thofjuly>. 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.

Attention 2018-2019 Kindergarten Parents:

Please save the date for the **Hillside Kindergarten Gathering** on **Thursday, August 29th from 4:30p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Hillside Elementary School Playground. Come and meet your new classmates. Popsicles and water will be provided. Shine only!

Please also save the date for “**Koffee and Kleenex**” on the **first day of Kindergarten (September 5, 2018) immediately after each drop-off (AM and PM).**

Any questions, please contact Sarah Docktor (sarahdocktor@gmail.com) or Julie Hand (jhand1223@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 Nemtzw, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzw@needhamcommunitycouncil.org

Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

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To purchase online (by June 13th), visit nefneedham.org. You may also buy cards in person at Volante Farms, Roche Bros. or Sudbury Farms through June 18th. Questions? Contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.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!!

Please keep them coming through the end of the school year!!!! Also, be sure to keep collecting over the summer so you can bring them in at the beginning of the school year. 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.

Garden Crew: We are looking for a volunteer (or two!) to help keep Hillside's flower gardens growing, watered and weeded in fall and spring. The largest priority is the small area by the front steps. This is a great role for those out there with a particularly green thumb! Reach out to 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.

PTC Co-Presidents

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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” TONIGHT AT 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.



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Please join us Sunday, June 10th, at the second annual **Needham PMC (Pan Mass Challenge) Kids Ride** for kids 2-15 years, 8:15-11:30am, at the Pollard Middle School. Register in advance to ride or to volunteer at the event: www.kids.pmc.org or make a donation to support the Needham ride; 100% of funds raised go directly to the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber. A post-event party with music, bouncy houses, food, drinks, and amazing raffle prizes takes place after the ride.

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.

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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 Nemtzow, Director, at cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org.

Needham Parents Care Brings You Another:

[Parent Tip-of-the-Month: Emotion Coaching for Dads](#)

Children Entering Grades K-5
Libraries Rock!
Summer Reading Program



Children of all ages, up to those entering 5th Grade in the fall, are invited to sign up for Summer Reading at the Needham Free Public Library. Children record the amount of time they

spend reading, or are read aloud to, using a paper or online reading log. Children receive a free book and a voucher for a WNBA summer basket ball game when they sign up. They receive a small toy prize for every 4 hours of reading, up to 16 hours. Children who complete the program by reading or being read to for 16 hours by August 5th will receive a second free book and a ticket to the August 5th Pawtucket Pawsox baseball game. They will also be eligible to win grand prizes through random drawing. Children who read for more than 16 hours will also receive a free kids meal at Friendly's and be entered in a state-wide drawing for prizes from the Boston Bruins.

The theme this summer is music - Libraries Rock! The school that has the highest percentage of students who read for the most hours over the summer will receive a Rock and Roll trophy for their school.

The library will be hosting a number of free craft, music and movement, sing along, drum circle, music science, musical movies and performance programs over the summer.

To register for Summer Reading, stop by the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library, [1139 Highland Avenue](http://1139HighlandAvenue) or call 781-455-7559 x 204 or sign up online at <http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID-3035>. Children can register now through July 30th.

Lego Time

June 12th
4:00 PM

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come build with the library's Legos and to photograph their creations.

Free Movie: Camp Rock

Friday, June 15th at 3:00 PM

This free movie is rated PG and runs 97 minutes. At a music camp for gifted teens, a popular teen idol overhears a girl singing and sets out to find who the talented voice belongs to. What he doesn't know is that the girl is actually a camp kitchen worker with a fear of being heard.

Family Activity Morning

Saturday, June 16th

10:00-11:30 AM

Families with children of all ages are invited to explore arts and crafts projects together, work on a collaborative project and play games that enhance literacy, logic or math skills.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, June 16th

3:15-4:30 PM

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to read one or all of the Al Capone books - *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, *Al Capone Sines My Shoes*, *Al Capone Does My Homework* and *Al Capone Throws Me a Curve* by Gennifer Gholdenko. Discuss the books with friends, enjoy book-themed activities and snacks. Books are available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. Register by visiting the Children's Desk or calling 781-455-7559 x 204.

Drumming with Dummies

Monday, June 18th

4:00 PM

Celebrate the end of the school year with this special Sign-Up for Summer Reading event. Children ages 4 and up can watch ventriloquist Kevin Driscoll perform with a variety of dummies. Children will be able to play the Irish Bodhran drum, Tahitian Toere drum and more. After the performance, sign up for Summer Reading.

Free Movie Showing - The Muppet Movie

Friday, June 22 at 3:00 pm

This G rated movie runs 97 minutes.

After Kermit the Frog decides to pursue a movie career, he starts his cross-country trip from Florida to California. Along the way, he meets and befriends Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy, Gonzo and rock musicians Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem.

Yoga For Children

Saturday, June 23 at 10:30 AM

Join a professional Yoga Instructor for Yoga for children ages 5-9 years old.

Official Summer Reading Kick-Off Event

Science Tellers Present The Mystery of the Golden Piano

Tuesday, June 26th 4:00 PM

Science Tellers combine storytelling with science experiments. Children ages 4 and up will explore chemical reactions, acids and bases, combustion, air pressure, inertia and more during this wild west story of a rotten cowboy and a mysterious piano.

New England Aquarium

Friday, June 29 from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Children of all ages are welcome to drop in to experience Tide Pool Touch Tanks from the New England Aquarium. Pick up and handle starfish, horseshoe crabs and other creatures that may share the beach with you this summer. Learn about these creatures from New England Aquarium interpreters. Other crafts and activities will also be provided. Especially suited for young children.

