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Hillside News

March 8, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

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
- Talent Show volunteers needed - if you can help at the auditions or at the show itself please [sign up](#)
- Cheer on the Hillside teams at the NEF Spelling Bee on Sunday!
- Please help us collect for Cradles to Crayons - gently used clothes, shoes, coats, small toys/books needed
- Cyclebar Event on Mar. 28 - Reserve your spot now!
- First Grade Cafeteria Volunteers Needed - Sign Up to Help Today!

The Latest Buzz:



The Hillside Cares event on March 3 was a huge success! In under an hour, our volunteers put together approximately **100 brown bag dinners** for the homeless in the surrounding area. It was awesome to see how many Hillside families donated food and materials to this effort, and how many volunteered to spend their afternoon assembling bags. A HUGE thank you to **Tricia Sherman** and **Sarah Burns** for coordinating this effort and all the volunteers. Nicely done Hillsideers!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to **Joanie Daly** for running our Used Book Sale this week, Mr Godoy, the front office staff and all the volunteers who came in to help make the sale run smoothly. It was lovely to see so many children spending the time to find books that they were excited to read! All those small sales added up to almost **\$650** raised for the **Media Center**. We were also able to add to the Media Center and teachers' shelves as well as give back to the wider community with a donation of books to Cradles for Crayons.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **PTC meeting** on Tuesday evening. Thank you to **Michael Greiss**, our School Committee Liaison, who shared information on what the School Committee is working on. And a BIG Thank You to **Margaret Petrovich** for sharing with us the Social/Emotional learning initiatives taking place at Hillside, including a revamping of the social/emotional competencies on the report cards. If you missed the meeting you can catch it on our Facebook page. Our next **PTC meeting** is on **April 24 at 8.45am**. We look forward to seeing you there!

It was great to see so many of you **walking to school** this morning for our March March! Our next Walk To School Day is on **April 2** - the Spring Saunter!

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

NEEDHAM SCHOOLS DAY OUT at the **Providence Bruins** on **March 10 at 3:05 p.m.** We hope all those who have purchased tickets have a great time at the game!

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! **We can't run this event without your help.** If you can help at the auditions or on the night please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions please contact the committee via our email box: hillsideptctalentshow@gmail.com.

Cyclebar Event - Ride with us at Cyclebar in Wellesley, MA at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th to raise funds for the Hillside PTC and then join us for a drink at the Local (across the street). Cost is \$25/per rider. 100% of the proceeds go to the Hillside PTC. To reserve a bike, please register/sign-up [here](#). Please contact Erin Apstein (eringapstein@gmail.com) or Betsy Alperstein (balperstein@gmail.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Hillside Cares

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: We have many gaps in cafeteria volunteer coverage for First Grade lunch. If you do have any daytime availability (even if it is just once this whole spring), please consider signing up for a shift. It makes a huge difference for the cafeteria workers and first graders, and provides a great opportunity to interact with your student and all their classmates during the day. If you are able to sign up, please do so for the soonest dates you are available, so we can ensure the rest of March has proper coverage.

Thank you to all of you that have volunteered so far! To sign up, either contact Ilana Kaufman at kaufman.ilana@gmail.com or go to the Sign up Genius [link](#).

The **Calendar Raffle** committee is looking for help. If you would like to be involved please contact April Crawford (aacrawford44@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY

Cheer on the Hillside 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...

Please come to cheer on the following Hillside students representing the 5th Grade in the NEF Spelling Bee this Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 pm in the Needham High School cafeteria: Alex Jacoby, Anaya Mulay, Sasha Gurchenkov and alternate is Eli McCue. Good luck 5th Graders!!

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



Needham High School is proud to present "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" on March 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. and March 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Newman Elementary School auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Betsey Pratt at betsey_pratt@needham.k12.ma.us to request a ticket order form



March is Needham Unplugged Month! Please join us as we enter our 18th year for Needham Unplugged. Pick up your calendars around town or visit www.needhamma.gov/youth/unplugged . For more information please contact needhamyouth@needhamma.gov or 781.455.7500 x267.

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 i 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

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