Hillside News September 21, 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES

25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal

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



News from Mr. K

Tyler Donovan, a Hillside alum and a Lieutenant in the Army Reserves, returned from his year-long stint serving our country in the Middle East. I personally want to welcome him back and thank him for his service to our country and community. His mom, Lori Donovan, has asked me to share her deepest gratitude with all of you in our Hillside family who have been so supportive to her and her family while he was gone.

I know the Donovan family will be enjoying a truly wonderful, weekend and I wish the same for all of you!

Happy Autumn!

Mr. K



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

We were thrilled to see so many of you at our **Back to School Picnic** on Thursday - what a fantastic turnout! It was great to have our community come together to celebrate the start to the school year. A very big thank you to **Jen Schaffstein** and all of the parent volunteers who helped make it such a fun night for our kids.

Invest In Our Children Campaign: We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed to our IIOC Campaign! We have one week to go in our drive and with a current total of **\$12,110** we are at more than **67%** of our goal!! As a reminder, 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. PLEASE DONATE TODAY! 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!

Picture Day will be held on **Thursday, September 27**. Are you tired of paying for costly photo packages and then ending up with pictures where your child's hair is messy or clothing all askew? Well, here's your chance to help! **We need volunteers** to assist the Coffee Pond photographers as they capture portraits of all the children. If you can help, sign up using this <u>link</u>.

Upcoming Events

Please join us for 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 and will hear from the Needham Education Foundation (NEF) as well. 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. We hope to see you there – 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 @ <u>aacrawford44@gmail.com</u> or Shelly Bansal-Snow @ <u>sbansal99@gmail.com</u>.

We are excited to announce **The 2nd Annual Hillside Poker Tournament**! The Poker Tournament, which had 100 players last year, will be held on **Saturday, October 20th** at **6:30pm.** at the **Village Club** (83 Morton Street, Needham). The event is open to players of ALL skill levels. There is a \$50 entry fee to play and all proceeds benefit the Hillside PTC. **DON'T PLAY POKER?** We will have a cash bar so come and hang out. This is a great event for an evening out, so lock in your babysitter or give your spouse a night out. The top five players will all walk away with cash prizes with the top two winning at least \$250 in Amazon Gift Cards. We will also have a special raffle to give one person a CHANCE to win \$2,500. To register, go to: www.cfapromo.com/hillside. Please see flyer at end of this newsletter for additional details. Any questions, please contact Eric Friedberg at eric@cfapromo.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: Our **Fall Box Tops Contest** begins on **October 15th** -- we hope you are clipping and saving those box tops so you are ready for the start of the contest. Remember, the class that brings in the most boxtops will receive a POPSICLE PARTY! 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 still needs volunteers for a few time slots.

Day	Time	Class	Weeks	
Monday	9:30-10:10	Mahoney	A/C	
	10:10-10:55	Santinello	B/C	
	1:10-1:50	Shea	A	
Tuesday	8:45-9:25	Watts	D	
	9:30-10:10	Katz	B/C	
Wednesday	8:45-9:25	Miller	A/B/D	
	9:30-10:10	Tarantino	A/C	
	10:15-10:55	Dangelo	В	
	12:30-1:10	Audibert	B/D	
Thursday	12:30-1:10	Micelli - PM	В	
	1:10-1:50	Demaria - PM	В	
Friday	10:15-10:55	Hackett	B/D	

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 <u>hillsidemediavolunteer@gmail.com</u> 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!! Samantha is leaving this position at the end of the school year as her son graduates Hillside. We would like to find a volunteer(s) to learn the existing process from Samantha this year and take over as Chair/Co-Chairs at the new Sunita Williams school to ensure the continuation of the yearbook tradition. Please email Samantha (<u>samshap333@hotmail.com</u>) or Meg (<u>megrosenbaum11@gmail.com</u>) 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 <u>sclarkediego@gmail.com</u>.



News from the Nurse

No More Spare Clothing In The Health Office...

In the past, I have had very limited supply of clothing in the nurse's office, and without fail I never have the right size at the right time. Also, many of the children are reluctant to wear "someone else's" clothing. This year, I have decided to free up much needed space in the health office and get out of the clothing business!

I am requesting that you place a change of clothing in your child's backpack in the event your child's clothing becomes wet or soiled during the school day. Accidents have been known to occur: wet pants or mud or pasta sauce or spilled milk... it happens. If you could please place a t-shirt, sweat pants, underwear and a pair of socks in a plastic bag and place it in a little used compartment in your child's backpack it will enable your child to have what they need in the event of a clothing "emergency".

