

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES

19 No School -- Yom Kippur
25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal



08 No School -- Columbus Day
25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal

News from Mr. K

Thank you for joining us this week for our Curriculum Evenings, our last one here at Hillside!

A number of you have asked for the link to the Kindness Challenge video that we shared at those meetings. Here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ju3ygNPFH98&feature=youtu.be>

In the coming weeks, keep an eye out for some examples of kindness our students have done, experienced, or have seen, which will be posted on the lobby bulletin board. In the meantime, work hard, be kind and stay safe!

Have a great weekend!

Mr. K

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Please read on to find out what's happening with the PTC this week.

Thank you to **Libby Moore**, our Walk to School Coordinator, for organizing our first walk/bike to school day - **the Back to School Stride** this past Wednesday! We hope to see you at the International Walk to School Day on **Wednesday October 10th** after which we will be awarding the **Golden Sneaker** for the class with the most walkers! For a list of future Walk To School dates please see the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

Invest In Our Children Campaign: Our IIOC Campaign is underway and we want to thank everyone who has donated - we are off to a great start! The IIOC IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the YEAR and runs until September 28th. Our goal this year is to exceed **\$18,000** with **100%** participation We are currently at \$5,420 with 17% participation!! **NO DONATION AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL.** If we make our collective goal then we are offering a printed Hillside Directory to every family! Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the funds will go toward supporting many amazing programs and items for our kids. To pay by credit card, please use the PayPal donate button on our website. We are also accepting cash, checks, and money orders or, if you prefer, send your payments into the school in the yellow envelope sent home with your student. To read more about the IIOC see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

We hope you'll join us for **Back to School Picnic** on **Thursday, September 20** from **5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hillside playground** (rain date Friday, 9/21). This is a great way to celebrate the start of the school year, gather with friends and meet new families! Bring along a blanket, food and beverages. We'll have a DJ and free slush. In addition, we will have pizza and a limited amount of snacks and water for sale. Keep Hillside "green" and bring along your own reusable water bottle! Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details. **Please consider signing up to help out at this event:** [Sign up online](#) and contact Jen Leonard-Schaffstein with any questions at leonardschaffstein@yahoo.com Hope you can make it!

Come along to our first **PTC meeting** of the year on **Tuesday, October 2, at 7:15 pm**, in the Hillside Gym. At this meeting we are fortunate to have Caren Nemtzow, the Director of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program, presenting information on the CAP Program in school. We will also resume our normal business reviewing and approving enrichment grants as well as sharing and discussing important information about the school and PTC activities. **Please join us – it's a great way to stay informed and get involved!**

Hillside's Spirit Wear Sale will be starting on October 1st. We are finalizing the selections now and preparing the website for launch...we are excited to show you the offerings of our last ever Hillside spirit wear sale - it will be nostalgic for sure! Stay tuned for additional details.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be a **Room Parent** this year! The **Room Parent meeting** will be held on **Friday October 5th at 8.35am** in the Hillside Cafeteria. We request that at least 1 (if not all) room parent for each classroom attends this informational meeting. It will also help for us to have you all there so that we can ensure all CORI forms are completed. If you have any questions, please contact April Crawford @ aacrawford44@gmail.com or Shelly Bansal-Snow @ sbansal99@gmail.com.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Special BJs Wholesale Fundraiser/Discount: We have an exciting fundraiser/discount available for the community. Get a new 12 month membership for only \$25 (Rewards membership is \$50). Renewals for basic accounts are \$40 for 13 months (currently \$55 at store) and for rewards accounts are \$80 for 13 months (currently \$110 at store). For every new membership or renewal, BJs will donate \$5 back to the Hillside PTC. To take advantage of these great deals, complete the application form (see the flyer at the end of the newsletter) and return it to school by October 3rd in an envelope labeled "Hillside PTC - BJs Membership". Any questions, contact Seema Meloni (seema.meloni@gmail.com).

Box Tops: We are collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. Collection sheets and a collection box for sheets/box tops are located at the PTC bulletin board near Lori's desk. There will be a **Fall Box Tops Contest -- beginning October 15th** -- during which time classes will compete to collect the highest amount of Box Tops. The winning class will receive a POPSICLE PARTY! So start saving those Box Tops now!!! More information to follow. Any questions, please contact our Box Tops Coordinator, Joyce McCafferty @ sjsong77@yahoo.com.

