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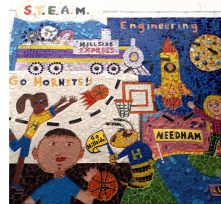
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Hillside News

May 17, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/21 – MCAS Grade 5 Science & Technology
- 5/22 – MCAS Grade 5 Science & Technology
- 5/22 – Art Show, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- 5/27 – No School – Memorial Day
- 5/28 – Spring Concert - Grades 3 and 4 Plus Beginning Strings & Band, School Audience Only
- 5/29 – Spring Concert - Grade 5 Plus Advanced Strings & Band, School Audience Only
- 5/31 – Spring Concert at 8:45 AM -- All Performing Groups, Parent Audience

- 6/06 – No AM or PM Kindergarten due to incoming K screenings and tours.
AM/PM KASE will be in session.
- 6/08 – Spring Fling Carnival, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- 6/11 – PreK-8 Early Release
- 6/19 – Last Day of School; Early Release 12:15 PM



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Festival of Cultures TONIGHT 6:30pm in the gymnasium!
- Save the Date - Hillside's Spring Carnival - Sat. June 8 from 4-7pm
- The PTC needs you! Check out the open Committee Chair Positions for 2019/20
- Next PTC Mtg - 5/21 at 7:15pm - Tech Forum: "Managing Technology in Your Home" by TechMom
- Spring Carnival - Cake Walk Bakers needed!
- 5th Grade Slideshow photos, Field Day and Party Volunteers needed!

Thank you

We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to contribute essential items to the Zaitsev Family in the wake of their devastating house fire. The response from our community was overwhelming and swift - the SUG was complete in a matter of hours - sending a huge message of support to one of our members in need. **We are no longer taking donations at the school.** If you were unable to contribute and would still like to, a family friend has established a Go Fund Me drive found [here](#). We'd like to give a special **THANK YOU** to Zohar Gorman who has facilitated the transfer and storage of items donated to the Zaitsev family.

Calendar Raffle! Thank you to all the Hillside families, neighbourhoods and local businesses who have contributed to the amazing raffle prizes! The kids are going to LOVE winning these fun items when we raffle them off from June 3 - 7th!

THANK YOU to the Volante Family for generously donating flowers and plants to Hillside and to Chris Rosenbaum and the Hillside Garden crew for planting and maintaining the beautiful garden at the front door to school.

The Latest Buzz:

FESTIVAL OF CULTURES - Hillside is celebrating its 4th Annual Festival of Cultures **TONIGHT** at 6:30pm in the Hillside gym. Come along to this FUN event to see the creative displays from the participating countries and sample the food offered!

Red Sox! It was so much fun to see Hillside families cheering from the stands at the Red Sox game on Tuesday! Despite the weather - who knew it could be so cold in May?? - and not being able to pull out the win, a wonderful time was had by all.

Thank you to those who have already signed on to help fill **Open Committee Chair Roles** for the next school! We are still looking to fill some openings. ! Remember, we cannot run the many events and programs for our community, that help build and strengthen our community, if we don't have people in these positions willing to take on these roles. There are positions to suit all levels of time commitments for both working parents and stay-at-home parents. **All of these roles can be shared between 2 (or more!) people so consider grabbing a friend or two and helping run one of the events/programs looking for new Committee Chairs:**

2019/20 Chair positions:

- Candy Bar Bingo Chair
- Calendar Raffle Chair
- Creative Arts Co-Chair
- Festival of Cultures Chair
- First Grade Cafeteria Chair
- Sunita Williams Green Team Chair

2019/20 Shadow/Apprentice Roles which will transition into 2020/21 Chair Role:

- Communications Email Blasts
- Enrichment Grants
- Walk/Bike to School

If you want more information about what is involved in each of the positions, please contact Vanessa Jones vanessajones694@icloud.com. We would love to have you join the team!

