

# Hillside News October 27, 2017

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## IMPORTANT DATES



<b>October</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Halloween Trick or Trot</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>Halloween Costume Parade 9:00 AM Grades AM/K, 1 and 2</b>



<b>November</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Autumn Amble -- Walk/Bike to School</b>
	<b>07-09</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Schools Closed for Veterans' Day</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Schools Closed for Professional Development</b>
	<b>23-24</b>	<b>Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Recess</b>



### News from Dr. Maloney

Hillside is not only a very special place, but it is a very busy place! Classes are preparing for the visit from author Jerry Pallotta, fifth graders are visiting historic Lexington, this weekend is the Trick or Trot, and everyone is engaged in one of the Lucy Calkins' writing units. Our student writers are developing characters, thinking about small moments, working on transitions and reading their drafts with classmates. I hope your children are sharing some of these wonderful experiences around the dinner table. If not, ask them about one of these specific events!

Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate and is a program to help schools prepare for the unlikely event of a dangerous stranger entering the building or grounds. Our key message to your children will be to listen carefully to their teacher during the drill. The teacher may tell the class to stay in place or to leave the building quickly. We do not want to raise the anxiety level of our students or families. Instead, we want folks to think of this as they do fire drills, just good preparation for all of us. As was the case last year, the Needham Police will be present when the drill is held.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

On another note, in the next couple of weeks we will be holding an "ALICE" safety drill. ALICE is an acronym for

## PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Thank you to **Sarah Burns** and the wonderful **Hillside Cares volunteers** for delivering our food donations to the Food Pantry. Thank you to all of the families who generously donated food for our collection. We are very grateful.

**Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Monster Fun Run** is this **SUNDAY!!!** Join us for the Halloween Trick or Trot 5k Run/Walk & Monster Fun Run on Sunday, October 29th. The forecast looks good so far, but rain or shine, we're going to have a great time as a community. We look forward to seeing your family at Hillside for a wonderful morning of fitness and fun AND to earn popsicle sticks (50 if you are a student who runs the 5k!) to continue Hillside's Buzz Across America! Haven't signed up? Online registration closes on Saturday at 5pm ([trickortrotneedham.racewire.com](http://trickortrotneedham.racewire.com)). After that, you can still participate – just show up on race day Sunday morning to register and run!

To volunteer, sign-up @ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-halloween3>. Please note that you can volunteer and still run/walk if you are interested as we have many different jobs before and after the event.

This very fun, family-friendly event will benefit the various programming and activities supported by the Hillside PTC. The Monster Fun Run will take place around 8:30 a.m. and is for all children ages 12 years and younger - it is about a quarter-mile run around the Hillside field. Every registered child will receive a prize. The 5K will take place around 9:00 a.m. and is a run/walk for all skill levels and great for families. The route starts and ends at Hillside and goes around the Hillside district. For all children ages 12 yrs and younger that register for the 5K, they get automatic free registration for the Monster Fun Run. The first 160 people to register for the 5K will receive a FREE commemorative sport-tek t-shirt. Please contact Seema ([seema.meloni@gmail.com](mailto:seema.meloni@gmail.com)) with any questions regarding this event.

**Walk/Ride to School Day (the Autumn Amble)** is this **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Each student who walks/rides to school will earn 2 popsicle sticks to contribute to the *Buzz Across America*. We hope to see the sidewalks filled with walkers and bikers!

**Hornets Buzz Across America** continues to engage our kids and get them moving before school begins. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers for helping pass out popsicle sticks and track the miles we are racking up! As a reminder, each student can contribute miles to the journey by earning popsicle sticks in one of three ways: (i) run laps around the Hillside field on Mondays and/or Friday mornings at Morning Mingle and earn 1 popsicle stick for each lap; (ii) walk/bike to school any day and earn 2 popsicle sticks; and/or, (iii) participate in the **Hillside Trick or Trot** this **Sunday** and receive 10 popsicle sticks for participation in the Monster Fun Run and 50 popsicle sticks for participation in the 5K. The journey will be plotted on the map located in the Hillside Lobby, so watch for our progress! **In addition, we are in need of parent volunteers to help on Mondays and Fridays at Morning Mingle. To volunteer, please sign up at**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-hornets>. Any questions, please contact Seema Meloni @ [seema.meloni@gmail.com](mailto:seema.meloni@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

**Fall Spirit Wear:** It's almost time to order your Fall Hillside spirit wear! For the first time you will be able to order and pay for all your spirit wear online, making it easier than ever to show your Hillside spirit and support the PTC!! We have some great new items as well as a few fan favorites, including a hoodie, cozy sweatpants, and the always popular pom pom hat. The sale will start **November 1st** and orders will be accepted through **November 17th**. A product list will be coming home with your child soon. Contact [sarah.y.nunes@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.y.nunes@gmail.com) or [caroline.rubin1@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.rubin1@gmail.com) with questions. **These items will be collectibles soon - don't miss out on the memories!**

**Donate your unwanted Halloween candy to American soldiers!** Hillside Cares will be collecting Halloween candy (individual pieces or unopened bags/packages) and sending to a troop of US soldiers. This year we have a special connection to one particular troop, and we'll send the candy to **Lori Donovan's son Tyler and his troop!** This will certainly serve to lift their spirits and brighten their day! Drop off your donations in the main office from **November 1st - November 3rd**, and feel free to include a note or picture from you or your children.