Thanking you in advance for your support and cooperation!

Health Screenings...

I will soon be starting the annual school health screenings for hearing, vision, postural, and height, weight and BMI measurements that are required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Screenings are as follows: Vision- all grades Hearing-Kindergarten through Grade 3 BMI- Grades 1 & 4 Postural-Grade 5

Please be assured that each student will be weighed and measured privately, and the information obtained will be shared only with the individual student. We will be emphasizing the privacy of this information, respect for individual differences and the importance of incorporating healthy eating and regular exercise to enhance normal growth and development

Fifth grade classes will be notified several days prior to postural screening as girls may want to bring in or wear a tank top or sports bra on their postural screening day.

Parents/guardians will be notified, if their child requires further evaluation based on the results of these screenings. If you have any questions regarding the screenings, or any new health information to share about your child, please notify me. If you wish to opt out of any of these screenings, please inform me of this in writing.

Debbie Greiff R.N. MEd Health Office Hillside Elementary School 781-455-0461 x228



Needham Elementary Honors Band Auditions

The Needham Fine and Performing Arts Department is proud to announce the auditions for the 2018-2019 Needham Public Schools' Elementary Honors Band. **All students in Advanced Band** will receive fliers with details about the ensemble and auditions, which will take place on October 4. For additional questions about Honors Band, please contact the director, Allison Penn, at <u>allison_penn@needham.k12.ma.us</u>. We strongly encourage Needham's finest Advanced Band members to audition for this group!

http://mrspennmusic.weebly.com/needham-elementary-honors-band.html



Needham Girls Youth Lacrosse is pleased to offer instructional clinics this fall for players in grades 3-8 through the Blue Devils Lax Academy (BDLax). All experience levels are welcome! Clinic details below: Dates: Sundays: 9/30, 10/14, 10/21 and 10/28 Times: Grades 3/4: 9 am - 10 am Grades 5/6: 10 am - 11 am Grades 7/8: 11 am - 12 pm

Location: High Rock field

Cost: \$160 per player for full session (10% sibling discount) or \$50 for a single session To register, please visit: <u>https://bdlaxacademy.com/clinics/</u>. If you have any questions, please email <u>girlslax@hotmail.com</u>.

NHS Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction - Saturday, October 20th 9:30am to 4 pm NEW Location: POLLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL 200 Harris Ave (due to NHS construction) Get an early start on holiday shopping! 100 juried artisans and vendors will be selling unique gifts and crafts, plus a fantastic Silent Auction and our famous Bake Sale! Check out the vendors ahead of time by visiting www.needhamcraftfair.com or facebook.com/needhamcraftfair. Admission: \$8/\$6 seniors/kids 18 and under FREE.

Looking for additional recreational opportunities for your child to do?

Needham Park & Recreation has a wide variety of offerings from NEW Early Release Trips for Grades 1-5 to Kre8tive Kids to Old School games! For more information please go to :<u>Needham Park & Recreation</u> or call us at our NEW location at the Rosemary Recreation Complex 781-455-7930

Needham Farmers Market and Harvest Fair Sunday September 30 12:00-4:00pm Town Common

Experience fall fun for the whole family!

Enjoy the returning Trolley Rides, Touch the Trucks and Bouncy House Grab a free pumpkin and scope out the many children friendly activities Bring home fresh seasonal produce and local artisan crafts Live Pats v. Dolphins game viewing Sample fare from Needham restaurants in our Food Court Stop by our local business and organization booths. For more information about the event, please go to www.nnchamber.com







INVEST in OUR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN (IIOC)

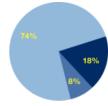
What is the IIOC?

- * 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.

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

IIOC Fundraising Goal \$18,000

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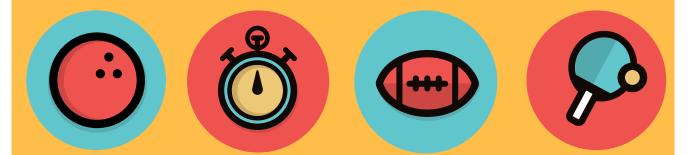
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10.15 - 10.55	SANTINELLO	GONECONTO	DANGELO		HACKETT
11.00 - 11.40		DUMMETT	FULLER	EVERTS	BROWN
11.45 - 12.20					
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1.10 - 1.50	SHEA		HSU	DE MARIA	BRACKEN
1.55 - 2.35					FRANKS

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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 - 3oth 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	

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@gmaill.com

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Good Things Happen When You Join

BJS

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