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Hillside News

March 1, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES



3/05-3/06 Used Book Sale
3/05 -- PTC Meeting 7:15 PM
3/08 -- Walk to School Day - The March March
3/13 -- PreK-8 Early Release, 12:15 Dismissal
3/28 -- PreK-12 Early Release, 12:15 Dismissal

Rising 6th Grade Parent/Guardian Evenings
3/26 -- Introduction to High Rock School
(6:30 PM, Newman Auditorium)
3/26 -- Introduction to METCO Middle School Programming
(7:30 PM, Newman Auditorium)
4/03 -- Introduction to Special Education at High Rock School
(6:30 PM, High Rock School Library)

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Join the PTC Board - Assistant Treasurer vacancy
- Generic Ministries Sandwich Making Event - Mar 3
- Used Book Sale Tues Mar 5 and Wed Mar 6 - Send in Cash with Your Child and volunteer if you can!
- Congratulations Grade 1 - Box Top contest winner!
- Next PTC meeting Tues Mar 5 at 7.15pm
- Next walk to school day Mar 8 - The March March!

- **Keep sending in those Yearbook Photos - download yours today!**
- **First Grade Cafeteria Volunteers Needed - Sign Up to Help Today!**

The Latest Buzz:

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Joyce McCafferty for running our second Box Top contest this year. In an extremely tight race, the **First Graders** just barely beat out the Second Graders and are the big winners collecting 338 box tops! Congratulations First Graders and enjoy your Pajama Day! Thank you to all who clipped, saved and submitted box tops!!!

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

The **Used Book Sale** is next week! All classes will visit the sale on **Tuesday March 5th or Wednesday March 6th**. All books are priced between \$0.25-\$1.00 (CASH sales only!). There are great deals to be found and the students love finding treasures! If you would like to purchase books, please remember to send your child with money on the day their class is visiting the sale. We will also be open for sales during the PTC meeting on Tuesday at 7pm and parents are welcome to come and shop at any time. **Volunteers are also needed** to help set up, staff, and breakdown the sale! Volunteers are welcome throughout the sale and you do not need to coordinate with when your child's class is visiting the sale. If you are available and would like to help, please sign up through this [link](#).

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 and school counselor, Margaret Petrovich, which give a brief presentation on social emotional learning initiatives taking place this year at Hillside. Ms. Petrovich will also discuss changes to the social/emotional competencies section of the Report Card. You won't want to miss this informative meeting!

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. Some last minute tickets are still available so if you are interested contact [Vanessa Jones \(vanessajones694@icloud.com\)](mailto:vanessajones694@icloud.com).

The **2019 HILLSIDE TALENT SHOW** will be held on Friday, **April 5th at 6:30pm** at the Newman Elementary School. A reminder for those auditioning for the talent show that auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 14th from 3:00-5:00pm. The show is guaranteed to be lots of fun! If you have any questions please contact the committee via our email box: hillsideptctalentshow@gmail.com.

Hillside Cares

Get the whole family involved and join Hillside Cares for a sandwich-making event to benefit **Generic Ministries** on **Sunday March 3 at 3:30!** You can donate materials, help with assembling sandwiches and brown bag meals, or both! Follow the link to sign up for your contribution [here](#).

Please help us collect for Cradles to Crayons! 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**. C2C is always in need of NEW socks, underwear and pajamas as well!!! Please bring any donations you have to the bin in the Hillside lobby anytime during the month of March. 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.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 or go to the Sign up Genius [link](#).

COMMUNITY

Hillside SEPAC parent coffee Friday March 8th from 8:35-9:30AM. Meet fellow parents and liaisons in the cafeteria for an informal gathering and conversation. We will also be joined by Assistant Principal and Special Education Coordinator

Erin Vecaro. Please email any questions to Hillside liaisons hillside@needhamsepac.org. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cheer on the Teams at the NEF Spelling Bee March 10th!

Join friends, neighbors, Needham Public School students, members of our local business community and civic leaders at the annual **NEF Spelling Bee** on Sunday, March 10 at 3pm in the Needham High School Cafeteria (new location!).

Admission and refreshments are free, thanks to the generous support of many sponsors, including Needham Bank, Roche Brothers and Veryst Engineering. Support the NEF at the Bee by purchasing tickets for the many raffle items donated by local businesses and special, bee-adorned cupcakes from Treat Cupcake Bar.

Kathy Curran, award-winning journalist and member of WCVB's 5 Investigates, will be a celebrity pronouncer and Dan Gutekanst, Needham Public Schools Superintendent, will be the pronouncer for the elementary school round. For more event information, go to www.nefneedham.org.

NEF Bee Cupcake creates a BUZZ!

