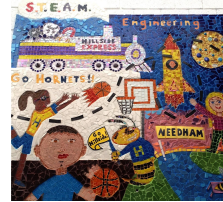


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Hillside News

February 8, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

2/12 -- PreK-8 Early Release
2/18-22 -- February Recess



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Last Chance to Purchase Providence Bruins tickets - Order Forms Due Feb. 10!
- Talent Show permission slip due back Feb 14. Auditions on Mar 12 and Mar 14.
- Keep sending in those Yearbook Photos - download yours today!
- Box Tops Contest starts on Monday! Which GRADE will come out on TOP?
- Used Book Sale Donations Needed

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Thank You

We hope everyone had a great time at **Candy Bar Bingo!!** We had a fantastic turnout and it seems that everyone--kids, adults and celebrity Bingo callers--had a really fun evening. A BIG thank you to **Julie Lanza** for organizing this Hillside event for so many years! Julie is moving on from Hillside next year so we are looking for a new event chair. If you are interested please reach out to Meg megrosenbaum11@gmail.com or Vanessa vanessajones694@icloud.com.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this morning's **Chilly Charge**. We hope you'll join us for our next Walk to School Day on March 5th, **the March March**.

Upcoming Events

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**.

It's that time of year again! Get your acts together for **HILLSIDE TALENT SHOW!** Every student needs to fill out a permission slip in order to audition. Please return these slips by **February 14th!** You can find a copy of the permission slip at the bottom of the newsletter and in backpacks this week! Any questions please email us at hillsidepttalentshow@gmail.com!

THE USED BOOK SALE IS COMING! Please 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).

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 PJ day!** PLEASE be sure to clip and submit those Box Tops to help your grade come out on top!

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.

COMMUNITY

CITIZENS FOR NEEDHAM SCHOOLS presents Coffee & Conversation: Full Day Kindergarten with Aaron Pressman

Saturday, February 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Broadmeadow School Media Center

This Saturday Citizens for Needham Schools is hosting a coffee with School Committee Chair Aaron Pressman to discuss Full Day Kindergarten. In addition to learning more about FDK, this is also a great opportunity to ask questions and share ideas, learn more about CNS, and meet others in the community who are passionate about education and strengthening Needham Schools.

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

NEF SPELLING BEE

Parents, Rally an Adult Team for the NEF Bee! We hope you can join us on Sunday, March 10th at 3 pm in the Needham High School cafeteria (new location!) for the annual Spelling Bee. As the NEF's largest fundraiser, the Bee draws spellers of all ages from Needham schools, businesses, and the community.

Join in the fun and show your support of the NEF by forming your own adult team. Get together with a few friends from your neighborhood, poker group, book club, or business, and spell your way to victory.

To register a team, fill out a registration form by February 15th. Your registration fee will help to fund innovative, educational, and enriching programs for Needham Public School students in grades K through 12.

Interested in supporting the Bee but prefer to skip the spelling? Sponsor a team with a donation or place an ad in the Bee Program Book. Click [here](#) for details!



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 hillsidepttalentshow@gmail.com. Open to ALL students.



Plugged In Band Program Spring Session Band Classes for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels and new program, **Plugged In After Dark** for already-formed high school bands, begin the week of February 25. Registration for private lessons is ongoing. For more information, please visit www.pluggedinband.org.



Grades 1-5

New in the STEAM Center

The STEAM Center, located inside the Children's Craft Room, is available for children ages 6 and up to explore computer coding, robotics, electricity and engineering using STEAM toys, kits, robots and more. The Science Technology Engineering Art and Math Center now has new Bee Bots and Code-a-pillar robots to help children learn coding. Stop in and try them out!

STEAM Center Hours

Mon-Wed 5:30-8:30

Thurs 3:30-6:00

Friday 3:30-5:00

Saturday 9-4:30

Sunday 1-6:30

Early Release Days 1-8:30

Be a Published International Artist

Grades 2-5

February 26th, March 5th & 12th 4:00

Skype on March 23rd 10:00

Needham, MA was named after our sister city Needham Market in England. Now children in both Needhams can have a cultural exchange with each other. Join a professional art teacher on Tuesday afternoons to create artwork about some famous Needham, MA landmarks. Children in Needham Market will be creating art about their town. On Saturday, March 23rd skype with the children in England. Show them your art and tell them about your Needham and they will show their art and tell you all about Needham Market. The art created by children in both countries will be made into a book available at the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Market Library. All materials provided. Registration is required and space is limited. To register or for more information, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Knitting with Friends

Grades 3-9

Mondays at 4:00 PM

Learn how to knit, or just enjoy knitting with others and completing fun knitting projects. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204

Read to Tucker the Dog

Grades K-5

Wednesday, February 6th 4:00-5:30

Children in grades K-5 are invited to sign up for a 15 minute appointment to read aloud to Tucker The Dog. Tucker is a trained therapy dog and a great listener. This is a positive experience for children learning how read, children who need to practice reading out loud, or who just simply love dogs. To sign up, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Valentine Crafts and Candy

K and up

Wednesday, February 13th, 4:00-5:00

Children ages 5 and up are invited to drop in to create a variety of Valentine craft projects to keep or share as gifts, while munching on chocolate treats. All materials provided. Food will be offered in this program.

