

Hillside News

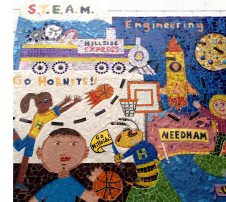
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IMPORTANT DATES



24 Winter Recess — Schools Closed 12/24-1/01; Reopen 1/02/19



02 Schools Reopen

09 Grade 3 and 4 Winter Concert for Parents — 6:30 pm

10 Grade 5 Winter Concert for Parents — 6:30 pm

21 Schools Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

30 Early Release Day — Dismissal at 12:15 pm

To our Hillside families...

The entire Hillside (soon to be Sunita Williams) school staff wishes you all safe travels and relaxing and warm holiday times at home over the December break!

~ Michael, Erin, Lori, Andrea, Ann, Barbara and Beth



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Annual **Coats for Kids** drive is on now until January 4, 2019!
- Save the date...**Parent Winter Social — January 26th!**
- Save the Date! **Candy Bar Bingo - February 1**
- **Don't forget to upload your photos for the yearbook!**
- Join our **Spring Carnival Planning Committee!**
- Participate in the **Gift Book Program** today (form at the end of the Newsletter)!

Happy Holidays Hillside Families! Thank you for being such a fabulous and caring school community, and for all you have done to give back to Hillside throughout the first half of the year. We wish you a safe and relaxing winter break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school in January.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the children for participating in Spirit Week. We hope they had a LOT of fun getting dressed for school each day!

Thank you to all the Room Parents and parent volunteers who hosted winter class parties this week!

Upcoming Events

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 4th, 2019**.

Come to Town Meeting and have your voice be heard! Dr. Gutekanst would like to encourage parents to attend the Public meeting on January 15th 2019, 7pm at Broadmeadow as a show of support from the community for full day Kindergarten in advance of the town voting to approve full day K on January 22nd. Support at this meeting is also needed for the additional staff budgeting requirements of the Sunita Williams School.

SAVE THE DATE - Our next PTC meeting is on **January 23rd 2019 at 8.45am in the cafeteria** where we will get an update from Mr K on the Sunita Williams' construction. In advance of this meeting you can see the most recent photos of the Sunita Williams Elementary School on the Hillside website or click [here](#).

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 and *the opportunity to bid on some special Teacher Experiences!* Book the babysitter and stay tuned for more details! Tickets can be purchased on Ticketleap <https://hillside-ptc.ticketleap.com>. If you'd like to help out with this event please reach out to Social Committee Chair Angela DePaul angm77@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE - Our beloved **Candy Bar Bingo** is on **Friday 1, February 2019**. Be on the lookout for more details and a request for volunteers after we return from break.

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 and cannot operate without volunteers. 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.



Winter Concert Dates:

for Grades 3/4 Wednesday, January 9 at 8:45 AM (school audience); January 9 at 6:30 PM (for parents)
for Grade 5, Thursday, January 10 at 8:45 AM (school audience); January 10 at 6:30 PM (for parents)



Parent Talk 7th Annual Summer Camp Fair
Wed Jan 23rd 6:30-8:30pm at 178 Rosemary Street
\$10 for non-members
<http://www.parenttalk.info/community/camp-fair.php>

Registration Open for Needham Flag Football League

Needham Flag Football League (NFFL) will be starting its Co-Ed Flag League again in September 2019 for grades K-8. Space is limited and registration is now open. For more information please visit www.needhamflagfootball.com



Yoga for Children

Saturday, December 22nd 10:30 am

Ages 5-9

Stretch out and relax in this free class taught by a professional Yoga instructor.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, December 22nd 3:00

Grades 3-5

Children read the book then come to the meeting to discuss it and enjoy related activities. This month's book is **One Mixed-Up Night** by Catherine Newman. Two children run away to the Ikea store after closing for a night of couch jumping, pillow forts, unlimited soda refills along with surprises and secrets. Copies available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x204.

Free Movie: Christopher Robin

Friday, December 28th 2:00 PM

Rated PG, 104 Minutes

Christopher Robin is now a grown-up, working class family man who encounters his old childhood friend, Winnie-the-Pooh. Winnie helps Robin rediscover the joys of life.

The Needham Free Public Library will close at 1:00 PM on December 24. The library will be closed on December 25th. The library will close at 5:30 pm on December 31 and will be closed on January 1.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Frosty Farewell

TO

HILLSIDE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

7:30PM

The Village Club

83 MORTON STREET
NEEDHAM, MA 02494

DANCING, TEACHER EXPERIENCE AUCTION,
RAFFLE AND MORE!

TICKETS ARE \$25/PP AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT:
HILLSIDE-PTC.TICKETLEAP.COM/FROSTY-FAREWELL-TO-HILLSIDE/

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE
HILLSIDE PTC ENRICHMENT FUND

"TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE IT IS
NECESSARY TO STAND OUT IN THE COLD."

-ARISTOTLE



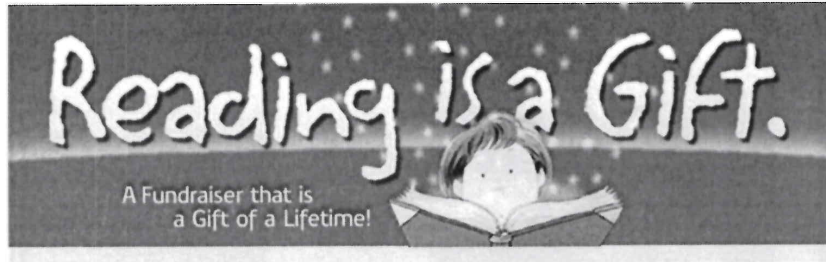
Please donate!

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