

# Hillside News

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## IMPORTANT DATES



21 Schools Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

23 PTC Meeting — 8:45 am

30 Early Release Day — Dismissal at 12:15 pm

## PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

### PTC Highlights:

- Next PTC Meeting is January 23 at 8:45 a.m.
- Parent Winter Social — January 26th. Buy your tickets NOW!
- Purchase Red Sox tickets by January 28!
- Yearbook Photos desperately needed! Download yours today!
- Save the Date! Candy Bar Bingo - February 1
- More First Grade Cafeteria Volunteers needed!!

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated coats to those in need via [Hillside Cares](#) and the [Hillside Student Council](#)'s annual **Coats for Kids Drive**. We collected over 80 coats which will help keep many warm this winter. Thank you!

**Thank you** to all those who walked to school on Wednesday for the Polar Bear Prowl. It was great to see the sidewalks full of winter walkers!

### Upcoming Events

**Come to the 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.**

**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](#).

**PARENT SOCIAL** - 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 such as Principal for the Day, a

Flag Football game with Mr. Tatro and 9 of your friends, and Front Row Seats to the Spring Concert! Plus you can enter our raffle for the chance to win some great prizes (purchase tickets before online sales close and you will receive one free raffle ticket)! Book the babysitter and buy your tickets now 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](mailto:angm77@aol.com).

**SAVE THE DATE for HILLSIDE NIGHT AT THE RED SOX!** Join fellow Hillside families at Fenway Park for the Red Sox/Rockies game on **May 14th at 7:10pm** - this is always a fun evening and sells out! We have a limited number of bleacher seats available for \$20 which will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. Tickets must be purchased by January 28th. See the attached order form for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE** - A Hillside-Favorite, **Candy Bar Bingo**, is on **Friday 1, February 2019**. Be on the lookout for more details and a request for volunteers shortly.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Hillside Night at the Providence Bruins on March 10 at 3:05 p.m. Ticket info and more details to come!

### PTC Fundraisers

**Box Tops:** We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education and our next contest will be held from **Feb 11-15th**. PLEASE be sure to save them for contest submission!

**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

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS:** The Yearbook Committee is in desperate need of MORE pictures for the yearbook. The Yearbook Committee needs them for all future and past events including First Day of School, Hillside Back-to-School Picnic, Family Fun Night, and classroom holiday celebrations. Please follow the instructions below and start submitting your photographs TODAY!!! Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ [samshap333@hotmail.com](mailto:samshap333@hotmail.com).

- 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:

**More 1st Grade Cafeteria Volunteers Needed:** 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. To sign up, either contact Ilana Kaufman at [kaufman.ilana@gmail.com](mailto:kaufman.ilana@gmail.com) or go to the Sign up Genius link.

**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).



## News from Mrs. Greiff...

Please see the attached letter from Barbara Singer, Director of Health Services for Needham Public Schools, regarding the Flu.



### **Needham School Committee FY20 Budget Hearing**

The Needham School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the School Department's FY20 proposed budget on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Broadmeadow School Performance Center at 7:00 p.m. The School Committee welcomes public participation in the School Department's budget discussion. The proposed FY20 budget will include costs associated with the implementation of the full-day kindergarten program in September 2019.

The annual Needham Jazz Night will take place on **Friday, January 25th at 7:00 pm** in the Needham High School Auditorium and features the High School and Middle School Jazz Ensembles and the High School Contemporary Music Ensemble. Don't miss this year's guest artist in residence, trumpeter Tiger Okoshi, a local musician with an international reputation in the jazz world. There is a suggested donation of \$10/adults and \$5/students and seniors at the door with a \$25 cap for families.

Join NHS Friends of Music on **Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 pm for A Cappella Go** at a new location this year - **Newman Elementary School Auditorium**. Performances by Counterpoint, Fermata Nowhere, Subway Dwarves and Treble Rebels plus college ensembles with NHS A Cappella alums – Brandeis University Company B (Amber Crossman, '17), Clark University Clark Bars (Sam Rubin, '17) and Yale University Mixed Company (Ben Cohen, '18). We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets online at [www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets](http://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets) because a limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.



