

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



October	26	Early Release 12:15 **NO AM OR PM KINDERGARTEN** AM & PM KASE in session
	29	Halloween Trick or Trot
	31	Halloween Costume Parade 9:00 AM Grades AM/K, 1 and 2
November	02	Autumn Amble -- Walk/Bike to School
	10	Schools Closed for Veterans' Day
	22	Schools Closed for Professional Development
	23-24	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Recess



News from Dr. Maloney

The red, yellow and green foliage at Hillside makes a beautiful backdrop to our playground. The children are enjoying being outside for recess or for science projects. I experienced my first Cluster Meeting today and was very impressed with this opportunity for children to interact with each other in mixed grade groups. In my group we talked about how hard it can be to be new to a place (like Dr. Maloney) and I read them a book on that topic called Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty

Lovell. Other cluster groups shared stories, played games or made an art project.

We have a lot of wonderful activities happening in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars and participate in the Trick or Trot, Spirit Week and the Scholastic Book Fair. Enjoy your weekend!

Dr. Maloney

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Congratulations to Mr. Watt's 2nd grade class for winning the recently completed **Fall Box Tops Contest** with an impressive 767 box tops collected. In total, Hillside collected 7,406 box tops (equivalent to \$740.60) raised for our school!! Thank you so much to all who participated and a huge thank you to **Joyce McCafferty** for running this successful drive.

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 on Sunday, October 29th** 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.

Thanks to Joanie Daly and Sharon Ayres for executing the collection of used books for the **Used Book Sale** which is coming this spring. And thanks to everyone who donated books. Still have some books at home but didn't get a chance to drop them off during this drive? No worries, we'll have another book drive before the sale so stay tuned for details.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Monster Fun Run is just a few weeks away and we still need LOTS of volunteers to help make the event a success! To volunteer, sign-up @ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-halloween3>. This very fun, family-friendly event will benefit the various programming and activities supported by the Hillside PTC. The Monster Fun Run 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 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. To register online, use this link: rickortrotneedham.racewire.com. Please contact Seema (seema.meloni@gmail.com) with any questions.

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 or 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. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this year's **Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday, November 7 through Thursday, November 9, 2017** 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 joannarherreragmail.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!!! To register, go to: www.cfapromo.com/hillside. Please see flyer at end of this newsletter for additional details. Any questions, please contact Eric Friedberg @ eric@cfapromo.com.

Other PTC Fundraisers

The Modell's Fundraiser begins today (**October 20th**) 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

MESSAGE FROM HILLSIDE CARES: Again this year, the PTC is teaming up with 3rd grade to make deliveries to the Food Pantry at the Needham Community Council (NCC). For the **month of October**, the pantry is especially in need of soups of all kinds, bath soap, tissues, coffee, tea, white kidney beans, chick peas, canned seafood, honey, jelly, olive oil and rice mixes. Individual sizes are preferred to bulk or family size packaging. Please bring your donation to the boxes in the hallway outside the cafeteria. See <http://needhamcommunitycouncil.org/food-pantry/food-wish-list/> for more information about Needham Community Council. **In addition, we need help with deliveries to NCC!** Please contact Sarah Burns at sarahmag18@yahoo.com if you can pick up a few bags and boxes from Hillside and deliver them to NCC on Oct 26 or Oct 27 before 4pm.

Needham Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program Seeking Volunteers: Are you someone that believes that all children have the right to be "Safe, Strong and Free?" If so, then join our dynamic team of trained CAP volunteers who are

committed to teaching children in the Needham Elementary Schools the skills that they would need to stand up for themselves if faced with a situation involving verbal, physical or sexual assault. We are now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The next training begins on **October 29th**. For more information or an application, please visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org or contact Caren Nemtzw, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzw@needhamcommunitycouncil.org.

SEPAC Educational Presentation on Thursday, November 2nd at the Broadmeadow School Media Center. Refreshments will be served at 7:00pm and the program will start at 8:30pm 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 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 so that you will receive our email blast.

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Erin Apstein, eringapstein@gmail.com
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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



NCE -- Elementary After School Enrichment Programs

Needham Community Education's NCE ELEMENTARY program offers a wide array of after school classes at each elementary school, and evening programs as well. A sneak peek of NCE ELEMENTARY enrichment classes for Session 2 (starting late November) is available online ([link here](#)). There are classes that will appeal to every child, including: 3D printing, STEM topics, coding, ceramics, music, foreign language, sports and fitness, chess and acting. The NCE ELEMENTARY catalog, with class descriptions and pricing, will be available online and emailed on Monday, October 23. **Registrations will be taken online, beginning at 7:00am on Wednesday, October 25.** For more information visit NCE's website ([link here](#)).

The Gymnastics Varsity Workshop Returns!

