

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



- 04 PTC Meeting — 7:15 PM
- 07 Walk/Bike to School Day
- 07 Family Fun Night — 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 12 Delayed Opening — School Begins at 8:20 AM

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Next PTC Meeting — Dec. 4 at 7:15 pm with Superintendent Dan Gutekanst
- Don't forget to upload your photos for the yearbook!
- Next Walk-to-School-Day - The Winter Walk — Dec. 7
- Participate in the Gift Book Program today (form is at the end of the Newsletter)!
- Family Fun Night -- December 7 from 6-8 PM - Volunteers needed!
- Save the date...Parent Winter Social — January 26th!
- Support Hillside PTC and local business Proud Mary for a unique holiday shopping event — December 12, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Join the Spring Carnival Planning Committee!

Thank You!

The Hillside Cares event on Nov. 18 was a huge success! In under an hour, our volunteers put together approximately **100 brown bag dinners** for the homeless in the surrounding area. It was awesome to see how many Hillside families donated food and materials to this effort, and how many volunteered to spend their afternoon assembling bags. If you weren't able to participate this time around please note that we'll be hosting this event again on March 3. A HUGE thank you to Tricia Sherman and Sarah Burns for coordinating this effort and all the volunteers. Nicely done Hillsideers!

Upcoming Events

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).

Do you want to find just the right gift for family and friends this holiday season while **supporting Hillside PTC** and new local business **Proud Mary?** If so come to our Holiday shopping event on **Dec.12th 6-8pm** at Proud Mary 1110 Great Plain Ave! **10% of the sale proceeds on the night will be donated to Hillside PTC.** Light refreshments will be available.

Hillside Cares is teaming up with the **Hillside Student Council** for the annual **Coats for Kids Drive** this winter season. We are collecting new or gently used coats in any size for local families in need. Used coats will be taken to Anton's Cleaners to be cleaned before they get distributed. If you have coats to donate please drop them in the bin in the lobby by January 4, 2019.

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! If you'd like to help out with this event please reach out to Social Committee Chair Angela DePaul angm77@aol.com.

PTC Fundraisers

Looking for holiday gift ideas?? Please consider the **Hillside PTC Gift Book Program**. When you donate \$15 to the Hillside PTC Gift Book Program, the name of the person to whom you are dedicating the book will have their name printed and posted into a book at the Hillside Media Center. All proceeds from this program directly benefit the Hillside Media Center. It's not only a great way to honor a special person in your life, but you're also contributing to the school community. To participate, please follow the instructions on the Gift Book Program form that is included at the end of this newsletter.

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!

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!

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.

Community

'Tis the Season to Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

Don't forget to honor a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). **Gift for Education Cards** make it simple to show your gratitude, while providing vital support for the funding of NEF grants which allow both teachers and students to learn, experiment and explore.

NEF will send a card to your designated honoree(s) or you can purchase cards to personalize and hand deliver. New Pricing! All cards are now \$10 each.

Visit nefneedham.org to order cards online through December 16th. You may also purchase cards in person at Proud Mary, Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms and Volante Farms through December 31st. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.org



NHS Friends of Music hopes to see you at Winterfest on Friday, December 7, at 7pm in NHS auditorium to enjoy musical entertainment from our school ensembles and student musicians, as well as a complimentary dessert buffet. Purchase online at www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets or at the door: \$10 students and seniors; \$15 adults. All proceeds benefit performing arts at NHS.



Tinker Thinkers Inventor's Club

Ages 6 and up

Every other Tuesday at 4:00 pm

November 20th, December 4th, December 18th

Tinker Thinkers explores problem solving and creative thinking while engaging in hands-on activities. Children will be able to invent their own idea for a new toy and enter in a library invention contest. Medals and framed certificates will be awarded. Children who wish to may enter a regional Young Inventors contest. Registration is required. To register, call or visit the Children's Desk. 781-455-7559 x 204

Free Movie

Friday, November 23rd 10:00 am

Families and children are invited to a free showing of the movie, *The Incredibles 2*, rated PG (115 Min.)

