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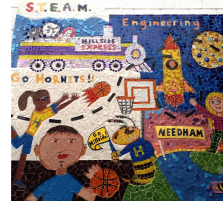
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Hillside News

May 31, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/06 -- No AM or PM Kindergarten due to incoming K screenings and tours.
AM/PM KASE will be in session.
- 6/07 -- Grade 3 Bike Rodeo -- 3E/3Sh, 9:00-10:00; 3F/3Sa, 10:30-11:30
- 6/08 -- Spring Fling Carnival, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- 6/11 -- PreK-8 Early Release Day at 12:15 PM
- 6/12 -- Virtual Tour of Sunita Williams Elementary School, 6:30 PM, Hillside Gym
- 6/18 -- Grade 5 Field Day
- 6/19 -- Last Day of School; Early Release 12:15 PM



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

PTC Highlights:

- Spring Carnival Volunteers Needed - sign up [here](#) for a slot today!
- The PTC **REALLY** needs you! Check out the pen Committee Chair Positions for 2019/20
- First Calendar Raffle drawing is on Monday - there is still time to send in tickets!!
- Plan to purge some books over the summer? Please consider saving them for the Sunita Williams Used Book Sale - details below.

The Latest Buzz:

TICKETS are ON SALE NOW for the Calendar Raffle and First Drawing will be on Monday!!! Drawings will take place, winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded every day from June 3-7th, 2019. This fundraiser helps the PTC

support enrichment programs at Hillside. It also offers participants the chance to win some great prizes!! This year your family could win a pass to TreeTop Adventures, an ice cream party with Mr. K., a Kings Bowling party, or a Newport Night with hotel and restaurant gift cards and many more! Any questions? Please contact [Jen Schaffstein](#) at leonardschaffstein@yahoo.com.

Planning to sort through your bookshelves over the summer? Please consider donating them to the first ever **Sunita Williams Used Book Sale!** If you cannot hold onto the books until our first collection in the Fall, please contact our Used Book Sale Chairs, Joanie Daly and Ilana Kaufman (jdayadaly@gmail.com and kaufman.ilana@gmail.com). Thank you!

Upcoming Events



We hope you and your family will join us as we say goodbye to Hillside in grand style with our last **Spring Carnival** on **June 8, 2019**. 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!

We can't run all the amazing events we have planned without volunteers that day. To ensure all events are open for your children please sign up for a timeslot [here](#). Thank you!

We are also looking for bakers for the cake walk. This is a beloved game that needs lots of cake - the more cakes, the more fun for our children! Please return the form at the end of the newsletter if you are able to buy or bake a cake.

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 - OPEN POSITIONS 2019 - 2020

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
- Staff Appreciation 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!**

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP) Seeking Volunteers for 2019-2020 School Year

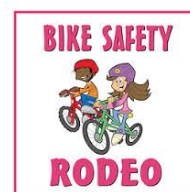
Do you have two free mornings a month during the school year? Are you looking for a meaningful and fun way to make a difference in children's lives? If so, then join our dynamic team of trained CAP volunteers who are committed to using guided discussions and role plays to teach children in the Needham Elementary Schools that they have the right to be Safe, Strong and Free with their friends and peers, when they meet adult strangers, and with those who are trusted to take care of them. We are now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. The next training begins on October 20th. For more information or an application, please visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org or contact Caren Nemtzow, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org

More Hillside News...



Congratulations to the Fine & Performing Arts Department for a fantastic performance for parents this morning, as well as an amazing Art Show!! Bravo to all!!

The last Grade 3 Bike Rodeo at Hillside will take place on Friday, June 7 (rain date Wednesday, June 12). Mrs. Everts' and Mrs. Shea's classes will ride from 9:00 to 10:00; Mrs. Fuller's and Mrs. Santaniello's classes will ride from 10:30 to 11:30. All students must have a helmet and provide their own bicycle.



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



Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

Recognize a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). NEF Gift for Education Cards make it simple to show your gratitude, while supporting innovation and excellence in Needham Public Schools. If you order online, NEF can send the cards back to you so you can personalize and hand deliver, or we can mail the cards for you. Cards are \$10 each.

To purchase online (by June 12th), visit nefneedham.org. You may also buy cards in person at Proud Mary, Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms, or Volante Farms through June 21st. Questions? Contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.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

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.

Parenting -- Being a parent is something you wouldn't change for the world — but doing it alone can sometimes drive you to exhaustion. Are you a single parent interested in participating in a group addressing issues such as time management, raising healthy children, taking care of yourself, while at the same time getting to know other single parents? Join this FREE 6-week program; childcare is provided onsite, and a light dinner will be served for parents and children. Registration deadline is July 1. For information and to register, contact: **Katy Colthart, LICSW** at 781-455-7500 x264 or by email at kcolthart@needhamma.gov, www.needhamma.gov/youth

Summer Track Club Sign Up

All boys and girls age 3.5 - 14 are invited to sign up for the Needham Youth Track Club's Summer Program. Spend summer evenings running, throwing and jumping! The program provides instruction, practice, meets, ribbons, trophies and lots of fun. For more information: www.needhamtrack.org (select Summer Program) or e-mail needhamtrackclub@gmail.com or call 781-856-4088. Online registration: www.needhamsummerprogram.org

The Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP) is now accepting applications for volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. Please join our dynamic and dedicated team of volunteer Prevention Specialists who go into the Needham Elementary Schools in teams of three and teach the children that they have the right to be Safe, Strong and Free with their friends and peers, when they meet adult strangers, and with those who are trusted to take care of them. No prior experience required as training is provided. The next training begins on October 20th.

For more information please contact Caren Nemtzw, Director, at 781-444-2415 or cnemtzw@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or visit our website at www.Needhamcommunitycouncil.org.



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.



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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SATURDAY, JUNE 8 ♦ 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

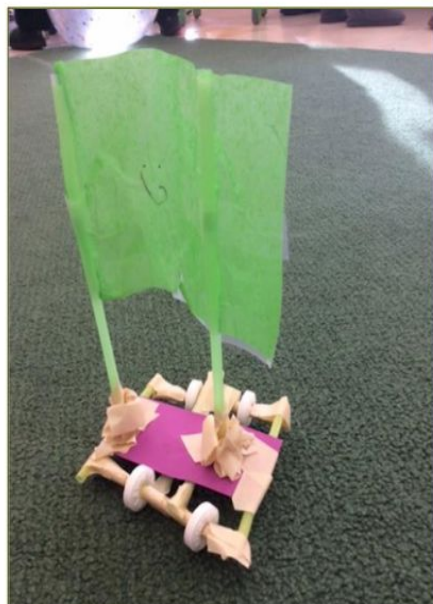
HILLSIDE PLAYGROUND

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
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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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