Fun, pressure-free gymnastics classes for boys and girls from preschool (age 4) through 6th grade. The classes are taught on Saturday mornings in December and January for only \$70 by the gymnasts of the Needham High School Girls Varsity Gymnastics team. Registration opens Friday, November 3rd! Register Early, classes fill quickly. Learn more and register on-line at www.needhamGymnastics.com



Needham Parents Care Brings You Another: Parent Tip-of-the-Month: FRIENDSHIPS <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/b27c223e-9c66-4d85-9972-3aed63a612bd>

Karen Shannon, Project Coordinator
Division of Public Health | Town of Needham
1471 Highland Avenue | Needham, MA 02492
781-455-7500 (250)



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 12th : *The Back to School Stride*

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

Thursday, November 2nd : *The Autumn Amble*

Friday, December 8th : *The Winter Walk*

Tuesday, January 9th : *The Polar Bear Prowl*

Thursday, February 8th : *The Chilly Charge*

Friday, March 9th : *The March March*

Tuesday, April 3rd : *The Spring Saunter*

TBD : *Massachusetts Walk to School Day*

Wednesday, May 9th : *National Bike To School Day*

Friday, June 1st : *Summer Stroll*





Hillside Elementary School PTC

Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Monster Fun Run

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Hillside Elementary School
28 Glen Gary Road, Needham, MA

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per participant.
You can also register online at: trickortrotneedham.racewire.com

Fees: \$25 for 5K run/walk, \$10 for fun run (for those registered by Friday, October 27, 2017); Race day registration will be \$35 for 5K and \$15 for fun run. All 5K entrants ages 12 years and under receive free entry into fun run. *Please note:* online & race day credit card registrations are subject to a convenience fee.

Waiver of Liability: I know and understand that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run/walk this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all of the risks associated with running in this event, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity or severe cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my application, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Hillside Elementary School, Hillside Elementary School Parent Teacher Council and associated members, Town of Needham and all associated/affiliated departments (including the Needham Public School system), and all sponsors, their representative and successors for all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. The undersigned further grants full permission to Hillside Elementary School Parent Teacher Council, and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion picture, recording or any other record of this event for any purpose. I understand that all event fees are non-refundable.

Select event: 5K Run/Walk Monster Fun Run

Participant Name: _____ **Gender:** Female Male

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____ **Age (Race Day):** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail (primary contact): _____

Signature of Runner: _____

Signature of Legal Guardian: _____
(if runner under age 18 yrs on 10/29/2017)

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Payment Method:

- Cash
 Check (please make checks payable to Hillside PTC).

Thank you for taking the time to support the Hillside Elementary School community. A confirmation of your registration will be provided as soon as we have logged in your information.

Send this form and payment to:
Hillside Elementary School, Trick or Trot, Attn: Seema Meloni • 28 Glen Gary Rd • Needham, MA 02494
Questions? E-mail hillsideneedhamptc@gmail.com.
Website: hillside5k.wordpress.com



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

Signed Books by Children's Author Jerry Pallotta Available Anytime

Hillside Elementary School 28 Gary Glen Rd Needham, MA 02494

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Airplane Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Construction Alphabet	\$7.00		\$15.00		
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Adding Fractions	\$6.00		No Hard		
Weights and Measures	\$6.00		No Hard		
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Underwater Counting Even Numbers	\$7.00		\$15.00		
Butterfly Counting	\$7.00		\$15.00		
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Teacher _____

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- Light Snacks
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017
8:00 pm

Minimum participation required,
Register Now:
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 Modells** gift card .
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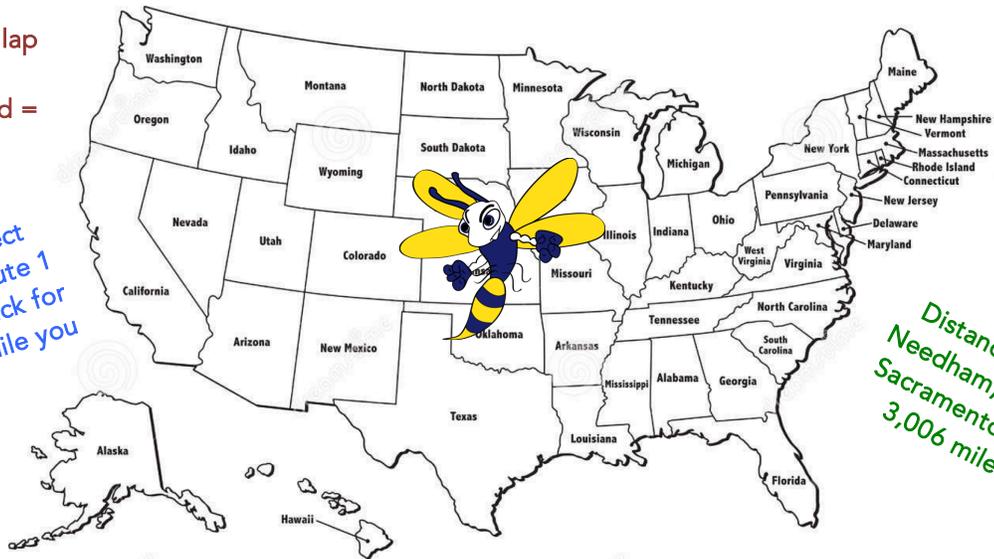
> Village Club | 83 Morton Street • Needham, MA 02494
Email eric@cfapromo.com with any questions.

School administrators, teachers, principal, etc. are not involved in this event

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 29th, 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.

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