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:

Seeking Media Center Volunteers: The Hillside Media Center needs volunteers during your child's class this year. The media volunteers are an extremely valuable to the busy media center and typically help checking books in and out, shelving and organizing and helping children locate something to read. A brief training session will be offered to those who haven't volunteered previously. It's a fun way to interact with your child's class!

We are looking for volunteers who can come into the media center twice a month. If you are unable to make one of your weeks, for any reason, then we have a system where you can ask the other volunteers if they can substitute.

How to sign up:

1. Find your child's class on the attached media schedule at the end of the newsletter;
2. Review and the A-B-C-D weeks and check the calendar dates, and decide which weeks are best for you. (For example, weeks A and C may work best for you); and

3. Email hillsidemediavolunteer@gmail.com with your child's class and preferred weeks.

Seeking 1st Grade Cafeteria Volunteers: Parent volunteers help the students get through the lunch line more quickly so that they have ample time to eat and help the 1st graders learn to clean up before the next lunch shift comes in. You can sign-up for as many or as few days as you can offer. There are *only a few slots left* - to sign up, either contact **Ilana Kaufman** at kaufman.ilana@gmail.com or go to the Sign up Genius [link](#).

Yearbook Coordinator Co-Chair (2018-2019): We are looking for a co-chair to join Samantha Shapiro as she works 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.

Carnival: The Hillside Spring Fling/Carnival will be back this spring by popular demand. Before we say hello to the new Sunita Williams School we need to say farewell to Hillside by hosting one last event that will celebrate the wonderful school Hillside has been to us all.

Committee Chair(s) will lead the planning for the event, which will include inflatables, arts and crafts, games, and concessions. Chair(s) will help to recruit and manage volunteers who will assist in executing the details of the event. Email Meg (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) or Vanessa (vanessajones694@icloud.com) if you are interested.

SEPAC

"Needham's Special Education Services and Programs" - Please join us for our annual overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22. This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, gain a general understanding of special education in Needham, and hear about what will be new this year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3. 7:00pm – Networking & Refreshments, 7:30 pm – Program Begins. Broadmeadow School Media Center 120 Broadmeadow Road, Needham

METCO Needham Parent Council

Please see the attached flyer at the end of the newsletter for information on the METCO Needham Parent Council and the support it offers METCO families. If you want more information please contact Sinceree Diego sclarkediego@gmail.com.

More Hillside Hornet Buzz...

Auditions for the Elementary Honors Chorus will take place on Tuesday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 26 from 3:15 to 5:00 in the Broadmeadow School Music Room #133. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Needham Public Schools will be providing opportunities for members of the school community to participate in professional development offerings through Primary Source.

Attached you will find information about program offerings or you can check out their website at www.primarysource.org. Because of our district membership with Primary Source, there is no cost to participate in these workshops. However, the number of seats we have available is limited, and **you need to get district approval from Terry Duggan in the Office of Student Learning.**

Registration Process

1. If you would like to participate, please obtain approval from your supervisor. (Approval is required for seminar series and one-day workshops.)
2. Once you have obtained approval from your supervisor, contact Corinne MacDonald in the Office of Student Learning by **September 21**, indicating which program you are interested in.
3. The Office of Student Learning will notify you and Primary Source of your approval to participate.

4. Once Primary Source receives the list of approved teachers, they will contact each teacher with a confirmation message. Primary Source is offering two, free online seminars. If you are interested, you may register directly with Primary Source using the links below.

[Free Online Seminars](#)

- [The Chinese Internet: Open for Business, Closed to Criticism](#) (September 25, 2018)- This webinar, led by Communications and International Relations scholar Min Jiang of UNC Charlotte, will offer an overview of the historical development of the Internet in China. *In collaboration with the National Humanities Center.* [Register for the free webinar here!](#)
- [Latin America & the Caribbean Now: Topics for the Classroom](#) (January 29, February 26, March 13, 2019)- This 3-part webinar series will update your knowledge and bring new perspectives through in-depth conversation with leading scholars on the topics of environmental colonialism, border politics, and the state of governance in the region. [Register](#) for all 3 webinars and receive 10 PDP's!



