

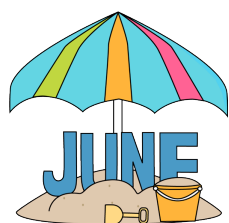
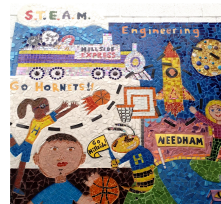
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Hillside News June 15, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES

18 Last Day of School -- Early Release

Safe travels this summer...we will see you in September!!



HAPPY
SUMMER

News from Mr. K

This has been an extraordinary year for me for many reasons, some challenging and some truly wonderful. I feel very fortunate that the latter far outweighed the former due to the support from you, the generous Hillside community, the talented colleagues I work with each day, and the equally talented students who enable me to smile every day! I would like to acknowledge a few people for their help this year. Dr. Cheryl Maloney's presence in my absence gave me the reassurance I needed to be away from Hillside last fall. PTC presidents, Erin Apstein and Meg Rosenbaum, have been consistently supportive of all we hope to accomplish as a community. And, finally, Lori Donovan. She and the entire staff here at Hillside make coming to work a true joy and on behalf of them all, I want to thank you for entrusting your children to us every day. I hope you have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

Love, Mr.K

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

It is hard to believe we are writing the last Buzz for the school year!!! **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all of our **Committee Chairs** and the **parent volunteers** who supported them at each of our many events. From our Room Parents to our media volunteers, our website coordinator to our garden crew (and everything else in between!!), please know how very grateful we are that you donated your time to our school this year. It's the wonderful Hillside families that make our community so strong and special so **THANK YOU!!!!** We hope everyone has a wonderful summer (and save those Box Tops all summer for our Fall Contest -- details below) !!!

We got a great day for the **5th Grade Field Day** and the kids had SO MUCH FUN!!!! A very big thank you to Seema Meloni, Jess Rolanti, Lindsay Cusson, and Marybeth Piersak

for organizing the day. If you haven't had a chance to check out the 5th Grade Slideshow the kids viewed that day you can catch it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CZD5V5KSSU&feature=youtu.be> - a special thanks to Kim McCollum for creating this awesome walk down memory lane. And finally, a great big thank you to the many 5th grade parents who came to help out on Tuesday.

And the final celebration for our 5th graders is being held this afternoon from 4-6pm at the Boston Sports Club pool. Thank you to Seema Layne for organizing this great send off for our 5th grade class!!

The **Calendar Raffle** was a huge success -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!!!!**

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.

A Message From Our President

I have truly enjoyed serving as PTC Co-President the last two years, especially working with Meg Rosenbaum, Heidi Wiesel, Seema Meloni, and Michael Kascak and all the parents and teachers. I would like to thank everyone for their support and efforts throughout my tenure. I am proud of what we have accomplished for the students, teachers

and Hillside, all of which would not have been possible without each of your generous donations (both financial and your time). It's been a wonderful experience working with this very special and talented community and getting to know so many of you. I am confident that Meg and Vanessa will do great things in the future, and look forward to volunteering in the coming years! - Erin Apstein

Looking Ahead

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.

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

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 Nemtzow, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzw@needhamcommunitycouncil.org

Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

Recognize a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). NEF Gift for Education Cards make it simple to show your gratitude, while supporting innovation and excellence in Needham Public Schools. If you order online, NEF can send the cards back to you so you can personalize and hand deliver, or we can send the cards for you. Cards are \$15 each, \$60 for 5 cards, or \$100 for 10 cards.

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.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops Summer Challenge!!! Since our box tops contest this past Fall was a TREMENDOUS success, we will have a Fall Box Tops Contest again!!! We encourage you to continue clipping and saving those box tops all summer so you can be ready for the contest next school year! Just remember that the box tops cannot be expired. We cannot wait to see which class wins!!! Please remember all of your box top contributions make a difference!!

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.

PTC Co-Presidents

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www.HillsidePTC.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 Nemtzw, Director, at cnemtzw@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](#)

Beth Israel Deaconess - Needham Gala

It was a very good year, but the best is yet to come for BID-Needham! Come Fly Away at the 20th annual #BIDNeedhamGala! Everyone is invited to celebrate on November 3, 2018. Tickets available at www.bidneedham.org/gala

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](#) 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.

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 Shines 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

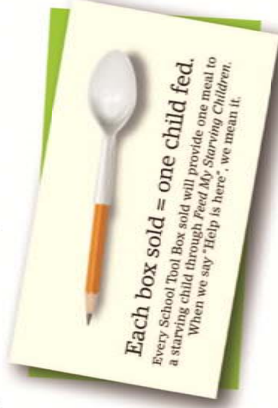
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Dear Parents,

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!**



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Ordering Available:

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



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