Family Book Club

Saturday, June 30th at 3:15

This is a new book club for readers in Grades K-2 and their families/caregivers. Read *Drum Dream Girl* by Margarita Engle and *Tito Puente-Mambo King* by Monica Brown. Copies of these picture book biographies are available at the Children's Desk. Adults and children attend the book club meeting together to learn about these musicians, listen to their music and make a drum to take home. Registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

STEAM Powered Creation Station

The library's STEAM Powered Creation Station-- a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Maker Space for children in grades 1-5-- is open all day, evenings and weekends during the summer. Children are invited to drop in to code robots, play computer coding board games, use a digital microscope, build with a variety of materials, create a marble run and explore electricity with Squishy Circuits, Snap Circuits and Little Bits.

STEAM Center Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:30 PM

Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Sunday 1:00 PM-4:30 PM



Promote your sale!

Posters: We've provided colorful posters for you to display at school. Be sure to hang them in areas where parents will see them, such as near the entrance to the school or popular drop-off areas.

Reminder Stickers: We've provided bright, colorful reminder stickers that you can send home with students. These are great for sticking inside assignment notebooks, on take-home folders or on kids' hands while they're in the bus or carpool line.

Email Campaign: Ask your School Tool Box representative to send you our email ads that you can email directly to parents. We have eight colorful designs to help promote your sale. You could send one weekly or monthly depending on how long your sale will be.

Social Media: Does your school or PTO/PTA have a Facebook page or Twitter account? That's a great place to promote your sale. Our eight email ads can be converted to JPEG files that can be uploaded to Facebook just like a photo. You can also post a copy of the ordering flyer with prices and deadlines. Ask your School Tool Box representative for an electronic version of your school's flyer.

Sample Box: Ask your School Tool Box representative for a sample box to set up a display at school. If your school doesn't have a designated display case, perhaps you could set up a display at Open House, Registration or other event at school. You could also use the sample as a raffle prize at a PTO/PTA event for even more fundraising!

Yard Signs: Use foam board to make reminders to post at the entrance of the school or at popular drop-off areas.

School Marquee: Find out if it's possible to reserve a spot on your school's marquee for during the ordering period.

School Newsletter/Calendar: Many schools have a virtual backpack or newsletter that provides information about events and happenings at the school. Reserve a spot during the ordering period to remind parents to order.

Teachers: Did you know that parents have the option of donating an item to their child's teacher or classroom when they place their School Tool Box order? Through our Teacher's Wish List program, teachers can create a list that works like a registry – choosing items they may have previously paid for out of their own pocket from the over 800 new educational products available. Once a teacher has built a Wish List, we will provide flyers to send home, letting parents know it's available.

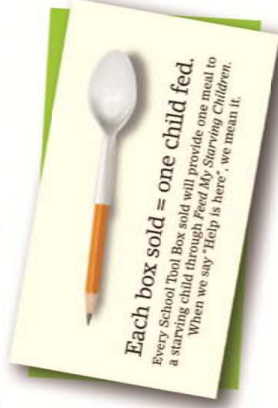
Customize and Order Online Today!

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be **DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS**. You will have the option to **CUSTOMIZE** your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It's that simple! **Order today!**



SCHOOL TOOL BOX



School Name:

Hillside Elementary School
Needham, MA

Ordering Available:

Beginning June 8th

Allow 10 days for processing.

1st Grade - \$34.83
2nd Grade - \$29.34
3rd Grade - \$19.06
4th Grade - \$21.19
5th Grade - \$20.61

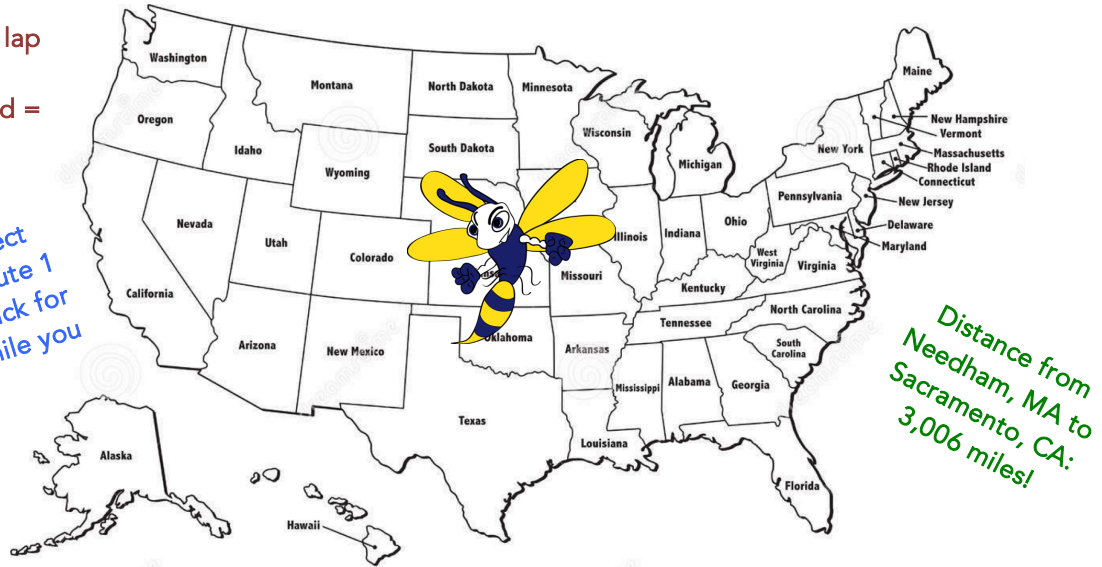


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Hornets Buzz Across America

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!**