Calendar Raffle!! We hope you have all received your raffle tickets for the Calendar Raffle. Every family has the option to enter ONE COMPLIMENTARY **GREEN** ticket into the School Day Raffle. After that each **GREEN** ticket you submit is \$10. There is no minimum or maximum to participate. The **GREEN** ticket School Day Raffle will be drawn each day June 3-6. The **RED** tickets are \$25 each and are for the chance to win one of six **RED** Ticket Raffle Prizes drawn on June 7th. This annual fundraiser helps the Hillside PTC raise much needed funds to support the PTC-sponsored enrichment programs. Any questions? Please contact Jen Schaffstein at leonardschaffstein@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars! The next **PTC Meeting** is **May 21st** at 7:15pm in the Hillside Gymnasium. In addition to updates on the latest PTC happenings, we have **guest speaker Kerry Hurwitch, a.k.a Tech Mom**, who will be sharing her knowledge on how we can best “**Manage Technology In Our Homes.**” which includes **info on screen time limits, parental controls, and kid-safe browsers.** In addition, Mr. K will be sharing a slideshow on the most recent **construction developments** at the **Sunita L. Williams School and the transition** that will take place in moving Hillside over to the new building. There will be many important details shared so you won’t want to miss it. Please be sure to join us!



Please **SAVE THE DATE** of **June 8, 2019** for our last **Spring Carnival!** We hope you’ll join us as we say goodbye to Hillside in grand style with our “fun for the whole family” event. We’ll have inflatables, dunk tank, baby zoo animals, cake walk, face painting and more! The event will be held from 4pm-7pm so plan on grabbing dinner at the Captain Marden’s food truck and be ready to celebrate our last ever event at Hillside! The Spring Carnival will need a lot of volunteers the day of the event - please be on the look-out for the **SUG. We are also looking for bakers for the cake walk.** This is a beloved game that needs lots of cake - the more cakes the merrier for our children! Please return the form at the end of the newsletter if you would like to buy or bake some cakes.

FIFTH GRADE YEAR-END ACTIVITIES

Fifth grade parents should have received an email blast with information on the many fun events planned to celebrate the end of our fifth graders’ time at Hillside. Here is a summary of **what you need to do:**

Don’t miss out on ordering your child’s T-shirt - deadline for shirt sizing information May 20th!

These will be provided to all 5th grade students on the morning of Field Day. In order to ensure each child receives a shirt in the correct size, we need information on shirt sizing - all info must be in by May 20th! If you do not provide a shirt size by the deadline, we will order an adult small by default for your child. Please complete this [FORM](#) to order the T-shirt. *Shirt sizing information is included in the link.*

Photos Needed for the 5th Grade Slideshow! The slideshow will be shown to the fifth grade class after lunch on Field Day. Our goal is to have lots of fun pics from throughout the years. We know lots of parents have taken pics from school events, class parties and just general class visits. Anything you can send in that highlights this cohort of kids between the kindergarten through 5th grade years at Hillside will make the slideshow that much better. While we love all the kids at Hillside, we do encourage to send pics that highlight this current class of 5th graders. **We need all pics by May 31st** and will start going through and selecting ones for the slide show as they come in. **TO SEND IN PICS FOR THE SLIDESHOW:** Submit pics to our [Google pics link](#) or email them to Caitrin Dunphy caitrin.dunphy@gmail.com. Any questions, please email Caitrin Dunphy.

The **5th Grade Party** is on **Friday, June 14th from 4-6 pm** at the Boston Sports Club in Wellesley (140 Great Plain Ave, Wellesley). We will need lots of help to make this party a real success! If you can help by either chaperoning at the party OR providing snacks/beverages, please use this [link](#) to sign up. *Please note only 5th Grade parents who sign up to volunteer will be able to attend the party and we respectfully ask that no siblings accompany you.*

Fifth Grade **Field Day** will be during the school day on **Tuesday, June 18th**. Field Day is a day of fun-filled outdoor fun with games, obstacle courses and other team activities coordinated by the PE Department and the 5th grade teachers. *Parents are asked to join that day only if they are able to help run the various stations in the morning, organize and serve lunch, or manage the candid camera activity in the afternoon.* Please click on this [link](#) to sign up for a slot to volunteer on Field Day.

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!