Spring 2019 Needham Softball registration is open. We have programs for girls from Kindergarten through 8th grade. To guarantee a team assignment, the deadline for signup is Friday, February 8th. We also have our final winter clinics starting up on January 14th. To register for the Spring and/or Winter Clinics, go to [www.needhamssoftball.com](http://www.needhamssoftball.com) and choose Open Registrations.

### **SEPAC Educational Presentation: A Guide to Special Education**

Attorney Michelle Moor will teach families the basics of special education, with information that will help you:

- Understand your child's eligibility for special education
- Know your rights under state and federal law
- Plan and monitor your child's progress
- Be an effective partner with your child's school

*Michelle Moor is an attorney whose practice is devoted entirely to helping children with special needs access appropriate educational services. She worked in the disability and special education law group at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP for several years, and is currently a partner at Moor, Perlman & Gregg LLC.*

**Tuesday, January 22**

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

**Needham Boys Lacrosse Spring** season for grades K-8, registration open until Jan 31. Go to <http://needhamboyslacrosse.com/> and click on "Register Online" on the left side of the page. Please email with any questions: [needhamlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:needhamlacrosse@gmail.com)

**Share your thoughts with BID–Needham, on the health needs in our community!**

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital–Needham is currently engaged in a Community Health Needs Assessment to better understand the health needs of those living, working, and learning in our service area. The hospital is asking residents to complete an online, 10-minute Community Health Survey before January 31:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BIDNeedham2019CHNA>. If you would like a paper version of the survey, available in English, Spanish, Russian or Chinese, please email Alyssa Kence at [akence@bidneedham.org](mailto:akence@bidneedham.org) or call 781-453-5460.

**Save the Date:** February 9, 2019

The Needham History Center and Museum presents its fundraiser, “Champagne and Chocolate.” at Knight Auditorium, Babson College. For tickets and more information go to [needhamhistory.org/champagne](http://needhamhistory.org/champagne) or call 781-455-8860.



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Needham Free Public Library will be closed on Monday, January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Read to Tucker the Dog**

Wednesday, January 9

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

Grades 1-5

Children can sign up for a 15min time slot to practice reading aloud to Tucker the Dog. Tucker is a trained and Certified Therapy dog. To sign up, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

**Family Book Club**

Grades K-2

Saturday, January 12

**2:30-3:30 P**

Adults and children read the non-fiction picture books together and come to the meeting to enjoy the books, learn more about the subject, and create a craft or related project together. Books are available at the Children's Desk. This month's titles are: *Mack Made Movies* by Don Brown, *Keep Your Eye on the Kid* by Catherine Brighton and *Lights! Camera! Alice!* by Mara Rockliff. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

**Knitting with Friends**

Grades 3-9

Mondays, January 28 – March 18

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

Learn the basics of knitting and make a scarf. The library will provide yarn and needles. No previous experience necessary. **Registration is required.** Space is limited. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

**Toy Maker's Workshop**

Grades 1-5

Tuesday, January 15 & January 29

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

Children enjoy hands-on activities while also being encouraged to come up with an idea for a new toy or game. On January 15th, make a kinetic carousel toy to keep and take home. On January 29th, children are encouraged to bring in a new toy or game that they have made-up themselves. Winners will be awarded medals and framed certificates. Children with winning ideas may participate in a Young Inventors regional competition in New Hampshire in the spring with the possibility of going on to a national competition. **Registration is required.** To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

### **Lego Club**

Grades K-4

Wednesday, January 16

**4:00 -5:00 PM**

Children are welcome to use our extensive LEGO collection to build their own creations. LEGOs cannot be taken home, but parents are encouraged to take a photo of their child's project. Just drop in to participate in the fun.

### **Free Movie Showing**

#### **The House with a Clock in Its Walls**

Friday, January 18

**3:30 PM**

(Rated PG, 105 Minutes)

Harry Potter fans will love this magical adventure! This is a spine-tingling tale of 10-year-old Lewis who goes to live with his uncle in a creaky old house. His uncle is a warlock and his house contains a mysterious tick-tock clock hidden somewhere inside its walls. The clock was left behind by an evil wizard and it is ticking down towards a horrible goal. Jonathan enters a magical world of witches and warlocks, good and evil and has a chance to decide fate. Just drop in.

