

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



- 02 PTC Meeting -- 7:15 PM
- 05 Room Parent Meeting -- 8:35 AM
- 08 No School -- Columbus Day
- 10 Walk-to-School Day
- 25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

The PTC would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of those families who contributed to the IIOC Campaign! We are still adding up this week's donations and will share the final amount we raised next week. If you have not donated, you still can. To make a donation by credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website. We are also accepting cash, checks, and money orders if you prefer to send your payments into the school in the envelope we provided or in an envelope marked "Hillside PTC IIOC Campaign".

Hillside's Spirit Wear Sale is starting on **Monday, October 1st!** This is the last sale with "Hillside" gear so it's your last chance to order your Hillside collectibles as a reminder of our amazing school. Our spirit wear this year includes the date the school was open through 2019 to create even more of a memorable keepsake. We've added distressed ink to all the designs to give it a vintage look. Website and order forms will be distributed on Monday. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL SO PLEASE ORDER CAREFULLY!** Hooded sweatshirts run small so please order up a size. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Nunes at sarah.y.nunes@gmail.com or Carrie Rubin at caroline.rubin1@gmail.com

It was a beautiful day for **Picture Day** on Thursday! Thanks to everyone who volunteered for a slot to help the photographers capture our students at their best.

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 Nemtzw, 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!**

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.

International Walk/Ride to School Day is **Wednesday, October 10th**. Remember to walk/ride to help your class win the coveted Golden Sneaker award!!!

Upcoming Events

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 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 (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.

Community

SE PAC "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

Public Safety Building Tours The Public Safety Building, which houses the Police Department at 99 School Street and the Fire Department at 88 Chestnut Street, will be open for tours on **Sunday, September 30th from 11am - 1pm**. Residents will be asked to vote on a debt exclusion override question on the November 6, 2018 ballot for the new Public Safety Building and Fire Station #2. Please take the opportunity to tour the existing facilities and see the most current renderings of the proposed public safety facilities. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional details.

Lecture: Gender Identity and What it Means to Our Children: Wednesday, 10/17, 7:00 pm at Mitchell Elementary

Gender identity, the gender spectrum, gender variance and gender expression may be a few terms you've heard or read about lately. This is a current and important topic of relevance to all parents and educators. Attendees will gain familiarity with gender based terminology and concepts as well as to understand how to approach the topic at home or in the classroom. Please join us for an informative and interactive evening with experts in the field of gender identity, including **Jeff Perotti**, founding director of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Safe Schools Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Students. Free and open to the community! Please register at: <http://www.parenttalk.info/offerings/lecture-series.php>

TC Bring Your ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '18 Grant Applications The Needham Education Foundation is now accepting applications for small, large, and multi-school grants. All applications are due by Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Small grants fund projects up to \$5,000 (or \$3,000 per school for multi-school grants) and large grants fund projects up to \$15,000. This is the first year the NEF is accepting all types of grant applications throughout the year. The next deadlines will be January 22, 2019 and March 19, 2019.

The NEF continues to offer two additional options to ease the small grant application process: Express Grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by the NEF at another school; Multi-School Grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit.

Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member — including students and parents — is eligible to apply. Contact your NEF school rep (found on our website) if you have any questions or would like guidance. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit <http://www.nefneedham.org/grants/>.

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.



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

A "Note" from Mrs. Doran... 

The Boston Pops is presenting a special **Free Concert and Community Arts Festival** in Boston's Franklin Park on Sunday, September 30, 3:00 PM (Pre-concert Festival begins at 1:00 PM) at 25 Pierpoint Road, Dorchester (Near the Zoo/Giraffe Entrance)

https://www.bso.org/Performance/Detail/98018%3Futm_source=mail2%26utm_campaign=mktbsofranklinpark%26cmp=1%26utm_medium=email



SEPAC Educational Presentation:
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Wednesday, October 3
Refreshments: 7:00pm
Program 7:30 – 9:00pm
Broadmeadow School Media Center

Save the Date!

Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program

Parent Information meeting for parents from the Hillside, Newman, and Eliot Schools
Thursday October 11, 2018 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Eliot School Media Center

The CAP Program will be presenting children's workshops in grades 1, 3 and 5. Please plan to attend the parent meeting to learn about this prevention program, which teaches children how to be Safe, Strong and Free in situations that involve bullying, strangers, and uncomfortable touch by known persons. Look in your child's backpack and in your emails for parent information about CAP.

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Please come check out the first Yard Sale hosted by Saint Joe's in Needham. There will be many unbelievable items for sale, so come early to get first pick!

Location: Saint Joe's Elementary gym.

Day/Time: Saturday 9/29 8am-1pm.

Questions can be directed to Marcia Murphy 508-816-3460 or Marcia_murphy@tjx.com

Here is a link to our flyer:

<https://www.saintjoes.com/elementary-school/parent-school-association/community-events/yard-sale>

Paint the Town Blue & Gold! Show your NEEDHAM pride by supporting NHS Girls Basketball Team. We will paint a 2.5' tall "N" on your driveway to show your spirit and support of NHS Athletics.

Needham High School Girls Basketball Team

Email: nhsgirlsbball19@gmail.com

Phone: Pam Barker 781-801-3204

<https://twitter.com/RocketsGirlHoop>

TOWN OF NEEDHAM SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVES



Needham Police School Resource Officers partner with the Needham Public Schools to:

- Build positive relationships and connect with students, staff and parents, helping to maintain a safe and nurturing school environment.
- Provide training on ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate), the new school safety protocol.
- Collaborate with school administrators on emergency crisis planning, building security matters, truancy and bullying situations.
- Work with guidance counselors and other student support staff to assist students when needed.
- Provide training for school personnel in handling crisis situations.

Needham Fire Department's Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten fire safety program includes:

- Teaching students how to dial 911
- Telling students what to do when the smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm sounds
- Practicing "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Crawl Low Under Smoke"
- Discussing the importance of escape plans and having a meeting place
- Instructing students to stay away from hot things

The Third grade fire safety program includes:

- Teaching students about fire and key safety words
- Providing information on the role of the firefighter
- Letting students know how to report a fire or other emergency
- Providing information about what to do when the smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm sounds
- Practicing "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Crawl Low Under Smoke"
- Discussing escape plans, two ways out and having a meeting place
- Talking about avoiding hot things and what to do in the event of a burn
- Reminding students that matches and lighters are to be used by adults - only in very rare circumstances by children with adult supervision (i.e., Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts camping)
- Explaining that the careless use and disposal of smoking-related materials can lead to preventable fires, injuries and even death
- Teaching students that tobacco is harmful to their health and can lead to life threatening illnesses

The Needham Fire Department also participates in many school activities such as school fairs.



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TOURS

**Sunday, September 30, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



**NEEDHAM POLICE STATION
99 SCHOOL STREET**



**NEEDHAM FIRE STATION
88 CHESTNUT STREET**


Residents will be asked to vote on a debt exclusion override question on the November 6, 2018 ballot for the new Public Safety Building and Fire Station #2.

Please take the opportunity to tour the existing facilities and see the most current renderings of the proposed public safety facilities .

More information can be found at: <http://www.needhamma.gov/newpoliceandfirestation>

PARENT TALK LECTURE SERIES: GENDER IDENTITY AND WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR CHILDREN

Wednesday, 10/17, 7pm



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Mitchell Elementary School
187 Brookline St., Needham

This lecture is free for the entire community.

For more info and to register visit:
www.parenttalk.org



Hillside PTC 2nd Annual

\$50

Entry Fee
for playing
Poker

\$20

Entry Fee for
those not
playing

POKER TOURNAMENT

**Tons of
great
prizes!**

- Light Snacks
- Cash Bar
- Music/Dancing

Proceeds to benefit the Hillside PTC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

6:30 pm

Minimum participation required,

Register Now:

www.cfapromo.com/hillside

This event is open to ALL and players of all skill levels and is sure to be a great time for anyone who attends.

Great prizes for tournament winner and final table!



Village Club | 83 Morton Street • Needham, MA 02494

Email eric@cfapromo.com with any questions.

School administrators, teachers, principal, etc. are not involved in this event



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**



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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.

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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.