

Hillside News

October 5, 2018

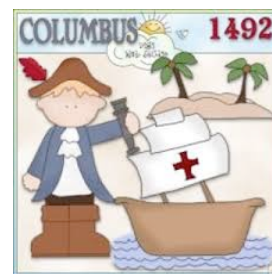
michael_kascak@needham.k12.ma.us
erin_vacaro@needham.k12.ma.us
lori_donovan@needham.k12.ma.us

Main Office -- 781-455-0461



IMPORTANT DATES

- 08 No School -- Columbus Day
- 10 Walk-to-School Day
- 20 Parent Poker Night -- 7:30 PM, Village Club
- 25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Spirit wear sale **ONLINE now**
- Parent Poker Tournament **October 20th**
- Modells fundraiser - **save 15%** on your purchase
- Scholastic Book Fair **November 6th - 8th**
- Box top contest begins **October 15th**
- Hillside cares **pantry donations**
- **Volunteers needed** - Yearbook Co-Chair and Spring Carnival Chair
- **Literacy Night** with Josh Funk **November 7th**

The PTC would like to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to all of those families who contributed to the IIOC Campaign! We not only reached our target...we **EXCEEDED IT!!** Total funds raised was **\$18,470** with **63%** participation. Thank you for ensuring that the PTC has the funds to support our curriculum-enhancing programs and community events throughout the year. Because we have exceeded our monetary target, all families will receive a hard copy of the school directory which will be printed in the coming weeks. And it's not too late if you still want to donate - you can by credit card using the DONATE button on our website or by cash, checks, and money orders in an envelope marked "Hillside PTC IIOC Campaign"

Thank you to all those who joined us for our first **PTC meeting** of the year. We enjoyed hearing from Caren Nemtzow, the Director of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program and Seema Meloni from the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). Mark your calendars - our next meeting is on December 4th at 7:15pm when we will be joined by Superintendent of Schools, Dan Gutekanst. **We hope to see you there – it's a great way to stay informed!**

Hillside's Spirit Wear Sale has started! Check out the offerings and place your orders by visiting <http://hillsideapparel2018-19.itemorder.com/> Our spirit wear this year includes the date Hillside 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. These items

make great holiday gifts. 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.

Thanks to April Crawford and Shelly Bansal-Snow for hosting this morning's **Room Parent** meeting and a big thank you to everyone who has volunteered! If you are a Room Parent and missed the meeting, please be sure your CORI forms are completed. If you have any questions, please contact April Crawford at aacrawford44@gmail.com or Shelly Bansal-Snow at sbansal99@gmail.com.

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

Our **Fall Box Tops Contest** begins on **October 15th** and runs through **October 26th** -- 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.

Hillside Cares and the **3rd grade classes** are collecting food and home items to donate to the Food Pantry at Needham Community Council. This collection is ongoing, so please keep the donations coming and help your neighbors in need! See the flyer for the wish list of items they need the most. Although the Food Pantry accepts fresh and frozen foods at the NCC, at Hillside we can only accept non-perishable items. We deliver the collection about once/month. If you are able to help with deliveries, please contact Sarah Burns at sarahmag18@yahoo.com. It's a great thing to do with your kids, and you can do it on your own schedule!

Picture Day Re-takes are scheduled for November 15th. Be on the look-out for more details.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this year's **Scholastic Book Fair**: Tuesday, **November 6 thru Thursday, November 8, 2018** during school hours. Scholastic is known for their outstanding, award winning selection covering every interest and reading level and we are thrilled to welcome them back to Hillside this year. On Tuesday, November 6th, classes will be invited to preview the fair and create a WISH LIST to be sent home. The students will return to the fair on Wednesday, November 7th and Thursday, November 8th, and have the opportunity to make purchases. **In addition: Parents and students can also shop on November 7th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the Literacy Night. Please note: Each teacher will be making his/her own Wish List of books; families are encouraged to donate books directly to teachers from their Wish Lists. Our annual book fair has proven to be a favorite for students and family members, along with our faculty. This fundraiser serves as a fun, interactive and educational way to encourage our children to read. This is also a great way to support Hillside and to get a head start on holiday shopping!! Please look for an email from room parents with information on the date and time your child will attend the fair and how you can volunteer to help out. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Tufts at jennifertufts@yahoo.com.