Seeking Volunteers - Current School Year

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: As we head into the last month of school, we still need a few lunchtime volunteers and are asking if you can sign up, please do so! 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. 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](#).

OPEN POSITIONS: As you have read above, we are looking to fill the Chair/Co-Chair positions for the **2019-2020 School Year**. If you would like more information on any of these volunteer roles please contact Vanessa Jones (vanessajones694@icloud.com).

More Hillside News...

A  From Mrs. Doran...

The last **Hillside Spring Concerts** are coming up at the end of the month (see attached flyer). Here are the dates:

Tuesday, May 28, 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM (School Audience Only)
Beginning Strings, Beginning Band (Grade 4) and Fourth Grade Chorus

Wednesday, May 29, 8:45 AM to 9:30 AM (School Audience Only)
Advanced Strings, Advanced Band and Fifth Grade Chorus)

Friday, May 31, 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM
All performing groups will present for Parent Audience



All are invited to the last **Hillside Art Show** on May 22 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Students' art work will be on display in the lobby and around the school. We hope to see you there!!



Helpful Advice From Mrs. Greiff

Spring Has Sprung... Here are a few helpful reminders:

Many of our students are starting to feel some effects of seasonal allergies. There are a broad range of symptoms which may include:

- Sneezing
- Runny nose (Clear)
- Nasal congestion
- Itchy, watery, red eyes
- An itchy throat
- Dry cough
- Disturbed sleeping patterns
- Loss of taste and sense of smell

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in past years, this may be a good time to check in with your pediatrician to discuss a treatment plan for seasonal allergies.



Tick Removal

Examine your children frequently for ticks, especially after they have been out in wooded or grassy areas. If you find a tick attached, there's no need to panic. There are several tick removal devices on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers will remove a tick quite effectively.

How to remove a tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.
3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease

If you had a tick bite, live in an area known for Lyme disease or have recently traveled to an area [where it occurs](#), and observe any of these symptoms, you should seek medical attention!

- Red, expanding rash called erythema migrans (EM)
- Fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint aches, and swollen lymph nodes

Some people may get these general symptoms in addition to an EM rash, but in others, these general symptoms may be the only evidence of infection. Some people get a small bump or redness at the site of a tick bite that goes away in 1-2 days, like a mosquito bite. This is not a sign that you have Lyme disease.



Erythema migrans (EM) or "bull's-eye" rash

- Rash occurs in approximately 70-80% of infected persons and begins at the site of a tick bite after a delay of 3-30 days (average is about 7 days).
- Rash gradually expands over a period of several days, and can reach up to 12 inches (30 cm) across. Parts of the rash may clear as it enlarges, resulting in a "bull's-eye" appearance.
- Rash usually feels warm to the touch but is rarely itchy or painful.
- EM lesions may appear on any area of the body.



Bike Safety Tips

We can make bicycling safer for all by observing the following safety tips:

- Always wear a helmet
- Obey all traffic controls
- Ride your bicycle near the right-hand edge of the road
- **Never carry another person on your bicycle**
- Always use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Look out for cars at cross street, driveways, and parking places
- Be careful when checking traffic and don't swerve when looking over your shoulder
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way
- Keep your bicycle in good condition
- Always ride carefully



Liven Up Your Summer -- Care for a Science Center Animal

Do you have a soft spot for a critter that's furry, feathered, or scaled? The Science Center is looking to adopt out our live animals over summer break. We'll give you training, written instructions, and an initial food supply. Adoption months will be approximately mid-June through mid-September. For more information, contact the Science Center: sciencecenter@ka12.ma.us. Or, call the Newman School and ask to be transferred to the Science Center: 781-455-0416.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join **Needham Cub Scout Packs 4, 8 and 23** for Rocket Day on May 18, 8:00 am-10:30 am at Claxton Field. Come watch scouts from all three Needham packs launch their homemade model rockets into the Needham skies! Questions? Contact Lauren at committee.chair.pack4@gmail.com.