Yoga for Children

Saturday, November 24th, 10:30 AM

Children ages 5-9 years old are welcome to stretch out and relax in this free yoga class offered by a professional children's yoga instructor.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, November 24th 3:00-4:00 pm

Children in Grades 3-5 read this month's book *The Real McCoys* by Matthew Swanson. Copies are available at the Children's Desk. Children discuss the book at the meeting and engage in activities related to the story. The school mascot - Eddie the Owl has been stolen! But Fourth Grade detective Moxie, along with her best friend, are on the case. Who actually solves the case may surprise you.

Read to Tucker the Dog

Monday, November 26th and

Monday, December 10th

From 4:00-5:30 by appointment

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to make an appointment with Tucker the therapy dog. Children practice reading aloud to Tucker in 15 min time slots. Call 781-455-7559 x 204 or visit the Children's Desk to arrange for your time with Tucker.

Live High Flying Dogs

Tuesday, November 27th 4:00 PM

Children ages 4 and up can come see Mike Piassa and his 4 high flying Frisbee dogs. These talented animals will amaze and entertain as they leap and dive for those far flung Frisbees. Mike is a world record holder and multiple time world finalist in the sport. Just drop in for this canine fun.

Hour of Code Week Activities

Monday, December 3 - Friday, December 7th

On Monday at 4:00 pm children ages 8 and up will code video games or a guitar synth using Little Bits Code Kits. Children ages 5 and up will have the chance to code some robots like the Code and Go Mouse on Wednesday at 4:00 pm. On Friday, December 7th children ages 6 and up will code with Scratch. All activities are drop in, but attendance may be limited.

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



Needham Lights and Blue Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1, 2018 2:00-5:00pm

Needham Town Hall and Town Common

Enjoy juggling, mind reading, and homegrown talent performances coupled with many children friendly activities inside Powers Hall.

Grab a hot chocolate & listen to holiday tunes on the Common. Gather on the Common at 5:00pm for the Blue Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit!

For the schedule of events, please go to www.discoverneedham.com



Friday, December 7, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm

\$5 per Family
(pay at the door)

Come and join the Hillside Community for our very last FFN at Hillside!

Join us for an evening of DJ dancing, gym games, crafts, prizes and lots of fun! Say hello to some new and old friends.

Pizza & drinks will be available for purchase.

Get set to
dance and play
in your
favorite PJs!

This year's theme is the ever-favorite pajama party!

Back by popular
demand:
Make your own
sundaes!

Volunteers Needed!

Keep an eye out for the Sign-Up Genius sent by blast and on the PTC FB page.

Student alumnae are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!
We love seeing you back at Hillside!



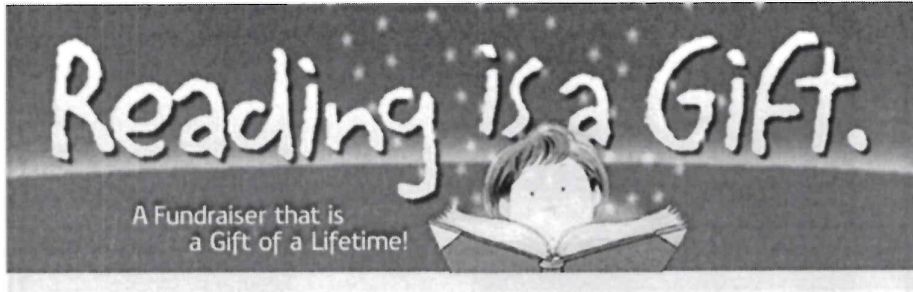
Please donate!

Coats for Kids Fundraiser 2018-2019

The Hillside Student Council is participating in a fundraiser called, "Coats for Kids". We are collecting new or gently used coats in any size.

All donations can be placed in a box located in the lobby. Please make all donations by January 4, 2019. Thank you in advance!





Hillside Gift Book Program

Ever wonder about those nameplates in books your child brings home from the media center? Interested in dedicating a book to your child or someone you really cherish? It's so easy to do!

Complete the form below and send in a payment of \$15. When the donation is received, a bookplate will be put inside the cover of a special book to acknowledge the donor and honoree.

All proceeds directly benefit the Hillside Media Center!

In celebration of _____

OR

In honor of _____

Child's or Family's Name _____

Please complete 1 form per book and include \$15 cash or check (payable to "Hillside PTC") per book with this form.

Parent's Name (please print)

Date