Literacy Night with **Josh Funk** will be held on November 7th at 6:30pm in the Hillside Gym. Josh is the award-winning author of the "Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast" series as well as many other silly stories that will capture your child's imagination. He will present to the Hillside community at 6:30 PM and will be available for book signing after the presentation. This event is FREE - you won't want to miss it!

Other PTC Fundraisers

Modells fundraiser: Shop at [Modells](#) and raise money for Hillside! Use the flyer at the end of the newsletter to save **15% off** your total purchase of regular and sale price merchandise from **October 12th to November 8th**. Once total sales reach \$500 Hillside will receive 5% back on each purchase.

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:

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.

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](#).

Community

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

PTC 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/>.



A “Note” from Mrs. Doran...

Contratulations to our Hillsideers who were accepted into the Needham Elementary Honors Chorus: Elisabeth Dunphy, Izzy Jones and Isabella Peters. They join our other Hillsideers who have been singing in the Honors Chorus since last year; Francesca DePaul, Eli McCue, Ellie McHugh, Quin Seavey and Jane Urban. Good luck for a wonderful year of singing! We will look forward to your visit to Hillside.

Mrs. Doran 



Registration is open to join Needham Cub Scouts Pack 8. Boys and girls in grades K-5 and their families are invited to our Pack Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, Grace Lutheran Church, [543 Greendale Ave, Needham](http://www.needham.org/543-Greendale-Ave-Needham). Come learn about some of the fun our scouts will be having this year and meet current families. For more information on Needham Pack 8, visit <http://www.pack8needham.com> or contact membership.pack08@gmail.com

Needham Basketball Association (NBA) Sign-Ups 2019

Applications for the 28th Needham Basketball Association (NBA) season are now downloadable from www.needhambasketball.com and should be submitted via US mail beginning October 26 and concluding November 2, 2018. The program is for boys and girls in grades 1-4. The season runs from January 6 to March 18 and the cost is \$160. If you have questions, leave a message on our website, and we will quickly respond to you.



STEAMY Saturday

Saturday, October 6th 2:30-3:30 pm

Children ages 6 and up are invited to join our library volunteer for a STEAMy project inside the Children's craft room. Different projects will offered in this new Saturdayseries. On Saturday, October 6th, come make some slime. After you complete your project, feel free to explore the robots, board games, snap circuits and other items inside the STEAM Center.

STEAM Center Hours

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Center at the Needham Free Public Library is open for children ages 6 and up to drop-in and explore computer coding, robotics, electricity and engineering:

Mon-Wed 5:30-8:30 pm

Friday 3:30-5:00 pm

Saturday 9 am-4:30 pm

Sunday 1-6:30 pm

Chinese Storytime

Saturday, October 6th 10:00 AM

Children ages 5 and up who have an interest in Chinese language and culture can drop-in for this storytime in Chinese followed by a craft. Great for native speakers and children learning a second language.

Read to Tucker the Dog

Wednesday, October 10th 4:00-5:30

Children in Grades 1-5 can sign up for a 15 min. appointment to read aloud to Tucker the Dog. Tucker, an adorable shepard-hound mix, is a trained therapy dog who loves to be read to. Siblings can go in separately or together. To make your appointment, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204. Space is limited.

Family Activity Morning

Saturday, October 20th 10:00-11:30 am

Families with children of varying ages explore arts and crafts activities together, build with LEGOs and play games.

Family Book Club

Saturday, October 20th 2:30-3:30 pm

This is a new book club for children in Grades K-2 and their adults. Read two non-fiction picture books together. Then children and adults come to the club meeting to discuss the books and enjoy themed crafts, or other related activities. Books are available at the Children's Desk. This month, read *Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor* by Patricia Valda and *Shark Lady* by Jess Keating.

Free Movie Showing - Hotel Transylvania 3

Thursday, October 25th at 3:15 pm

In this PG Rated film, Drac and his family embark on a cruise so Drac can relax. The rest of their monster friends come along. All goes well until Drac falls in love with the ship's captain, who hides a dangerous secret that could destroy them all. 1 hr 37 min.

Yoga for Children

Saturday, October 27th 10:30-11:30 am

Children ages 5-9 years old can stretch out and relax in this yoga class taught by a professional children's yoga instructor.