We'll get everything ready to ship on Monday, November 6. If you can donate packing materials, donate funds to ship the boxes, or volunteer to help us package everything up and bring it to the post office, please email Sarah Burns at [sarahmag18@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmag18@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday, November 7 through Thursday, November 9, 2018** during school hours. Check your child(ren)'s backpack for a packet of information about the Scholastic Book Fair- coming soon! We are happy to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair to Hillside School again this year. Scholastic is known for their outstanding, award winning selection covering every interest and reading level. On Tuesday, November 7th, each class will be invited to preview the fair and create a WISH LIST to be sent home. The students will return to the fair on Wednesday November 8th and Thursday, November 9th, and have the opportunity to make purchases. \*\*In addition: Parents and students can also shop on November 8th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the Literacy Night.\*\*

Please note: Each teacher will be making his/her own Wish List of books; families are encouraged to donate books directly to teachers from their Wish Lists.

Our annual book fair has proven to be a favorite for students and family members, along with our faculty. This fundraiser serves as a fun, interactive and educational way to encourage our children to read. This is also a great way to support Hillside and to get a head start on holiday shopping!! Please look for an email from room parents with information on the date and time your child will attend the fair and how you can volunteer to help out. Questions? Please contact Joanna Herrera [joannarherrera@gmail.com](mailto:joannarherrera@gmail.com).

**Literacy Night** with Jerry Pallotta will be held on **November 8th at 6:30pm** in the **Hillside Gym**. Please join

us for an exciting evening with award-winning author Jerry Pallotta! A prolific author of both nonfiction and imaginative fiction, Jerry has captured the imagination of many Hillside students with his wildly popular *Who Would Win?* series, among other titles. Mr. Pallotta will present to the Hillside community at 6:30pm and will be available for book signing after the presentation. This event is FREE! We encourage families to RSVP to this event to reserve a spot as last year we “sold” out! To RSVP, please click on the following link: <http://evite.me/pdDE7KxbRj>. Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter to pre-order Jerry Pallotta’s books. His books will also be available for purchase at the event.

The **Hillside PTC's FIRST Poker Tournament** sponsored by Jordan’s Furniture, Modell’s Sporting Goods, Party City and the **Dads of Birch Street** will be held on **Friday, November 17th at 8 p.m. at the Village Club** (83 Morton Street, Needham). The event is open to ALL Players of all skill levels. There is a \$50 entry fee to play and all proceeds benefit the Hillside PTC and **DON’T PLAY POKER?** We will have music and a cash bar so come and hang out (\$20 admission fee for non-poker players). Everyone who signs up will receive a \$10 Gift Card to Modell’s Sporting Goods. This is a great event for an evening out, so lock in your babysitters and prepare to win big!!!

The tournament winner will receive \$300 in Amazon gift cards as well as a \$100 Jordan’s Gift card. Second place finisher will win \$150 in Amazon gift cards and third place will win a \$100 Amazon Gift card. We will also have a special raffle to give one person a CHANCE to win \$2,500!!!

We are in need of players to make this work!!! To register, go to: [www.cfapromo.com/hillside](http://www.cfapromo.com/hillside). Please see flyer at end of this newsletter for additional details. Any questions, please contact Eric Friedberg @ [eric@cfapromo.com](mailto:eric@cfapromo.com).

**PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6.00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a holiday shopping event at the Needham Holiday Boutique at 1110 Great Plain Avenue, Needham. There will be a number of local businesses offering unique products at great deals, including Rock Paper Scissors, Stitched Needham, rebeccah j, Perennial Designs, and others. Get some of your holiday shopping checked off your list while keeping your dollars local and catching up with other Hillside parents. The Hillside PTC will receive 10% of the proceeds from the evening’s sales. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details. We hope you will join us!

### Other PTC Fundraisers

**The Modell’s Fundraiser** is currently underway and runs **through November 16th!** Check out the Modell’s coupon at the end of this newsletter and be sure to use it when you stock up on all of your fall and winter sports gear - you get 15% off. After \$500 in sales, 5% goes back to the Hillside PTC.

