

Hillside News

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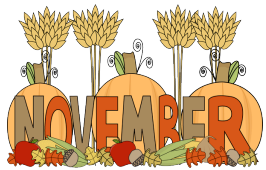
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IMPORTANT DATES

25 Early Release Day -- 12:15 Dismissal



06 PreK-8 Delayed Opening/Election Day

15 Photo Make-Up/Retake Day

21 No School -- Professional Development

22 Thanksgiving Recess

News from Mr. K

Despite the remnants of Hurricane Michael this morning, this is a great time of year to walk to school with your child(ren) and enjoy the autumn weather if possible. Walking to school affords you and your children a little extra time to spend together and is beneficial to heart health (through exercise) and the health of the planet (less cars, gas and exhaust). So, whenever possible and practical, I hope you find the time to do this and enjoy the time with your children and help us ease the congestion on the roads and in our space-challenged parking lot. You might even want to consider creating a "walkpool" from your neighborhood, which would enable parents to take turns walking with a larger group of kids. When walking or biking is not practical due to weather, please consider actual carpooling. Our diligent and enthusiastic fifth graders on our Student Sidewalk Detail, like mail carriers, are there every morning; "through rain, sleet, snow and hail" as well as when the sun is shining.

Thank you and enjoy the weekend! Mr. K



A few of our illustrious student sidewalk buddies!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Parent Poker Tournament, October 20th - Buy Tickets Now!!
- Modells fundraiser - **save 15%** on your purchase
- Scholastic Book Fair, **November 6th - 8th**
- **Literacy Night** with Josh Funk, **November 7th**
- Box top contest begins **October 15th**
- Hillside Cares **Food Pantry donations**
- **Volunteers needed** -- 2019 Yearbook Co-Chair

Thanks to everyone who purchased items through our **Hillside Spirit Wear Sale** which closes today. Items will be delivered to school and sent home with your child in mid-November. We can't wait to see everyone sporting their new Hillside gear in the halls and on the playground!

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.

The second annual **Hillside Poker Tournament** is IN ONE WEEK so purchase your tickets now (link below). Come play poker and/or just socialize on Saturday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Club (83 Morton Street, Needham). The event is open to ALL 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 music and a cash bar so come and hang out (\$20 admission fee for non-poker players). This is a great event for an evening out, so lock in your babysitters and prepare to win big!!! 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.

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

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.

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/offersings/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/>.

A Message from Mrs. Greiff...



REMINDER:

Flu shots are critical to preventive care:

- Protects against four flu strains
- Reduces flu-related hospitalizations & PICU admissions
- Eases symptoms if a child gets sick

- Reduces flu-related pediatric death*
- 2017-18 flu season: 80% of pediatric flu deaths occurred in unvaccinated children according to the CDC.

A Flu shot for everyone:

CHILDREN -- Children are more vulnerable to the flu than other populations.
 ASTHMATICS AND DIABETICS -- A flu shot reduces the risk of hospitalization among children with diabetes and asthma.
 THE COMMUNITY -- With every flu shot, your community's risk of flu decreases.

For more information, visit cdc.gov/flu

Additionally, please see the attached flyer from Barbara Singer, Director of School Health Services, regarding applying as a substitute nurse for Needham Public Schools.



Hello Jr. Celtic's Fans!

We are very excited to introduce our Jr. Celtics Youth Development League! In collaboration with the Boston Celtics, participants will receive a Jr. Celtic's YMCA reversible game jersey, two tickets to a 2019 open practice, opportunity to attend a Jr. Celtic's clinic at the Red Auerbach Center and much more!

Registration Begins October 15th!

Runs January 5th –February 16th

Saturday 11:00am-1:00pm (grades 1-2)

Saturday 12:00pm-2:00pm (grades 3-4)

ALL GIRLS Saturday 1:00pm-3:00pm (grades 1-2)

ALL GIRLS Saturday 3:00pm-4:00pm (grades 3-4)

Contact Marcus Nelson for more information- mnelson@ymcaboston.org

The Rotary Club of Needham's Pancake Breakfast Festival is coming up Saturday November 3, 7am to 11am. All you can eat pancakes, kids games, cake walk, no end to the fun!! People can buy tickets online at <http://needhampancakes.eventbrite.com>. At that website, you can buy tickets to the breakfast, buy tickets for the games, and you can even buy tickets that will be donated to Needham Community Council food pantry families. We hope to see everyone there!

Needham Junior Football Homecoming Competition

Come watch our homecoming games on 10/20 at Memorial Park and take part in halftime skills competitions where you can win great prizes. Plus all participants get a free giveaway and refreshment for participation.

Schedule

- 3rd/4th Grade – 12pm
- 5th Grade – 1:30pm
- 6th Grade – 3:15pm
- 7th Grade – 6:45pm

Please join NHS Friends of Music in welcoming the Yale Whiffenpoofs, America's oldest collegiate a cappella group, to Powers Hall at Needham Town Hall, in a concert with NHS a cappella groups, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets now at www.whiffenpoofs.com.

Bring the whole family out to the GO GREEN Needham Expo at Needham Town Hall, on Saturday, November 10, 10 AM to 4 PM. Presented by GO GREEN Needham, a collaboration between the Green Needham Collaborative and the League of Women Voters of Needham to encourage our community at all levels to step up efforts to be environmentally friendly. To learn more about the GO GREEN Needham Expo, visit www.greenneedham.org, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greenneedham/, or contact Donna Vello (donna.vello@gmail.com, 617-584-2939) or Irene Hammer-Mclaughlin (i.hammermclaughlin@gmail.com, 617-875-0002).

Attention Registered Nurses!!!

Do you enjoy working with children from preschool through adolescence?

Would you like a flexible schedule?

Would you like to gain some valuable experience in the dynamic specialty of school nursing and help to bridge education and health care?

Would you like to have a positive impact on the school-aged population?

If you answered “yes” to the above questions, you will want to join Needham Public Schools Substitute Nursing Staff!!


For more information, please contact:

**Barbara Singer MSN, RN, NCSN
Director of School Health Services
(781) 455-0416 x 382 or email:
Barbara_Singer@needham.k12.ma.us**



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



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

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