Come join the fun at the CRC 5K Run/1-Mile Walk on Sunday, September 23rd

It's a terrific, community-building event, with over 600 people participating in previous years. The course loops through the scenic backroads of Needham and Wellesley, and ends with a festive after party at the Charles River Center with food, drinks, and fun. Free T-shirts to the first 300 entries. Register at <http://www.charlesrivercenterroadrace.com> or [CRC 5K Run/1-Mile Walk Facebook page](#)

The Plugged In Band Program fall session rock band classes for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels begin the week of September 24. Registration for private lessons is ongoing. For more information ongoing, please call 781-444-187 or visit www.pluggedinband.org.

Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis: On Thursday September 27, at 7:30 pm, at the Center at the Heights, [300 Hillside Ave](#), the League of Women Voters of Needham will welcome guest speaker David Hemenway, Ph.D., Professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center. Dr. Hemenway will present the case for gun violence as a public health issue. For further information and a flyer visit <https://lwv-needham.org/gun-violence-a-public-health-crisis/> Questions? Contact: president@lwv-needham.org.

Parent Talk Fall Used Clothing, Toy & Equipment Sale

Sunday Oct 14 8:30am-12:45pm at the Newman School [1155 Central Ave Needham](#)

For more info email clothingsale@parenttalk.info or go to <http://www.parenttalk.info/members/community/used-clothing-toy-sale.php>



The Fall Book Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library will be held on Friday, September 28 from 12:30-4:30, Saturday, September 29 from 9:00-4:00, and Sunday, September 30 from 1:00-4:00. Sunday is bargain day with all books half-price and a brown bag of books a bargain at \$8.00. For further information, visit the Friends' website <http://friendsneedhamlibrary.org> or call 781-455-7559

Hillside's Back to School

PICNIC



Thursday, September 20th

(Rain Date: Friday, September 21th)

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

School Playground

DJ • Free Slushies

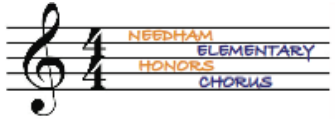


Bring a picnic dinner or
purchase pizza!

Drinks will also be
available for purchase

Keep Hillside "green"
and bring along your own
reusable water bottle!





The Needham Fine and Performing Arts Department is proud to announce the auditions for the 2018-2019 Elementary Honors Chorus. This is one of our advanced elementary ensembles, along with the Honors Band and NESO.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Elementary Honors Chorus is to provide a more advanced singing experience for 4th and 5th graders. The group will perform more challenging music than the typical non-select school chorus and will continue working on vocal development. The music performed will engage highly motivated singers who have demonstrated a commitment to developing their singing voice. The Elementary Honors Chorus will provide these selected students a locally accessible outlet for their talents with additional performance opportunities.

SELECTION: The *Elementary Honors Chorus is open to students in the 4th or 5th grade* who attend one of Needham's elementary schools. The chorus will number between 40-60 students (approximately). Students will be selected to represent all of Needham's elementary schools.

AUDITIONS: for the Elementary Honors Chorus will take place on:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 3:15-5:00pm
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 3:15-5:00pm
in the Broadmeadow School music room (133).

Students will sing "America, the Beautiful". The audition procedure and song will be reviewed in each child's school chorus rehearsal and the song is available on the Elementary Honors Chorus website, address is below.

AUDITION SIGN-UPS: Please sign-up online for an audition time **BEFORE** the audition days. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44a8a929a1ff2-auditions1> The link is also on the Elementary Honors Chorus website (see below) and linked from the Needham FPA website. Please email Heather Tryon if you have any problems or questions with signing up.

NOTIFICATION: The conductor, Heather Tryon, will email the parent whether or not the student made the group after auditions are over. Unfortunately, due to the large numbers of students and the fact that students' voices develop at different rates, there may be a few who audition who are not yet ready for the group. We encourage all to try, but to also be prepared and understand if not accepted.

FEE: Honors Chorus members are required to pay an Honors Chorus participation fee of \$110/student/year. Fees will be collected the first week of rehearsals. (checks payable to "Needham Public Schools")* If there is a financial hardship, contact LeeAnn Sutton, Director of Fine & Performing Arts to request financial support. leeann_sutton@needham.k12.ma.us

***NOTE: Payments can also be made online using MySchoolBucks.com.**

PLEASE TURN OVER -- THERE'S MORE!



**HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL**



INVEST in OUR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN (IIOC)

What is the IIOC?