**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!

### Hillside & Community

**SEPAC Educational Presentation on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Broadmeadow School Media Center. Refreshments will be served at 7:00pm and the program will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm.

### Quirky, Confident, Quiet... or Cause for Concern?

#### Understanding Social Development in Children

Social competency provides the foundation for personal and professional relationships throughout our lives. Children who lag behind their peers in developing social skills can struggle in and out of the classroom. Presenter Alison Ratner Mayer will provide an overview of social development in children, discuss warning signs that a child might need extra help, and share strategies for parents to support skill development.

*Alison Ratner Mayer, LICSW, is a Needham-based child and adolescent therapist who specializes in running social skills group therapy for children, teens, and young adults ages 4-22.*

### Seeking Volunteers

The PTC depends very heavily on parent volunteerism. 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:

**Seeking 1st Grade Cafeteria Volunteers:** 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 **Erin Ellis** at [erinellis03@gmail.com](mailto:erinellis03@gmail.com) or go to the Sign up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4badaa22a31-first1>

To ensure you get all our future updates, please **LIKE us on Facebook (Hillside Elementary School PTC and register your information through our website [www.HillsidePTC.org](http://www.HillsidePTC.org)** so that you will receive our email blast.

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[www.HillsidePTC.org](http://www.HillsidePTC.org)

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### Let’s Build at Hillside

Looking to volunteer in the Needham Schools? **Let’s Build** offers flexible volunteering -- help as much or as little as you can! See our attached flyer attached or visit [www.letsbuildengineering.org](http://www.letsbuildengineering.org) for details.



### Notes From the Nurse: It's All About the Clothing

You may want to leave an extra change of clothing in your child's locker for all kinds of mishaps that can happen in school and on the fields. I have a limited supply of clothing in my office for such mishaps, however; I could use some boys and girls underwear, elastic waist pants and some basic shirts if anybody would like to donate. Thanks.

Debbie Greiff R.N. MED  
Health Office  
781-455-0461 x228



### From Hillside Guidance

Anxiety among children is a topic that we often talk about in school. It is probably one of the most common difficulties to interfere with students' learning. The New York Times recently published an article re: anxiety among teens that I felt is quite good. I shared this article with the teachers and thought even though it is about teens, Hillside parents may want to read about this while your children are still young, to give you some thoughts for how you can hopefully avoid some struggles later on. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

#### **"Why Are More American Teenagers Than Ever Suffering From Severe Anxiety?"**

The New York Times

Parents, therapists and schools are struggling to figure out whether helping anxious teenagers means protecting them or pushing them to face their fears. [Read the full story](#)

Margaret Petrovich, Hillside School Counselor, x227



**Volante Farms 5th Annual PumpkinFest** to benefit Boston Children's Hospital is this Saturday 10/28! Entertainment and all you can carve pumpkins from 1-5:30 followed by our lit pumpkin stroll at 6pm. Fun for all ages, every penny raised goes to Children's!  
<http://volantefarms.com/centennial-harvest-celebration-and-5th-annual-pumpkinfest/>

The Sean D. Biggs Memorial Foundation is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> **Annual BIGGSteps Toward Cancer Prevention** 5k on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Broadmeadow Elementary. Runners and volunteers needed! Race contact is Dave Jilek: 617.275.6789, more information and race flyer at: [www.biggsteps.org](http://www.biggsteps.org)

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#### **Thursday, November 2**

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

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### **Engineering Discovery at Olin College**

Participate in fun fall activities with Olin College's very own student-run organization, Engineering Discovery! On Saturday, November 4th from 5-7 PM, we will have an escape room and some awesome engineering activities to take part in, right here on the Olin campus! Please RSVP or direct any questions to [eDiscoveryOlin@gmail.com](mailto:eDiscoveryOlin@gmail.com).

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Spring 2018 **Needham Softball** registration is open with placement clinics occurring at Claxton Field November 4th and 5th. Players only need to attend one placement clinic. 11/04: Grades 2-4 (1-2pm) Grades 5-6 (2-2:30pm) and 11/05: Grades 2-4 (3-4pm), Grades 5-6 (4-4:30pm). To register go to [www.needhamsoftball.com](http://www.needhamsoftball.com) and choose Open Registrations.

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### **Needham Diversity Summit**

Saturday, November 18, 8:30-3:00, Pollard Middle School

The **Needham Diversity Initiative** is preparing for our 6th annual Diversity Summit, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Pollard Middle School. This year, we are doing something especially appropriate for students ages 8+: an afternoon workshop focusing on Bystander Training, facilitated by True Story Theater. Join us for a day of workshops, music, spoken word and discussion as we explore and foster aspects of diversity. For more information and to register: [www.needhamdiversity.org](http://www.needhamdiversity.org)



Below are the Walk/Bike to School Days! On Walk/Bike to School Day, the class that has the most students that rode/walked to school will win the famed (and highly coveted!) Golden Sneaker award!

