

Hillside News

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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

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Parent Poker Tournament this Saturday night - Tickets available at the door!
- Modells fundraiser - **save 15%** on your purchase
- Scholastic Book Fair, **November 6th - 8th**
- **Literacy Night** with Josh Funk, **November 7th**
- Box top contest has started! Ends **October 26th.**
- **Used Book Sale** - donations being collected **NOW!**
- **Volunteers needed** -- 2019 Yearbook Co-Chair

Here's What's Going On Now...

The second annual **Hillside Poker Tournament** is **Saturday night!** Tickets can be purchased on the door. 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!!! Winners will receive 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.

Our **Fall Box Tops Contest** has started and runs through **October 26th** -- we hope you are clipping and sending in those box tops and giving them to your child's teacher. Remember, the class that brings in the most box tops will receive a POPSICLE PARTY! Any questions, please contact our Box Tops Coordinator, Joyce McCafferty @ sjsong77@yahoo.com.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated food pantry items. We had a wonderful collection of donations! The items were delivered this week by the **3rd grade classes**. We'd also like to thank the parents who helped out with the logistics of getting the products there safely!

Yearbook cameras were in need of an upgrade so we purchased four iPod touches for our 5th grade yearbook assistants. Now our 5th graders have the latest technology to help create an AWESOME book commemorating their time at Hillside. As a reminder, we are still looking for a Yearbook Chair to create next year's book. Please read below for additional information if you are interested. If we don't have a volunteer than we can't produce this much-loved keepsake so please consider helping now!

Upcoming Events

Our **UDA program** will be running a school wide morning assembly on October 26th. Artist/Musician **Tim Van Egmond** will perform one of his shows for the children called "**You're (Not So) Different From Me**" – songs and stories about people with disabilities, helping to dispel the barriers between the "able" and disabled.

Are your bookshelves so full you can't add any new titles? Clear them out and donate unwanted books to the **Used Book Sale!** The sale will take place this spring but we are **collecting books NOW!** We will be accepting donations in the Hillside lobby from **Monday October 22nd to Friday November 2nd**. Early readers and elementary chapter books are always in high demand, but we accept books for all ages. All proceeds from this sale are donated directly to the Hillside Media Center for the purchase of new materials. Please contact Joanie Daly at jdayadaly@gmail.com with any questions.

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! We encourage families to RSVP to this event to reserve a spot as last year we "sold out". To **RSVP**, please click on the following [evite link](#). Books are available for advance purchase and signing before the event (look for order forms sent home with your child) and Wellesley Books will also be selling Josh Funk titles at the event itself. The books will be a great memento of a fun evening!

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

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

Needham Community Council is continuing to collect donations for the Food Pantry. See the flyer for the wish list of items they need the most. The Food Pantry accepts fresh and frozen foods at the NCC as well as dry goods. It's a great thing to do with your kids, and you can do it on your own schedule! For more information please contact Sarah Burns at sarahmag18@yahoo.com.

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



Register for the **Gymnastics Varsity Workshop!** Fun, pressure free gymnastics classes for boys and girls from preschool (age 4) through 6th grade. The classes are taught on Saturday mornings in December and January for only \$70 by the gymnasts of the Needham High School Girls Varsity Gymnastics team. Registration opens Friday, November 2nd! Register Early, classes fill quickly. Learn more and register on-line at www.needhamGymnastics.com

Needham High School's sophomore student council is holding a Trick-or-Treat Event on October 27th, 2018 from 1pm-3pm at Needham High School. For more information and to receive a flyer please email nhsstuco21@gmail.com.

Early Release Day Lunch! On Thursday, Oct. 25, eat lunch, dinner or takeout at Bertucci's and up to 25% of the proceeds benefit the Needham Diversity Initiative. Just show the flyer on your phone or print it from www.needhamdiversity.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

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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!**

Join author Josh Funk for Literacy Night! November 7, 2018 at 6:30pm



Josh Funk writes silly stories and somehow tricks people into publishing them as books. Since the fall of 2015, Josh has visited (or virtually visited) over 300 schools, classrooms, and libraries. Josh is a board member of The Writers' Loft in Sherborn, MA and was the co-coordinator of the 2016 and 2017 New England Regional SCBWI Conferences.



Hillside gymnasium 6:30pm
Books available for purchase and signing at the event

Tim Van Egmond, Folksinger & Storyteller



For over 30 years Tim has been delighting and captivating audiences all over the country, weaving together **tales, tunes, and songs** – from the rib-tickling to the spine-tingling to the heart-warming. **Music** flows in and around his stories through his singing and playing on a wide variety of traditional instruments, including hammered dulcimer, conga drum, guitar, and limberjack (a dancing wooden puppet that taps out a rhythm on a paddleboard). His **dynamic style of voice and movement** makes stories come alive, and his gift of encouraging participation makes for high-spirited and engaging programs.

(413) 367-9304, tim@timvanegmond.com, www.timvanegmond.com

Tim Van Egmond has been chosen for the New England States Touring Program, the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Education Programs, and the New Hampshire State Library's "Kids, Books, and the Arts" Project. A spirited and versatile artist, he creates programs for a wide range of seasons, holidays, and themes for all ages.



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