The Needham Exchange Club will be hosting a Car Show on Sunday, May 19th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Needham High School. The show will highlight antique cars, muscle cars, sports cars, refreshments and more! Needhamcarshow.com or www.needhamexchangeclub.org



The Spring Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library will be held on Friday, May 31 from 12:30-4:30, Saturday, June 1 from 9:00-4:00, and Sunday, June 2 from 1:00-4:00. Sunday is bargain day with all books half-price and a brown bag of books is \$8.00. For further information, visit the Friends' website <http://friendsneedhamlibrary.org> or call 781-455-7559.

The Needham Street Fair will be held on **Saturday, June 1**, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on the Town Common.

Experience fun for the whole family at Needham's biggest annual community event!

- Enjoy Touch the Trucks, Trolley & Pony Rides, Photo Booth, Bouncy House, Face Painting and much more.
- Soak in performances featuring neighborhood talent.
- Sample fare from Needham restaurants.
- Stop by our local business and organization booths.

For more information about the event, please go to www.nnchamber.com



Annual Pan Mass Kids Ride

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Pan Mass Kids Ride in Needham Sunday June 9th! This is a wonderful family event where kids ride their bikes and raise money to fight cancer. The ride will once again will take place at Pollard Middle School, 8:15am-12pm, and includes a post ride party. Register @www.kids.pmc.org/needham. For more info, please contact: Liz Mingle Elizabeth.mingle@gmail.com

Needham Youth & Family Services Summer Programs

The Youth & Family Services Department is offering new and fan favorite summer programs! Check out the new Summer brochure online www.needhamma.gov/youth. It's also that time of year to submit your applications for the 2019/2020 school year to participate in the Peer Tutor and VIP programs. Be sure to get in your registration forms and applications before they fill up. If you have questions regarding programs, please contact Kristin Scoble at kscoble@needhamma.gov.



Looking for a Part-Time Job?

The **Needham Police Department** is seeking qualified individuals for the position of **Crossing Guards**.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties will include supervision of school children as they cross the street on their way to/from school at an assigned post. A valid driver's license and dependable motor vehicle is required. It is imperative that Crossing Guards are dependable, since we do not have the ability to cover unnecessary absences. Crossing Guards must possess stamina to stand for long periods of time and the ability to work and drive in all weather conditions with exposure to traffic.

HOURS OF WORK: 7am – 8:30am (approximately) and 2pm – 3pm (approximately). This is a part-time position with no benefits; however, there are additional jobs that may be suitable for crossing guards during their off hours and during the summer.

CURRENT RATE: \$20.65/hour

INTERESTED? Please visit: <http://www.needhamma.gov/jobs.aspx> for an application. If you should have any questions, please contact Officer Karl Harmon at kharmon@needhamma.gov

The Needham Community Farm announces new Family Gardening Classes for Spring, Summer and Fall.

The hands-on classes are designed for families with young children, require no previous experience, and materials and tools are provided. For more information and to register, visit the website at www.NeedhamFarm.org, or call Susan Shaver at 781-343-1106.

Citizens for Needham Schools — Apply to be a Board Member

CNS is seeking board members who are politically and civically engaged with an interest in issues related to education and the Needham school system. The Board engages in robust conversation and welcomes diverse viewpoints. CNS Board members serve a three-year term and responsibilities include attending 5-6 CNS Board meetings, watching and writing summaries of 2-3 School Committee meetings, and engaging with and providing school-related information to the community on an ongoing basis via social media, school meetings, and your personal network.

[Learn more about CNS](#)

[Apply now](#)



STEAM Center Hours

Mon-Wed 3:30-8:30

Thursday - 3:30-5:30

Friday - 3:30-5:00

Saturday - 9:00-4:30

Sunday - 1:00-6:30

Drop in to program a robot, build a marble run or snap some circuits together. Explore robotics, computer coding, electricity and engineering using our toys, games and equipment.

Register for Summer Reading!