### **Family Activity Morning**

Saturday, January 19

**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

Families with children of all ages are invited to drop in and play games, explore STEM activities and create arts and crafts projects together.

### **Bookventurers Book Club**

Grades 3-5

Saturday, January 19

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

Children read the book and come to discuss it while enjoying a related activity. Books are available at the Children's Desk. This month's book is *Annie B., Made for TV* by Amy Dixon. Inspired by "As seen on TV" commercials, Annie likes to invent products and write clever sales pitches for them. When she receives an opportunity to audition for a TV show, she just knows she is going to wow them with her fabulous writing and made-for-TV voice.

### **Snowman Science**

Grades 1 and up

Wednesday, January 23

**3:30 - 4:30 PM**

Children in Grades 1 and up are welcome to drop in to learn about science concepts through hands-on, snowman-themed activities and crafts.

### **Be an International Artist!**

Grades 2-5

Tuesdays, February 26 – March 12

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

#### **Special SKYPE on March 23rd**

Needham MA was named after the town Needham Market in England. The two Needhams are Sister Cities. Both libraries in Needham, MA and Needham, England will be holding art programs for children with a professional art instructor. Children in England will be creating art about the landmarks and spring flowers around their Needham. Children in Needham, MA in Grades 2-5 are invited to come for 3 art sessions to create art about our town's landmarks and our town's official flower. Children are welcome to draw, paint, make a collage or use other mediums and techniques. On Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 AM we will SKYPE with the young artists in Needham Market, England. Children from both countries will be able to show each other their art, talk about their town and ask each other questions. Photos from both town's landmarks and scans of all the art from both countries will be bound together in two books. One book will be kept at the library in Needham, MA and the other book will be kept in the library in Needham Market, England. **Registration is required.** Space is limited. Children who register must attend the SKYPE on March 23rd. To register please visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Influenza (the flu) season has arrived, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza activity is on the rise. Flu season peaks between December and February but the flu can occur between October and May.

The flu is a respiratory viral illness that is contagious and can be spread from up to 6 feet away through “droplets” which occur when infected people cough, sneeze or talk. As the flu is contagious, it is important to take the following measures to prevent the spread:

- Get vaccinated annually with the flu vaccine
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill
- Stay home until you are fever free for 24 hours off of all fever reducing medications
- Cover your nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing/sneezing
- Don't touch your nose/mouth/eyes
- Proper handwashing (washing with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds)
- Use a disinfectant cleaner to wipe down common items such as doorknobs, computers, phones, etc.

Symptoms of the flu include: fever/chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose or nasal congestion, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Treatment includes: rest, hydration, analgesics/fever reducing medication such as Acetaminophen and/or Ibuprofen, and antiviral medications (as prescribed by your healthcare provider). If you have symptoms of the flu, check with your healthcare provider promptly. Antiviral medications may be an option and when taken within 48 hours of symptoms, these medications may lessen the duration and severity of the flu. In addition, antivirals that are taken after 48 hours may still be effective; most people recover in a few days to a week. For more information, visit the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2018-2019.htm>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's school nurse.

Stay well!

Barbara Singer MSN, RN, NCSN

# HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK



JOIN YOUR CLASSMATES, TEACHERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF  
FUN AT FENWAY PARK!

**TUESDAY, MAY 14TH**  
**7:10PM**



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## TICKET PRICE

BLEACHER 42 & 43 - \$20 PER PERSON\*

\*INCLUDES DONATION TO PTC

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT SEEMA MELONI AT SEEMA.MELONI@GMAIL.COM

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TUESDAY, MAY 14	TICKETS	ROCKIES VS. RED	TOTAL AMOUNT:
7:10PM	# OF TIX ____@ \$20	SOX	\$ _____

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS. ALL ORDERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND ALL GAME TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  CHECK- MADE PAYABLE TO: HILLSIDE PTC  CASH

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN ENVELOPE LABELED PTC RED SOX GAME

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: JANUARY 28TH**