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Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES

2/18-22 -- February Recess



3/05-3/06 Used Book Sale
3/05 -- PTC Meeting 7:15 PM
3/08 -- Walk to School Day - The March March



News from Mr. K...

Yesterday, Mrs. Donovan pointed out to all of us that this was our last Valentine's Day at Hillside. And while I continue to be incredibly excited about our move to the new Sunita Williams School, I must admit feeling a bit melancholy thinking about all the next "lasts" here in our old digs. On that note, I wish you all a wonderful February break and will look forward to seeing you for our "last" Spring at Hillside School!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- **Join the PTC Board - Assistant Treasurer vacancy**
- **Next PTC meeting Tuesday Mar 5 at 7.15pm**
- **Keep sending in those Yearbook Photos - download yours today!**
- **Check your email for your confirmation of your purchase of Providence Bruins tickets.**
- **Used Book Sale Donations Needed!**
- **Next walk to school day Mar 8 - The March March!**

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

We wish you all a fabulous and fun filled February vacation!

Open positions

We Need Your Help - Assistant Treasurer Needed!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved at Hillside but can't make it into the classroom during the day? Are you hoping to find a volunteer position you can do on your own time, either at home or at the office? We have the role for you! Join the Board of the PTC by assisting our Treasurer with various duties, including fulfillment/procurement for enrichment and creative arts grants, as well as reimbursement of volunteer out of pocket expenses. The majority of your responsibilities will involve online ordering and email communications with teachers/PTC committee members regarding their PTC funded purchases. No specific financial background is required. This is a great way to be "in the know" about the contributions of the PTC - offer input into how funds are spent, suggest new ideas, and overall have your voice be heard! If you are interested please contact Heidi at hillsidehornetsptc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars - Used Book Sale being held on March 5th and 6th. We will be collecting books until Feb 29th in the lobby, so **please consider looking through your shelves in February break** 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! 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 to sort books or helping during the sale itself or have any other questions, please contact Joanie Daly (jdayadaly@gmail.com).

Come and join us at our next **PTC meeting March 5th 7.15pm** in the gymnasium. Michael Greiss our School Committee Representative will be in attendance to answer questions.

Join the fun and walk with us on our **next walk to school day on March 8th - the March March**. Wouldn't it be fun to get the neighbourhood involved and form a walking school bus!

NEEDHAM SCHOOLS DAY OUT at the **Providence Bruins** on **March 10 at 3:05 p.m.** Thank you to all those who have purchased tickets for the Providence Bruins on Sunday March 10th. Confirmation emails have been sent to everyone that has sent in forms. If you have not received an email, please email [Vanessa Jones](#).

Hillside Cares

Seeking donations! Cradles to Crayons is collecting gently used clothes, shoes, coats, small toys and books for kids ages 0-14 for their annual Needham Gives Back event being held on April 6. Please bring any donations you have to the bin in the Hillside lobby. Also, see the flyer attached below for information on volunteering at the event - and get your whole family involved in this great cause!

PTC Fundraisers

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

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



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.

Grade 3 - **Let's Build** Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to run an engineering design challenge in grade 3. Magnetic Circus asks students to build circus act or carnival ride out of tinker toys, power it using magnetic force, and give it a really cool name! We need volunteers to support the students and help with set up and clean up. Email Liz Lee at info@letsbuildengineering.org to sign up!

Monday March 18th - Fuller 9-10:30
Santinello 1:10-2:40

Monday March 25th - Shea 10:30-12
Everts 1:10-2:40

More information at letsbuildengineering.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

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.

Cradles toCrayons

Providing the essentials for childhood.

NEEDHAM GIVES BACK!

OUR 11TH ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE AND GIVING!

Saturday, April 6

10:00a - 1:00p

WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

Bring your gently used or new items to the Needham High School Cafeteria on Saturday April 6th, drop off hours are from 9am - 12pm*

**you can also drop off on Friday eve April 5, from 5-6p*

DONATE!

We need your gently used clothes, shoes, coats, small toys, and books for kids, ages 0-14

Clean out your closets for a good cause!

VOLUNTEER!

Come with your family!

Sort, organize and pack donations.

10a-1p

WE NEED YOU!

It takes an army of volunteers to get the job done! So come, help, and bring your kids....

Everything will be delivered to C2C and distributed to children in need all over Massachusetts!

If you would like to help, families participate together!

To volunteer, please email us at:

Needham@CradlesToCrayons.org