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> : *The Back to School Stride***

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Rain date Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>) : *International Walk to School Day***

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> : *The Autumn Amble***

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> : *The Winter Walk***

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> : *The Polar Bear Prowl***

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> : *The Chilly Charge***

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> : *The March March***

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> : *The Spring Saunter***

**TBD : *Massachusetts Walk to School Day***

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> : *National Bike To School Day***

**Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> : *Summer Stroll***





**The Scholastic Book Fair is  
Coming to Hillside!!**  
**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
during School Hours**  
**Plus shop in the evening during  
Literacy Night: Wednesday November  
8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00p.m.**

## Hillside PTC First Annual

**\$20**

Entry Fee  
for those  
NOT playing  
Poker

**\$50**

Entry Fee  
for Poker

**Tons of  
great  
prizes!**

# POKER TOURNAMENT

- Light Snacks
- Cash Bar
- Music/Dancing

Proceeds to benefit the Hillside PTC.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017**  
**8:00 pm**

*Minimum participation required,*

**Register Now:**

[www.cfapromo.com/hillside](http://www.cfapromo.com/hillside)

This event is open to ALL and players of all skill levels and is sure to be a great time for anyone who attends.

**First 100** people get a **\$10 Modell's** gift card .  
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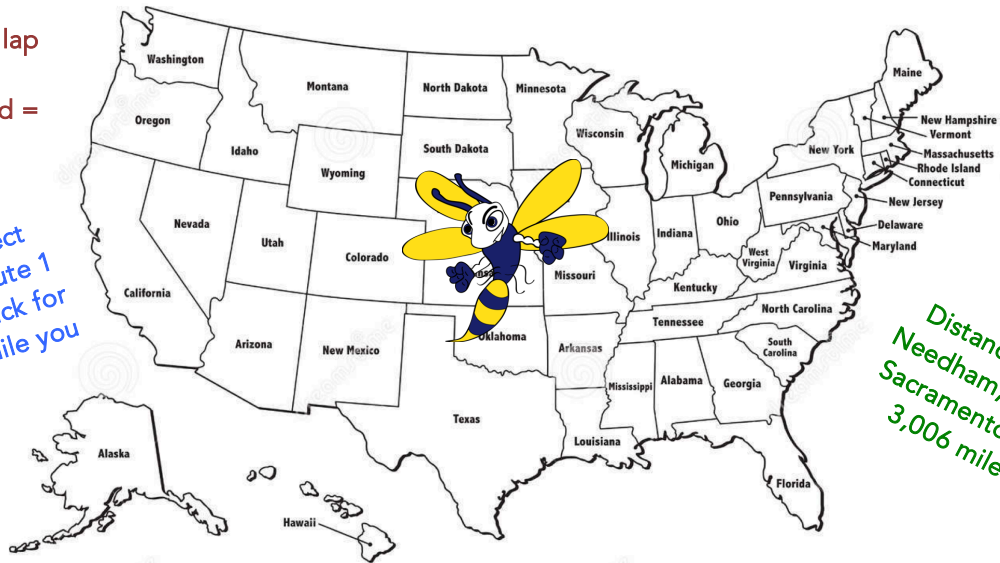
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# Hornets Buzz Across America

1 complete lap  
around the  
Hillside Field =  
¼ mile

You can collect  
and contribute 1  
popsicle stick for  
every ¼ mile you  
run/walk.



Distance from  
Needham, MA to  
Sacramento, CA:  
3,006 miles!

This year, the Hillside Hornets are going to work together to buzz our way across America!!! We will watch the Hillside Hornet travel across the map that's in the Hillside lobby.

Contribute miles by earning popsicle sticks!!!

## How to Participate:

- **Morning Mingle:** Run a lap around the Hillside field on Monday and Friday mornings at Morning Mingle. For every proper ¼ mile lap you complete, you can collect 1 popsicle stick and put it into the collection bucket.
- **Walk/Bike to School:** Earn 2 popsicle sticks for walking/biking to school. Add your popsicle sticks to the collection bucket in the front lobby.
- **BONUS STICKS:** If you participate in the Hillside Trick or Trot on October 29<sup>th</sup>, you can earn bonus sticks! You will get **10 popsicle sticks** for participation in the Monster Fun Run and **50 popsicle sticks** for participating in the 5K.



## LET'S BUILD In-Classroom Volunteering

**Who:** *Community members: no need to be an engineer!*

**What:** *Volunteer in the Needham Schools*

- *Help students problem solve,*
- *Lead the class,*
- *Set up, clean up, troubleshooting and more!*
- *Current CORI required*

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Circuits! - Stomp Rockets*



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**Valid From: 10/20/2017 11/16/2017**