Family Book Club

Grades K-2

Saturday, February 16th 2:30-3:30

Adults are invited to attend with their child/ren in Grades K-2 to share non-fiction picture books, short informational video clips and fun related activities. February's books are *A Boy and a Jaguar*, *The Watcher* and *Mrs. Harkness and the Panda*. Copies are available at the Children's Desk, but reading ahead is not required. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

The Needham Free Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day.

School Vacation Week Programs At the Needham Free Public Library

Lego Blockman Wednesday, February 20th 11:00

Lego Club Wednesday, February 20th at 12:00

Mary Poppins Movie Showing Friday, February 22nd 2:00 PM

Yoga for Children Saturday, February 23rd at 10:30

Bookventurers Book Club, Saturday, February 23rd at 3:00

Lego Blockman

Grades K-5

Wednesday, February 20th 11:00

Come drop in to meet a man who was a Master Builder for the Lego Company for over 25 years. Imagine having a job building life-sized Lego models! Dan will do a brief presentation on his career as a Master Builder, lead about 50 children ages 5-12 in a building activity and conduct a question and answer period on Lego building.

Lego Club

Grades K and up

Wednesday, February 20th, 12:00

Immediately following a presentation by a Lego Master Builder, children ages 5 and up can drop by the STEAM Center to build with our large Lego collection. Projects can not be taken home, but parents are encouraged to photograph their child's creation.

Free Movie Showing

Walt Disney's original Mary Poppins

Rated G, 139 Minutes

Families are invited to drop in to see the original Mary Poppins movie. The new sequel to this film will be shown the following month. When yet another nanny resigns from keeping an eye on Mr Banks' boisterous children, Jane and Michael, the magical Mary Poppins arrives to become the new nanny. Combining live action with animation and featuring many well

known songs, the children embark on a variety of adventures that transform the family dynamic.

Yoga for Children

Ages 5-9

Saturday, February 23rd 10:30

Relax and stretch out with a professional yoga instructor for children.

Bookventurers Book Club

Grades 3-5

Saturday, February 23rd 3:00

Children in grades 3-5

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to read this month's book - *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend (copies available at the Children's Desk). A cursed girl escapes death and finds herself in a magical world. But then she is tested beyond her imagination. Discuss the book and participate in some of Morrigan's fantastic trials! Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-45507559 x 204.

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

PROVIDENCE BRUINS SPECIAL OFFER

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



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SUNDAY MAR 10

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DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER
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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 \$ _____



BOX TOP\$ BLIZZARD!

Hillside PTC Box Tops Contest
February 11 - 15, 2019

The **GRADE** that submits the most
unexpired Box Tops will win a *PJ Day* !

Contest takes place February 11-15,
so **START CLIPPING!**





Hillside Talent Show 2019



Audition & Crew Permission Slip (Due Back: Feb 14th)

IMPORTANT DATES

Audition Dates: Tuesday, March 12th from 3:00-5:00 pm & Thursday, March 14th, 3:00-5:00 pm @ HILLSIDE

Mandatory Dress Reh: Monday April 1st from 6pm-7:30pm OR Wednesday April 3rd from 6pm-7:30pm @ NEWMAN

Talent Show Date: Friday, April 5th from 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm @ NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE READ

Talent Show Mission: The Talent Show aims to provide students with an opportunity to showcase their talents to their peers, teachers, and families and to grow from the experience of taking a chance through the audition process.

Who can audition? All Hillside students. Students are strongly encouraged to form group acts, five + students together. While we aim to involve as many students as possible, we also recognize the need to balance participation with a show length appropriate for young audiences. Therefore, not all acts will be accepted. Please help your student appreciate this as they go through the audition process.

What equipment is available to the performers? We can guarantee only the availability of microphones and a piano/keyboard for the auditions, rehearsals, and performance. You will need to provide any other equipment your child requires. (We hope to be able to provide gymnastics mats, although we can't yet guarantee it.) NOTE: NO hoverboards; NO liquids allowed.

Music: Please review the lyrics to make sure they are appropriate. We recommend checking KidzBop for popular songs.

Audition Prep: Please encourage your child to practice and come to auditions prepared. Acts should be no more than 2 minutes. Students should bring their music on their own device. No acts are guaranteed. Practice, practice, practice.

Questions? Please email us at: hillsidepttalentshow@gmail.com. Thanks! –April Crawford, Kimberly McCollum, Lauren Schneider

----- Please tear off and return to your child's teacher by Thursday, February 14th -----

My child may audition for the Hillside Talent Show after school on: ___ Tues, March 12th or ___ Thurs, March 14th (3:00-5:00 pm)

If selected, my child can attend a Dress Rehearsal at Newman on: ___ Mon, April 1st; ___ Wed, April 3rd (6-7:30pm). (Please select all dates for which your child is available; each child will only attend one night, but this info will help us schedule the Dress Rehearsals.)

Type of Act (dance, sing, juggle, jump rope tricks, instrument, etc.): _____

If group act, list other performers (please remember, all students must turn in a completed permission slip): _____

Non-Performance Opportunities: Open to 5th Graders _____ **Announcers/ Back-stage crew**

(Announcers and back-stage crew must attend Dress Rehearsal; please indicate which Dress Rehearsal/s your child can attend above.)

Student's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Contact Number: _____

___ I give permission for my child to be photographed and videotaped as part of the Hillside Talent Show.