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Hillside News

February 1, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

2/7 -- Walk-to-School Day -- The Chilly Charge
2/12 -- PreK-8 Early Release
2/18-22 -- February Recess



News from Mr K . . .

I'm so pleased to report that construction at Sunita Williams continues to move along on schedule! I am now spending most Wednesdays there receiving construction updates and taking pictures whenever possible. Please take a look at the most recent pictures included in the [slide show](#), which I shared at last week's PTC meeting. I will try to update these pictures monthly. Hope you have a wonderful weekend, keep warm, and Go Patriots!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Candy Bar Bingo TONIGHT! Come and join the fun!
- PTC Spelling Bee teams needed - Sun Mar. 10
- Yearbook Photos Desperately Needed - download yours today!
- Needham Schools Day Out - Purchase Providence Bruins tickets by Feb. 10!
- Collect your Box Tops! Next contest Feb 11th - 15th...Which GRADE will come out on TOP?
- Next Walk To School Day - Feb. 7th

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Thank You

The Parent Social - a FROSTY FAREWELL to Hillside was a HUGE success!! Thank you to everyone who came out to make it such a fun event and a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our auction and raffle winners!! We have many people to thank for helping make it such an incredible night. A big thank you to our **Prize Donors**: Caitrin Dunphy Photography, The Birnbaums, the McHughs, Chitra Walmsley Positive Dog Training, The Peaceful Pooch Grooming Co., Doggy Dates, Needham Day Spa, Proud Mary, Elizabeth Grady, First Aid Beauty, Reveler Beverage Company, Anthony's Barber Shop, and Triton Wash Car Care Center. Thank you also to our **Teacher Experience Donors**: Michael Kascak, Erin Vacaro, Lori Donovan, Maria DiCicco, Donna DeMaria, Sena Hsu, Evan Brown, Rob Tatro, Pat Marra, George Goneconto, Chelsea Bracken, Liz Hitron, Raylene Roberts, Mark Franks, Christina Tarantino, Shelly Santaniello, Martha Miceli, Del Teixeira, Janine Everts, Aly Schenker, Elaine McKenna, and Jen Woodman. And lastly, a **BIG** thank you to the Social Committee, chaired by Angela DePaul, who planned this fabulous community and fundraising event.

Upcoming Events

CANDY BAR BINGO TONIGHT 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!

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).

Next **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY** is **Thursday, February 7th** - The Chilly Charge! Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: Our next contest will be held from **Feb 11-15th**. We are excited to announce that each grade will be competing against each other. **The grade that collects the most Box Tops will win a P.J day!** PLEASE be sure to save Box Tops 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.

SEPAC

SEPAC Educational Presentation: "Friends Matter: Promoting Authentic Social Opportunities for All"

Friendships are valuable and important for all people, yet friendships between individuals with and without disabilities can be rare. While we often focus on improving the social skills of students with disabilities, providing more opportunities and direct support for these friendships to develop is just as crucial. Dr. Zach Rossetti will share stories of successes and challenges, as well as research-based strategies for parents and educators to promote authentic friendships between individuals with and without disabilities.

Zach Rossetti, Ph.D., a former special education teacher and inclusion facilitator, is an Associate Professor of Special Education in the Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development. His research focuses on social interactions and friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities in inclusive settings.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

7:00pm – Networking & Refreshments

7:30 pm – Program Begins

Broadmeadow School Media Center



2019 Carol Virginio Memorial Jump Rope for Heart

Attention parents: A couple of weeks ago, information packets about our 14th annual Carol Virginio Memorial Jump Rope for Heart went home with all of our students. For more information about Carol and Jump Rope for Heart in general, please visit our Hillside Physical Education website at <http://hillsidepe.weebly.com/jump-rope-for-heart.html>

Last year, Hillside School contributed just over \$22,000 to the American Heart Association bringing our 14 year total to a whopping \$170,000. Raising money for the AHA is optional for our students and is something that should be intrinsically motivating. Of course, the reward prizes that the AHA share with students who raise money sometimes make this lesson difficult and is something we spend a great deal of time discussing with students. Feel free to supplement these discussions at home and just as an FYI, there is a checkbox on the packet that students can check if they wish not to receive prizes.

Over the next few weeks, each time your children come to P.E., we'll spend some time learning about jumping patterns, how to use the single rope, partner single rope, long rope, and even jump double dutch based on grade level. Feel free to encourage students to continue to practice at home and we look forward to honoring loved ones who have been affected by heart disease, heart attacks, and/or stroke on February 15th during our day-long Jump Rope for Heart celebration.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at rob_tatro@needham.k12.ma.us or catherine_bove_cournoyer@needham.k12.ma.us

Hillside Talent Show

THE TALENT SHOW IS COMING! Calling all singers, dancers, comedians and performers...permission slips for the annual Hillside Talent Show will go home next week. Please start gathering your friends and putting together your acts now. We are hoping to have lots of BIG acts this year, five or more students. Look for permission slips soon and feel free to address questions to hillsideptalentshow@gmail.com. Open to ALL students.

SAVE THE DATE - FEATURING GREAT SEATS TOGETHER AS A GROUP!

PROVIDENCE BRUINS SPECIAL OFFER

FOR **Needham School's Night - Hillside Elementary School!**



**SUNDAY
MAR 10**

3:05 VS. SPR

**DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER
PROVIDENCE, RI**

INCLUDES

**HAT, POPCORN &
FOUNTAIN DRINK**
FREE FOR ALL KIDS
IN THE GROUP



FOR ONLY \$22 PER PERSON

**PURCHASE
INSTRUCTIONS**

To purchase tickets please fill out this form and return with a check payable to the 'Providence Bruins' to the main office by February 15th. For any questions, please contact Vanessa Jones at vanessajones694@icloud.com.

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

SUN. MAR 10

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone (D): _____ Email Address: _____

_____ # OF KIDS
IN YOUR GROUP

CHECK # _____

CASH \$ _____