

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

News from Mr. K...

Many of us read the book [Courage by Bernard Weber](#) this week and connected it with conversations about Martin Luther King, Jr. and why we observe Monday's holiday. Though the courage Dr. King exemplified resonated on a truly historic and global scale, it is as important to discuss how everyday courageous acts benefit everyone. Taking the time to discuss the idea of personal courage with your children this weekend would be a wonderful way to celebrate!

Have a good weekend and stay warm!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Hear from Mr. K. at our next PTC Meeting on January 23 at 8:45 a.m.
- Parent Winter Social — January 26th. Buy your tickets NOW!
- Purchase Red Sox tickets by January 28!
- Used Book Sale collections on NOW!!
- Yearbook Photos desperately needed! Download yours today!
- Save the Date! Candy Bar Bingo - February 1
- Needham Schools Day out — Purchase Providence Bruins tickets BY February 10!
- PTC Spelling Bee team needed - Sunday, March 10

Upcoming Events

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](#). We hope to see you there!

PARENT SOCIAL - Come bid Hillside a **FROSTY FAREWELL** at the Parent Winter Social on **January 26, 2019**. You do not want to miss this awesome event with great music, drinks and dancing along with the opportunity to bid on some coveted Teacher Experiences including *Principal for the day, Soccer with Senor Marra, Painting with Mrs. Brown,, Fitness Fun with Ms Vacaro, and an Unlimited Pass for the Spring Carnival!* Plus you can enter our raffle for the chance to win some great prizes (purchase tickets before online sales close and you will receive \$5 towards the price of one raffle ticket)! Book the babysitter and buy your tickets now on Ticketleap <https://hillside-ptc.ticketleap.com>. Any questions please reach out to the Social Committee Chair Angela DePaul 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! Tickets are selling FAST! 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.

THE USED BOOK SALE IS COMING! The New Year is the perfect time to look through your shelves for adult and children's books that you are ready to pass along! Some of your donated books are put directly into circulation in our Media Center and classrooms; the rest are sold at the sale, with **all proceeds given to the Media Center** for the purchase of new materials. All teachers bring their classes to visit the sale – Prices are very low so that everyone can find a treasure! We will be collecting books for the next few weeks in the lobby, so please consider donating your used books. The used book sale is an easy and fun way to get involved at Hillside and volunteers are needed! If you are interested in **helping sort books** in the next few weeks, **helping during the sale itself** (on March 5th & 6th), or have any other questions, please contact **Joanie Daly** (jdayadaly@gmail.com).

Announcing **CANDY BAR BINGO!** On **Friday 1, February 2019 6.30 to 8pm** in the Hillside gym. Come and play Bingo, and win prizes, with your Hillside friends. \$3 entry at the door per person. All those who participate will receive a candy bar! If you are able to volunteer during the event please follow the Sign Up Genius [link](#).

NEEDHAM SCHOOLS DAY OUT at the **Providence Bruins** on **March 10 at 3:05 p.m.** Please join other Needham elementary school families and enjoy a fun family and friends day out at the Providence Bruins v the Thunderbirds. Tickets are \$22 per person and include a hat, popcorn and a fountain drink for all the kids in the group. Please send the **order form** and check (payable to 'Providence Bruins') into school with your child in an envelope labeled Providence Bruins Game **by February 10th.**

CALLING ALL SPELLERS: Rally a Team for the NEF Bee! We are looking for at least three participants to form a team and represent Hillside PTC at the 2019 Needham Education Foundation (NEF) Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 10. As the NEF's largest fundraiser, the Bee draws spellers of all ages from Needham schools, businesses, and the community. The income generated supports the innovative, educational, and enriching programs the NEF provides for our students. If you are interested in joining the PTC team please contact Meg (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) or Vanessa (vanessajones694@icloud.com).

PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: 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.

- Go to: <https://images.memorybooks.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 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.

Needham Diversity Initiative

Needham Diversity Initiative would like to invite you to join them for their annual **Martin Luther King Day Celebration** on Monday, January 21st, at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium at Pollard Middle School. They have an inspiring program planned - including the "Shed a Little Light" slide show, and music from *Needham Plugged In*, the *Making Music Matters A Capella* group from NHS, the *Origination Dance Co.*, and *Brother Dennis Slaughter* and friends, as well as a reading of Langston Hughes' powerful and timely poem: "Let America Be America Again. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more info



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 because a limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.



NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL DANCE CLINIC

WHEN: January 30th from 12:45-2:45

WHERE: NHS "A" GYM

COST: \$25

WHO: available to all k-5th Graders

Come learn a dance routine with the NHS dance team. A light snack will be provided. Parents are invited to watch a short performance of the routine at 2:30pm. Walk-ins welcomed. RESERVE YOUR SPOT

ONLINE TODAY BY USING LINK BELOW

<https://nhsdanceclinic.eventbrite.com> QUESTIONS? Contact Cbreen01@comcast.net

Needham Youth & Family Services' Forde Award Ceremony **Monday, January 28th**

Needham Youth & Family Services is pleased to share that **Bill Earl and Peter Mesnik** have been selected as the 2019 Recipients of the Patrick and Patricia Forde Good Person Memorial Award. Bill and Peter have been mentors at the Needham High School Robotic Club for years and their time and dedication have helped the club expand from serving about 10 students to now serving over 50 students. Both men have put in countless volunteer hours and the club would not be able to run without the mentors as it has grown so big.

This award is designed to recognize a Needham adult who helps make the community a better place for youth and families through his/her volunteer work. The award is recognition that through volunteerism and caring, each person in the community is able to enhance Needham. The public is invited to attend the ceremony to honor Bill and Peter on Monday, January 28th at 5:30PM at Powers Hall in Needham Town Hall. If you desire more information, please contact Sara Shine at sshine@needhamma.gov

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

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 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.

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.

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.

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.”
- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join us for
Needham’s Celebration and Observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

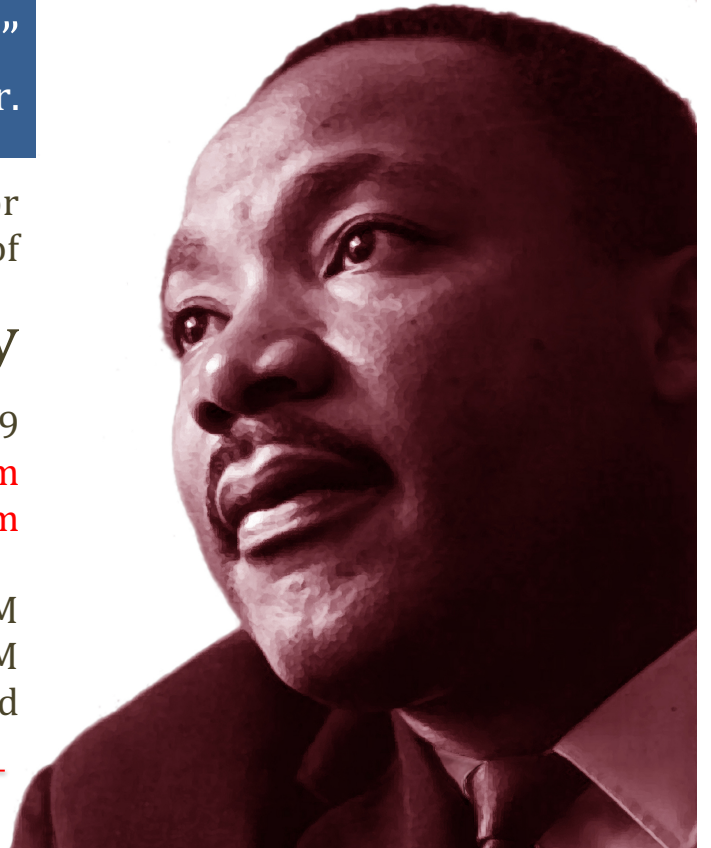
Monday, January 21, 2019
Pollard Middle School Auditorium
200 Harris Avenue, Needham

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Doors open at 9:30 AM
Refreshments will be served

Sponsored by the following Needham organizations:

- Diversity Initiative
- Clergy Association
- Human Rights Committee
- Public Schools and its METCO Program

www.needhamdiversity.org



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Needham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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!

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





Announcing: Candy Bar Bingo!

Sponsored by the Hillside PTC

Come play Bingo with your Hillside school friends on
Friday night, February 1, 2019
6:30PM to 8:00PM

The cost is \$3 per person
Pay at the door

All those who participate will receive a candy bar!
Prizes galore!



If you have any questions, please contact:
Julie Lanza at julielanelanza@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

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PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS

_____ # of tickets x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone (D): _____ Email Address: _____

_____ # OF KIDS
IN YOUR GROUP

CHECK # _____

CASH \$ _____