Bookventures Book Club

Saturday, October 27th 3:00-4:00 pm

Children in Grades 3-5 read the book, come to discuss it, sometimes Skype live with the author, complete a craft or other activity related to this month's book and share snacks. This month, children can read a scary story of their choice. A selection of titles is available at the Children's Desk. Registration is required. To register, sign up at the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204

A Halloween Hoot with Live Owls

Tuesday, October 30th 4:00-5:00 pm

Children ages 5 and up are invited to this spectacular program presented by Wingmasters. Children will be able to see several different species of live owls up close while they learn to dispel the myths and lore about these creatures with scientific facts. Learn all about these silent predators of the night!

Trick or Treat at the Library

Wednesday, October 31st 9:00 am -8:45 pm

Children of all ages are "welcome" to come in their costumes and see ours. Candy treats will be given out at the Children's Desk where two moving, changing 3D Holograms will be on display. Halloween trinket-toys will be substituted for children with food allergies.

P O P S

FOR TOP\$




EVERY CLIP
COUNTS!

Hillside PTC Fall Box Tops Contest
October 15 - 26, 2018

The contest starts October 15. The class that submits the most unexpired Box Tops will win a popsicle party! Contest ends October 26, so **START CLIPPING!**

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

Wednesday, 10/17, 7pm



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.

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



The Needham Community Council is a private non-profit organization which supports people in Needham who have under-met health, educational or social needs and promotes volunteerism, community and a sense of shared responsibility.

OCTOBER, 2018 FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

*Donation Site Open: Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mon. & Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

You can also order online at our NEW! Amazon.com Food Pantry wishlist

***PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF DONATIONS OUTSIDE OUR DOOR
WHEN THE BUILDING IS CLOSED!***

- Paper Towels, Aluminum Foil
- Olive Oil, Canola Oil, Vegetable Oil
- Natural Cane or Brown Sugar
- Honey
- Brownie Mixes
- Cocoa
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies – all kinds
- Bath Soap

Items we can ALWAYS use include:

toilet paper, aluminum foil, tissues, paper towels, bar soap, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher detergent, liquid laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, jelly, coffee, cooking oil

Thanks to the fridge and freezers donated by Roche Bros. we can accept frozen foods, fresh produce, cheese, eggs and other perishable items including grocery store prepared meals

Thank you for delivering any perishable items inside to the Food Pantry

- * Please help our food pantry customers with storage and lifting issues by donating individual sizes rather than family sizes
- * Please no opened or out of date items; nothing in glass

*Needham Community Council 570 Hillside Ave., Needham, MA 02494
781-444-2415 www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org*



HILLSIDE SPIRIT WEAR SALE IS ON NOW!



You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://hillsideapparel2018-19.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Friday October 12th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)

Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt
(offered in pink ink)



3 Colors

\$21.00

Boxercraft Flannel Pant



\$21.00

Full Zip Sweatshirt
(offered with white or pink ink)



\$27.00

Cotton/Mesh Cap



\$18.00

Next Level Premium Crew



3 Colors

\$16.00

Next Level Women's V-Neck



3 Colors

\$16.00

Badger Fleece Jogger Pant



2 Colors

\$23.00

New Era Cuffed Beanie



\$18.00

Questions?
 CAROLINE RUBIN OR SARAH NUNES
sarah.y.nunes@gmail.com or caroline.rubin1@gmail.com

Hillside Elementary PTC

MODELL'S
SPORTING GOODS®

COUPON

15% OFF

**Print & Bring in this Coupon to Receive:
YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE
OF REGULAR & SALE
PRICED MERCHANDISE**

**EARN A CASH DONATION FOR YOUR
TEAM, SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION!**



**YOUR TEAM
RECEIVES 5%**

**Of Purchases
Made with
this Coupon**



**EARN MVP AWARDS
While Supporting
Your Team!**

Offer Valid on In-Store Purchase at any Modell's Sporting Goods® only.

COUPON VALID ONLY AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

new england

new england

new england

Coupon valid for multiple purchases during your Team Weeks® shopping period. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer and is not valid on previously purchased merchandise or merchandise purchased for resale purposes. Offer applies to store stock only and excludes clearance items, tennis balls, gift certificates, gift cards, UnderArmour products, Nike Hero products (Hyperize, Air Force, Shox, Air Jordans & LE), Timberland Men's 6" Premium Boots, Skechers Shape-Ups, Reebok Easy Tone and New Era On-Field Fitted headwear. Additional exclusions may apply. Void if copied or transferred. Organization must spend a minimum of \$500 to receive a 5% donation.

Valid From: 10/12/2018 11/8/2018