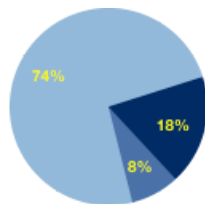
- ★ Largest funding source for the PTC, formally known as the Annual Dues Drive.
- ★ A commitment to giving your child an enriched educational experience.
- ★ 100% of your donation goes directly to the PTC.

**IIOC
Fundraising
Goal
\$18,000**

Why should I give?

- ★ Directly benefits your Hillside student.
- ★ Enables students' learning outside of the core curriculum.
- ★ Technology & enrichment grants support teachers with their learning objectives.
- ★ Helps build a strong community by funding fun family events throughout the year.

Where will my money go?



74% Learning and Curriculum Enrichment

Enrichment grants: Creative Arts programming; Living Voices, MFA Trips; Field trips; Author in residence and writing workshops; UDA; CAP program; School supplies for our teachers.

18% Community Support & Events

Hillside Cares Community Outreach; Back to school Picnic; Staff Appreciation events; Festival of Cultures; Family Fun Night; Walk to School program; K and New Family gatherings; Spring Carnival; Welcome to Hillside signs; 5th Grade end of year events.

8% Media & Technology

New technology purchases for teachers and students including iPads, document cameras/scanners, Kano Computer Kit, Green screen paint; New library books

How much should I give and how do I do it?

- ★ We are asking that 100% of our families donate whatever amount is possible.
- ★ Every contribution is appreciated and demonstrates a commitment to your child's education.
- ★ To donate via PayPal please visit the Hillside PTC website or return the IIOC envelope to school with cash or check made out to Hillside PTC by Friday, September 28th.
- ★ Your contribution is tax deductible.
- ★ Don't forget to ask if your company has a Matching Gift Program.

The Hillside PTC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (TAX ID# 043-378-085)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



METCO NEEDHAM PARENT COUNCIL

Supporting all METCO families in Needham
*monthly informational meetings,
encouraging student & parent activities,
holiday potluck & year end celebrations*



**For more information email Sinceree Clarke-Diego, Chairperson
needhammpc@gmail.com**



FUEL YOUR FUNDRAISER

SPECIAL OFFERS JUST FOR:

Two Great Membership Offers	BJ's INNER CIRCLE® MEMBERSHIP — Just \$40* Save \$15 off the \$55 annual Membership fee— PLUS get 1 bonus month FREE	or	BJ's PERKS REWARDS® MEMBERSHIP — Just \$80* Earn 2% back on most BJ's purchases Save \$30 off the \$110 annual Membership fee— PLUS get 1 bonus month FREE
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Every BJ's Primary Member receives a second card for a household member at no additional charge.
PLUS YOUR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION WILL GET \$5 FROM BJ'S.

To qualify for this offer, please:

1. Complete this application in full and return it to your Organization Rep at the address below. Please include a check or credit card payment for the full amount.
2. New Members: Your Membership Activation letter will arrive in 3 – 4 weeks. Bring it, along with photo ID, to the Member Services Desk at a Club near you to receive your Membership Card.
3. Renewals: Enter your Membership Number in the space provided below. Your current Membership Card will be renewed.

Organization Rep: _____ Contact Number: _____

Offer Expires: _____ Address: _____

All BJ's Memberships are subject to BJ's current Membership Terms, ask in-Club or go to Bjs.com/terms.

Choose Membership Level: BJ's Inner Circle® Membership _____ BJ's Perks Rewards® Membership _____

Current Membership # (if applicable) _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Sex F M

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone # _____ Market Code (BJ's use only) _____

Email _____

Driver's License # _____ State _____
 (Required for check-writing privileges)



If you choose to receive the second Household Membership Card, please complete the following: (Note: Household Cardmember must reside at the same address as the Primary Cardholder.)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Primary Signature — I understand that I am responsible for any checks and actions of the second Cardholder.
Please choose your method of payment. *(Sales tax may be added. Make checks payable to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.)*

Date of Membership Purchase		
____ / ____ / ____	Month	Day
		Year

Check My BJ's Perks® Mastercard® Mastercard® American Express® Discover® Network Visa®

Credit Card Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ Total Charge _____

BJ's Use Only

BJ's Sales Representative's Signature: _____ Club # _____

All applications are sent to our Home Office; processing takes approximately 3 – 4 weeks.