To help the Needham Education Foundation raise money for Needham Public Schools, Treat Cupcake Bar at 1450 Highland Avenue is offering a custom Bee Cupcake in honor of the annual NEF Spelling Bee. Purchase a special, bee-adorned cupcake during the month of March, and Treat will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the NEF. Bee Cupcakes will also be available for purchase at the NEF Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 10th.

More Hillside News...

Hillside's 15th annual Carol Virginio Memorial Jump Rope for Heart was a great success!

In what has become an annual tradition, Hillside school participated in its 15th annual Jump Rope for Heart to support the American Heart Association on Friday, February 15th. The event is named after former Hillside School teacher's aid, Carol Virginio, who passed away in the spring of 2013. Carol was a cancer survivor, a heart transplant recipient, and an avid supporter of this event.

The event is coordinated by Hillside School's Physical Education and Wellness teacher, Rob Tatro. This year, Hillside School had 285 students who helped find sponsorships for the event which raised a record \$26,546 for the American Heart Association. Whether or not students chose to find sponsorships or not, students spent the past several weeks learning new jumping skills, learned about heart health, and what it means to support organizations like the AHA.

We are so lucky and blessed to have such tremendous support from the entire Needham community and beyond. Please accept our sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make another Jump Rope for Heart event an overwhelming success!

Hillside SEPAC Parent Coffee is Friday, March 8th from 8:35-9:30 AM. Meet fellow parents and liaisons in the cafeteria for an informal gathering and conversation. We will also be joined by Assistant Principal and Special Education Coordinator,

The Carter Nursery School, 800 Highland Ave., Needham will host a carnival and silent auction from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. The carnival is a fun filled, indoor event with circus-themed games, crafts and activities, a bounce house and face painting for ages 2-7 along with a special visit from Paw Patrol's Chase from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.carternurseryschool.com.



STEAM Center

Grades 1-5

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Center is located inside the Craft Room in the Children's Room of the Needham Free Public Library. Children can explore computer coding, robotics, electronics and engineering using our board games, toys, science kits, robots and more! Just drop in and explore! The STEAM Center is open:

Mondays 5:30-8:30 PM

Tuesdays 5:30-8:30 PM

Wednesdays 3:30-8:30 PM

Thursdays 3:30-6:00 PM

Fridays 3:30-5:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 - 4:30

Sundays 1-6:30

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

3:30 PM Friday, March 1, 2019

Grades K-2

Drop in to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Hear a story, make a Cat in the Hat shaped book and a clover containing a Who on a dust speck to take home. Write a birthday card to Dr. Seuss and enjoy some birthday cake!

Read to Tucker the Dog

4:00 - 5:30 PM Wednesday, March 6

Grades 1-5

Children are invited to sign up for a 15 min time slot to read aloud to Tucker the Dog. Tucker is a trained therapy dog who loves to be read to. To sign up, come by the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Family Book Club

Saturday, March 9th 2:30 PM

Grades K-2

Children and their adult attend together to share two non-fiction picture books. This month's books are *Otis and Will Discover the Deep* and *Flying Deep* - both about submarines. Watch a short video, create a craft or enjoy other related activities together. Books do not have to be read in advance, but copies are available at the Children's Desk. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Holi - Festival of Colors

Saturday, March 16th 2:30 PM

All Ages

Celebrate Holi - the Festival of Colors. Indian classical dancers in beautiful traditional costumes will perform three different styles of dance - Kathak, Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi. Come drop in to have fun and see the colors fly!

Get Your Game On with One Up Games

Tuesday, March 26th 4:00 -6:00 PM

Ages 10 and up

Experience Virtual Reality and play around on the best electronic games! One Up Games will be providing a freeplay event. Platforms will include PlayStation 4, PlayStation Virtual Reality, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

All Elementary Schools

Free Movie Showing

Ralph Breaks the Internet (Rated PG, 112 minutes)

Friday, March 29th 3:15 PM

Will Vanellope von Schweetz, star of the video game Sugar Rush, become homeless when her arcade game breaks? Not if Wreck It Ralph can help it. He and Vanellope venture into the internet to find a replacement part, but will the internet ever be the same?

All Elementary Schools

Yoga for Children

Saturday, March 30th 10:30 AM

Ages 5-9

Children are invited to drop in to stretch out and relax with a professional children's yoga instructor.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, March 30th 3:00 PM

Grades 3-5

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to read the book, discuss it with others and enjoy fun activities. This month's book is *The Trail* by Meika Hashimoto. Toby is a boy determined to hike the Appalachian Trail through the mountains to keep a pact with his best friend Lucas. On the trail alone, Toby faces bears, loneliness, fear and a lost dog. Then the storm comes. This is an exciting story of adventure and survival. Copies available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

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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

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