

Hillside News

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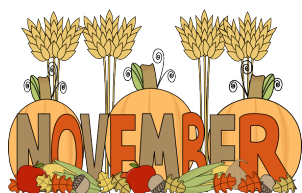
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IMPORTANT DATES



- 01 Autumn Amble -- Walk/Bike to School
- 06 PreK-8 Delayed Opening/Election Day
- 12 Schools Closed for Veterans' Day
- 15 Photo Make-Up/Retake Day
- 21 No School -- Professional Development
- 22 Thanksgiving Recess
- 28 Morning Kindergarten Conferences - No A.M. Kindergarten;
P.M. is in session

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Modell's fundraiser on *NOW* - save 15% on your purchase
- Scholastic Book Fair, **November 6th - 8th**
- **Literacy Night** with Josh Funk, **November 7th**
- **Unwanted Halloween Candy Collection - November 1st**
- **Walk/Bike to School Day** (The Autumn Amble) - **November 1st**
- **Used Book Sale** - donations being collected **NOW!**
- **Volunteers needed** -- 2019 Yearbook Co-Chair

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in [Hillside PTC's Poker Tournament!!!](#) A BIG thank you goes to Eric Friedberg, Russ MacTough, Arun Padmanabhan and all of the other Dads of Birch Street for organizing this fun night out.

The [Fall Box Tops Contest](#) wraps up today. Thank you to everyone who submitted boxtops for the contest. We'll tally them up and announce our winning classroom shortly. We'll have another contest this spring so please remember to continue saving those box tops! A special thanks to our Box Tops Coordinator, Joyce McCafferty!

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.

Walk/Ride to School Day (the Autumn Amble) is on **Thursday, November 1st**. We hope to see the sidewalks filled with walkers and bikers!

With Halloween **creeping** up on us Hillside Cares will be collecting your **unwanted** candy to give to American soldiers in our **“Candy for the Troops”** drive. Drop off your excess candy (individual pieces or unopened bags/packages) in the main office from **November 1st to November 6th**. Questions? Please contact Sarah Burns at sarahmag18@yahoo.com with any questions.

Yearbook Photos Needed! If you are in your child’s classroom for Halloween celebrations, don’t forget to snap a few pictures for the yearbook! Uploading your photos is easy if you follow these steps:

- Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 410593679
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

You can also submit by downloading the Replayit App on your smartphone and upload your photos directly. It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

Upcoming Events

This year’s **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on Tuesday, **November 6** through **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 momento 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.



Music News

Thanks to the generous support of our PTC on Monday, October 22, 2018, David Coffin, musician and entertainer extraordinaire, wowed Hillside's third graders with a performance introducing them to the recorder. David played several instruments dating back hundreds of years that preceded the recorder. He showed the students how the instruments worked and how to play them. The many differing sizes of recorders were also featured. David Coffin's performance was a wonderful preview to the recorder studies our third graders are about to embark upon. Thank you PTC!

Lynne Doran
Music Teacher

A Message from the Hillside Guidance Counselors:

Happy Fall to all our Hillside Families!



We are pleased to have Tushar Singhal as an intern, here at Hillside, for this school year. Mr. Singhal is working on his Masters in Social Work at Boston College and is at Hillside on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Margaret Petrovich is at Hillside Monday through Friday and Meg Flatley is here on Mondays (11am-2:30 pm), Tuesdays and Thursdays. For families who are new to Hillside, we are here to help meet the social and emotional needs of children. We are available to meet with students individually, in groups and also work in classrooms. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns regarding meeting financial costs that arise for your child(ren) during the school year, please contact one of us. Some examples of these costs might include obtaining supplies for school projects, school "Spirit Wear," books at school book fairs, or holiday help. Please do not hesitate, if you have any questions, to contact one of us.

Margaret Petrovich and Meg Flatley x227



A Message from Mrs. Greiff...

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



SEPAC Educational Presentation:

Study Strategies: Moving Beyond “I Read Over My Notes”

For students with learning differences, reading over class material or notes is often not enough to enable them to perform well on tests and other assessments. Presenter Kat Marsh will provide examples of practical study strategies that will help students learn and retain information, and she will also share ideas about helping students become self-motivated learners.

Please note: While we welcome all parents and guardians to join us, this presentation will be most helpful for those with students who are upper elementary-aged or older.

Kat Marsh is the Lead Teacher and School Consultant at Commonwealth Learning Center in Danvers and the Learning Support Liaison at the Waldorf School at Moraine Farm in Beverly. For over twenty years she has worked as a teacher and a tutor in many different learning environments, adapting her teaching and coaching strategies to fulfill diverse student, parent, and teacher needs.

Wednesday, November 7

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program: 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

Needham High School's Take Back the Night Club and the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee are pleased to announce the 12th Annual Take Back the Night event. Take Back the Night spreads awareness about domestic and dating violence and sexual assault. The event will take place Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 6 – 9 pm in Needham High School's cafeteria.

The mission of Take Back the Night is to end domestic violence in our community and promote healthy relationships, in addition to providing a voice for those that don't have one. Planned and put on by Needham High School students, the event will feature live music, guest speakers, a candle-lit march, free food, door prizes and much more. Everyone is invited to attend this free event.

Pack 4 Cub Scouts is currently welcoming boys and girls in grades K-5! Pack 4 strives to create a welcoming, meaningful and FUN experience for Scouts and their families! Interested in learning more? Please visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/pack4needham/home>.



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

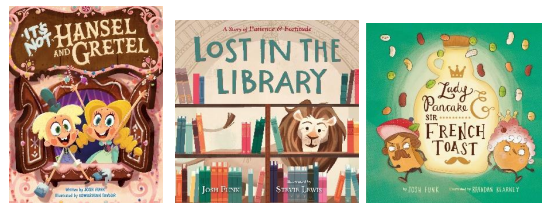
Thanks to the fridge and freezers donated by Roche Bros. we can accept frozen foods, fresh produce, cheese, eggs and other perishable items including grocery store prepared meals

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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781-444-2415 www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org*

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

Hillside Elementary PTC

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