Membership Expiration and Renewals: The month and year in which your Membership expires appear on your register receipts and on your "My Account" page on Bjs.com. Your Membership expires on the last day of the month and year shown. Paid Memberships renewed within two months after expiration will be extended 12 months from the expiration date. Paid Memberships renewed more than two months after expiration will be extended for 12 months from the last day of the month of renewal.

*BJ's Inner Circle® Membership fee is regularly \$55; BJ's Perks Rewards® Membership fee is regularly \$110. This offer may not be combined with other offers, is not redeemable for cash or transferable, is not available online or in-Club, and is good for new Members and current Members renewing before their expiration date only. Limit one offer per household. Photo identification required when applying for Membership. Plus state and local taxes where applicable or required by law.

My BJ's Perks® Program is provided by BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., and its terms may change from time to time. Some exclusions may apply. Visit Bjs.com/perksterms for Program Terms.

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Good Things Happen When You Join



Hillside School earns money and you save money!

**Join (New memberships Only \$25) or renew your
BJ's membership at a discount**

Renew

**\$15 off our \$55 Annual
Renewal Membership**

or

**\$30 off our \$110 Reward Renewal
Membership**

New Member

**\$25 for a New Membership
For 12 months (reg. \$55.)**

or

**\$50 for a Rewards Membership
For 12 months (Reg. 110.)**

- One FREE additional month of membership on Renewals
- FREE second membership card for a household member
- PLUS, BJ's will donate \$5 to Hillside Elementary for each application received

**Please return your completed application
To Seema Meloni
on or before Oct. 3, 2018**

Please include your email on new applications. Include your membership number if you are renewing

This offer is not available online or in any store location

Credit cards or checks made payable to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc will be accepted.

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAYS 2018-2019

Tuesday, September 12th : The Back to School Stride

Wednesday, October 10th : International Walk to School Day

Thursday, November 1st : The Autumn Amble

Friday, December 7th : The Winter Walk

Tuesday, January 8th : The Polar Bear Prowl

Thursday, February 7th : The Chilly Charge

Friday, March 8th : The March March

Tuesday, April 2nd : The Spring Saunter

Wednesday May 1st : Massachusetts Walk to School Day

Wednesday, May 8th : National Bike To School Day

Friday, June 6st : Summer Stroll

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 9.25	5R	2W	5Mi	KD	
9.30 - 10.10	5Ma	4K	1T	KM	
10.15 - 10.55	3Sa	2G	1D		2H
11.00 - 11.40		2D	3F	3E	1B
11.45 - 12.20					
12.30 - 1.10			1A	KM	
1.10 - 1.50	3Sh		4H	KD	4B
1.55 - 2.35					5F

KEY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 9.25	ROBERTS	WATTS	MILLER	DE MARIA	
9.30 - 10.10	MAHONEY	KATZ	TARANTINO	MICELLI	
10.15 - 10.55	SANTINELLO	GONECONTO	DANGELO		HACKETT
11.00 - 11.40		DUMMETT	FULLER	EVERTS	BROWN
11.45 - 12.20					
12.30 - 1.10			AUDIBERT	MICELLI	
1.10 - 1.50	SHEA		HSU	DE MARIA	BRACKEN
1.55 - 2.35					FRANKS

	A	B	C	D
SEPTEMBER	4th - 7th	10th - 14th	17th - 21st	24th - 28th
OCTOBER	1st - 5th	8th - 12th	15th - 19th	22nd - 26th
NOVEMBER	29th Oct - 2nd	5th - 9th	12th - 16th	19th - 23rd
DECEMBER	26th Nov - 30th Nov	3rd - 7th	10th 14th	17th - 21st
JANUARY	2nd - 4th	7th - 11th	14th - 18th	21st - 25th
FEBRUARY	28th Jan - 1st	4th - 8th	11th - 15th	25th - 1st Mar
MARCH	4th - 8th	11th - 15th	18th - 22nd	25th - 29th
APRIL	1st - 5th	8th - 12th	22nd - 26th	29th - 3rd May
MAY	6th - 10th	13th - 17th	20th - 24th	27th - 31st
JUNE	3rd - 7th	10th -14th	*17th - 21st	*21st - 25th
			*dates in blue indicate snow day weeks	