A Universe of Stories

May 1-July 29th

Sign up for Summer Reading at the Children's Desk of Needham Free Public Library or call 781-455-7559 x 204. Registration begins May 1. Sign up through June 29th. Read and log the time spent reading in a paper or online reading log starting June 24th -August 9th. Earn prizes. This year's theme is outer space. Paper rockets on the Children's Room bulletin board representing each school, will be racing towards a distant planet. Which rocket will arrive first and win the Race in Outer Space? The more you read, the faster and further your school's rocket will go! Get a brag tag and neck chain when you sign up. Receive 4 pony beads to put on your neck chain for every 2 hours of reading you do. The more you read, the more specialized beads you can collect. Watch out for strange UFO sightings around Needham! Enjoy performers, workshops, STEAM activities, movies and more June 24th-August 12th!

Summer Learning at Needham Free Public Library

Grades K-5

Summer is about reading - and math and science and having fun! We have long known about the "summer slide" in reading. When children don't read over the summer, they lose skills and vocabulary and have a harder time in the fall. However, the same is true for forgetting math skills, or what they learned in science class.

Explore the web links for Summer Learning on the Needham Free Public Library's web page

www.needhamma.gov/library where children can hone their skills and retain what they have learned in school over the summer months through fun and engaging online activities.



HILLSIDE PTC PRESENTS



MANAGING TECHNOLOGY AT HOME

on May 21st 7.15pm
at Hillside gymnasium
PTC Meeting

Kerry Hurwitch a.k.a. "Tech Mom" will be sharing her knowledge on technology in our homes including

- parental controls
- kid safe browsers
- screen time limits
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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



Hillside Spring 2019 Concert Information

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hillside's Spring Concerts are the week of our Memorial Day Holiday weekend! The string ensembles, bands and choruses have been working hard at their music in preparation for their performances. The dates:

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 8:45 AM in the Hillside Gym, Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Fourth Grade Chorus will perform for the school audience.

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 8:45 AM in the Hillside Gym, Advanced Strings, Advanced Band and Fifth Grade Chorus will perform for the school audience.

Friday, May 31, 2019 at 8:45 AM in the Hillside Gym, Beginning Strings, Advanced Strings, Beginning Band, Advanced Band, Fourth Grade Chorus and Fifth Grade Chorus will perform for the parent audience.

Concert Dress: Students should dress in appropriate concert attire for all concerts. This consists of a nice looking shirt, pants/skirt or dress (any colors), and nice shoes. Please try to come as close to this concert dress as possible.

Instrumental students should meet their directors in their regular rehearsal area before the concerts unless informed otherwise on the day of the concert. Students who perform in the chorus only should meet in their classrooms.

Yours sincerely,
Lynne Doran
Hillside Music Teacher
lynne_doran@needham.k12.ma.



Help wanted!!

Calling all bakers and cake decorators to help continue the tradition of the most popular game at the Spring Carnival!

Here's how:

Cook and decorate a cake or two or three or more!!

The more cakes the merrier our children!

Drop them off between 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Hillside Elementary on Saturday, June 8th (Look for Cake Walk Sign)

**Be creative - choose a theme - go wild for frosting
HAVE FUN DECORATING!!**

(We would also love to have *some allergy friendly cakes including nut-free and gluten-free*)

Short on time - store bought cakes also accepted!

Let us know if we can count on you!!

Please send your name, phone/email info and the number of cakes you can bake to Allison Coburn at 617.504.0456 or acoburn.1970@gmail.com.

Also looking for:

Volunteers to run the cake walk at the Spring Carnival
Someone who loves music to create a playlist for the Cake Walk
please reach out to Alison Coburn

Thank you for your help!!

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CARNIVAL

THE PTC PRESENTS THE

Hillside Spring Fling

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 ♦ 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

HILLSIDE PLAYGROUND

DUNK TANK ♦ BABY ZOO ANIMALS ♦ INFLATABLES

Dinner from
Captain Marden's
Food Truck
&
Lots of Carnival
treats for sale!

CRAFTS
GAMES
PRIZES
& MORE

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR LAST HILLSIDE EVENT AND HAVE
AN AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!



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					
5	5R 5/28 8:45-10:15	5F 5/28 10:25-11:55	5Ma 5/30 11-12:30	5Mi 5/30 1:15-2:40	
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 5 – Stomp Rockets (Forces)

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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