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Hillside News

March 22, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

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)

4/02 -- Walk/Bike to School Day, The Spring Saunter

4/09 -- PreK-8 Delayed Opening, School Begins at 10:20

4/24 -- PTC Meeting, 8:45 a.m.



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Join the PTC Board - Co-President and Assistant Treasurer openings
- Talent Show Tickets on Sale [here](#) and Volunteers Needed - [sign up here](#)
- Yearbooks Now on Sale! [Purchase Online](#)
- Cyclebar Event on Mar. 28 - Reserve your spot now!
- Next Walk To School Day April 2 - the Spring Saunter
- Soliciting donations for the Calendar Raffle

- **Seeking Festival of Cultures Participants - share your culture with our community!**
- **First Grade Cafeteria Volunteers Needed - Sign Up to Help Today!**

The Latest Buzz:

Let the show begin!!!

Talent show tickets are available for purchase! Tickets are \$5 each. You may purchase tickets [here](#). Performers do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves. More show details are below under Upcoming Events.

Purchase Your Yearbook Now! There are two easy ways to order a copy of this year's special book: [Order online](#) by April 12th (see attached flyer for instructions); or complete the form sent home with your child and return to Hillside by April 12th. Please contact Samantha Shapiro at samshap333@hotmail.com with any questions.

Soliciting Donations for the Calendar Raffle!! It's feeling like spring and it's time for the Hillside Spring Raffle! This year, the raffle will run from June 3rd – June 7th, with prizes awarded every school day. Raffle tickets will be sold ahead of and during the week, so that everyone in the community will have an opportunity to try and win the donated prizes! The Calendar Raffle Co-chairs **need your help** in *collecting donated gift cards, items or experiences that Hillside students and families would enjoy winning during our raffle week in June*. If you have a connection with any local businesses, please consider donating a gift certificate or prize to our raffle. Neighborhood gifts are also a big hit...consider gathering money with neighbors and purchasing a fun item like movie/dinner gift cards, Beats headphones, sports event tickets, etc. This annual fundraiser helps the Hillside PTC raise much needed funds to support the PTC-sponsored enrichment programs. It also offers participants to win some great prizes. Please be in touch with Jen Schaffstein at leonardschaffstein@yahoo.com with ideas, connections or items.

Open positions

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for our next **Co-PTC President** to join Vanessa Jones next year. If interested, please email Meg Rosenbaum (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) or Vanessa Jones (vanessajones694@icloud.com).

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 **2019 HILLSIDE TALENT SHOW** will be held on Friday, **April 5th at 6:30pm** at the Newman Elementary School. The show is guaranteed to be lots of fun! **We can't run this event without your help.** If you can help at the rehearsals 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 EVENTS - 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!

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES - Hillside is celebrating our 4th Annual Festival of Cultures on Friday, May 17th at 6.30pm in the Hillside gym. Come along to this fun event to see the creative displays from the participating countries. Please return the attached flyer if you would like to join in and share your country and culture with the Hillside community. We had 18 countries represented last year and would love to have a few more this year! If there are any questions please contact hillsidefestivalofcultures@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendars! The next **PTC Meeting** is **April 24th** at 8:45am in the Hillside Cafeteria. More details to follow.

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).



Needham Junior Football

Bring your friends and experience what it's like to "Play for a Day" as a Needham Junior Football player on April 7 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. (see attached flyer for more information).

Growing up Other in Suburbia -- A different kind of forum. Young adults return to Needham to share their personal stories on how they navigated living and attending school while being other.

April 7, 4-6 p.m. First Parish UU, 23 Dedham Avenue, Needham



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

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

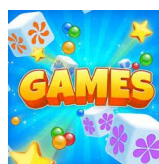
Learn how to knit, or just enjoy knitting with others and completing fun knitting projects. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204



The Student Council is working with Cradles to Crayons to collect items for families in need. We are collecting from Monday, March 18th to Friday, April 12th. There will be a box in the lobby for the items. The following items are what we are collecting:

PJs- size 2T and up

Boys jeans and khakis- size 10



Shoes-Boys and girls- size 0-12

Boys coats- size 10-12

Boys clothing- size 1

Hygiene Items

Games-board games

Books



All Items must be new or gently used

ORDER YOUR HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ONLINE TODAY

Step 1: Visit <https://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/>

Step 2: Enter the Hillside code: 026532 and go to your “school store login/registration”

Step 3: Click on the hyperlink below the school name

Step 4: Where it says “new user?” Click Register. Create a user ID and password.

Step 5: On the Product page click “Standard Yearbook” and follow the ordering process, including the “add child” prompt.

Each yearbook is \$15.



ORDER
ONLINE
THROUGH
FRIDAY,
APRIL 12TH.

Contact the Hillside Yearbook
Committee with any questions at:
hillsideyearbook2019@gmail.com

**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



LET'S BUILD: ENGINEERING FUN FOR KIDS

Hillside Families and Friends (with CORI forms) are invited to volunteer with Let's Build, a fun, in-classroom engineering opportunity!

Grade					
K	KD PM 4/1 12:15 - 1:30	KM PM 4/1 1:30 - 2:45	KM AM 4/3 8:30 - 9:45	KD AM 4/3 10 - 11:15	
2	2G 4/8 10:15-11:45	2D 4/8 12:45-2:15	2H 4/10 10:15-11:45	2W 4/10 12:45-2:15	
1	1T 6/3 9:00-10:15	1B 6/3 12:30-1:45	1A 6/4 10:15-11:30	1F 6/5 12:30-1:45	
4	4H 6/12 9:00-10:30	4K 6/12 12:30-2	4B 6/13 9:00-10:30		

Grade K – Bears Across the Atlantic (Sink Float)

Grade 2 – Puff Mobiles (Wind/Air)

Grade 1 – Waterwheels (Properties of Water)

Grade 4 – Circuit Challenge! (Electricity/Circuits)

Calling Hillside Volunteers!



To volunteer
email

Liz Lee at

info@letsbuildengineering.org

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KIDS



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PLAY FOR A DAY



Bring your friends and
experience what it's like to
PLAY FOR A DAY
as a Needham Junior Football Player!

APRIL 7, 2019

3:00-4:30

**NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
MEMORIAL FIELD**

**Run drills on the field
Raffle prizes, free food,
and MORE!**

www.NeedhamFootball.net