

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



- 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:

- **Check Lost & Found** - all unclaimed items will be donated to Circle of Hope on November 20.
- **Next PTC meeting - December 4 at 7:15 pm** with Superintendent Dan Gutekanst
- **Save the Date! Parent Winter Social** - January 26
- **Upload your photos for the Yearbook!**
- **Hillside Cares** -- Sandwich Making for the Homeless on November 18 at 4:00 p.m.
- Put your **old iPod Touch** to good use - **donate** it to the **Technology Department**
- **Family Fun Night -- December 7 from 6-8 PM - Volunteers needed!**
- Join the **Spring Carnival Planning Committee!**

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Sarah Nunes** and **Carrie Ruben** for organizing our successful **Spirit Wear Sale!** And **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased something from the sale...we can't wait to see all the kids sporting their new Hillside gear!

THANK YOU to all those who donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to help the Victims of the California Wildfire and to **Eric Friedberg** and **Sarah Burns** for organizing.

Hillside Cares is hosting a hands-on event that you can do with the whole family on Sunday, November 18 from 4-5pm at the home of Tricia Sherman. We'll be making brown bag dinners that will be delivered to Generic Ministries, who will then distribute the bags to homeless individuals in Boston. **Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assemble the bags or to provide supplies in order to do so!**

Hillside **Lost & Found** is **OVERFLOWING!** If your child is missing a jacket, sweatshirt, water bottle or lunch box, it is probably in the Lost & Found located in the hallway across from the cafeteria doors. Please encourage your child to look carefully through the racks and bins in the Lost & Found to retrieve lost items this week. **All unclaimed clothing will be donated to Circle of Hope on Tuesday November 20th.**

Put your **old iPod Touch** (generation 4 or higher) to good use by **donating** it to **The Hillside School Technology Dept!** It will be repurposed as a learning tool to, among other things, document field trips with photos and videos. It may also serve as a voice recorder for language learners, used to record reading assessments, directions from teachers, communication between students and as a way to document evidence for digital portfolios. The best and most important feature of the iPod Touch is the portability factor. They are easy to carry, store and use on the go. Thank you in advance for donations of an iPod Touch and accompanying accessories that you are able to give to the Hillside School.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars - the next **PTC meeting** is on **December 4th at 7.15pm.** **Superintendent Dan Gutekanst** will join us to update us on **the Portrait of a Needham Grad initiative, construction of the Sunita Williams School, and answer any questions or concerns you may have.** Our School Committee Liaison, **Michael Greis,** will also come to the meeting to introduce himself. **You won't want to miss this opportunity!!**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT is **December 7th** from **6 p.m.- 8 p.m.!!!** This is a night you do not want to miss. Come to Hillside in your pajamas for an evening of DJ dancing, games, crafts, prizes and FUN!! The cost of this event is \$5 per family (pay at the door that night). In addition to make your own sundaes, pizza and water will be available for purchase. We need a lots of volunteers to make this event happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-family2> Any questions, please contact Jody Barnet [@jodyskolnick@yahoo.com.](mailto:jodyskolnick@yahoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE - Give Hillside a **Frosty Farewell** at the Parent Winter Social on **January 26, 2019.** You do not want to miss this awesome event! Book the babysitter and stay tuned for more details!

Bulletins

Message from the Yearbook: If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. 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!

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education. PLEASE be sure to save them! Collection sheets and a collection box for sheets/box tops are located at the PTC bulletin board near Lori's desk. We hope to collect many this year, so please send them in!!!

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:

The Hillside Spring Fling/Carnival will be back this spring by popular demand! Our Co-Chairs are looking to assemble a team to help them plan the event. Some examples of various roles within the committee are: Inflatables Coordinator, Baby animal rental Coordinator, Prize tent, Food/drink/snack Concessions, Crafts, Small Game Coordinator, and Cake Walk Coordinator. If you'd like to get more involved and meet some fun new people than we encourage you to join this team! Please reach out to Melissa Jacoby at [meljacoby@gmail.com.](mailto:meljacoby@gmail.com)

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.



Needham Youth & Family Services Invites the public to their Open House
December 4th, 2018 from 4-6:30PM
Needham Town Hall

Come and hear about the offered services, give feedback, see the office, meet the staff, and enjoy some refreshments. For more information please contact Sara Shine at 781-455-7500 ext. 265 or sshine@needhamma.gov

First Lego League Tournament- Sat., Nov. 17th

This Saturday, 11/17, there will be a FLL tournament at **Newton North High School** from 9:00am-3:00pm. There are several FLL teams from Needham participating. If you are interested in learning more about this activity, this is the perfect opportunity. It is free and fun for the entire family!

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, November 18th, Needham Baseball and Softball will be conducting its annual Open House offering opportunities to learn more about youth baseball and softball programs in our town. Please join us for an information-packed session where you will hear from board members, league directors and coaches about plans for this coming year (Spring, Summer, Williamsport and Fall seasons, as well as training programs).

December 9, 2018, Needham Women's Club - Holiday House Tour & Marketplace.

Tour from Noon to 4:30pm. Marketplace from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Tickets \$30 each before the event; \$35 on the day of. Tickets at Roche Bros./Sudbury Farms and NeedhamWomensClub.org

Registration for Needham Girls Youth Lacrosse (NGYL) Spring 2018 season is now open through December 15th for girls in grades 1-8. Programs vary by grade and include clinic, intramural and travel teams. New players are welcome. For more information and to register, please visit www.needhamlacrosse.com.



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.

NOVEMBER, 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!***

- **White rice, 1 lb bags**
- **Tuna**
- **Tomato Products: paste, crushed, whole**
- **Spaghetti, Pasta Sauce**
- **Aluminum Foil**
- **Olive Oil, Canola Oil, Vegetable Oil**
- **Natural Cane or Brown Sugar, Honey**
- **Coffee [perc & instant], Tea**
- **Brownie Mixes**
- **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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