

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



October	9	Columbus Day - Schools closed
	12	CAP Parent Information Meeting - see below
	13	Portrait Day - Pack your smiles
	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



PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Happy October Hillsideers!
 We have a lot of exciting events coming up – we hope to see you at many of them!

Thank you to everyone who came to our first PTC meeting on Tuesday night. In addition to updating the community on our current and future initiatives such as Buzz Across America (see below), we heard from Mr. K and representatives of the NEF and learned more about the CAP prevention program and the workshops to be held in Grades 1, 3, and 5 this year. If you missed this meeting, we hope to see you at the next one!

Thank you to April Crawford and Shelly Bansal-Snow for holding today's [Room Parent Meeting](#), and a big thank you to all our Room Parents! If you are a Room Parent and missed the meeting, please be sure your CORI forms are completed. If you have any questions, please contact April Crawford at aacrawford44@gmail.com or Shelly Bansal-Snow at sbansal99@gmail.com.

A final thank you to all of you who contributed to the Annual Dues & Challenge Drive! The final numbers are in and we raised over \$17,500, which exceeded our goal!!!! We are thrilled to be able to continue enhancing the Hillside curriculum with many engaging programs made possible by your generosity.

We are half way through the Fall Box Tops Contest so please continue sending in your clipped Box Tops!!!! The class that submits the most unexpired Box Tops will win a popsicle party. The Fall Box Tops Contest ends Friday, October 13th. Good luck to everyone! Any questions, please contact our Box Tops Coordinator, Joyce McCafferty @ sjsong77@yahoo.com.

Hornets Buzz Across America: The Hillside PTC is VERY EXCITED to announce a new collaboration with the Hillside staff -- Buzz Across America, which encourages kids to be healthy and begin their days with a little movement. Starting TODAY, the Hillside Hornets will work collectively to buzz themselves across America. The Hornets will start in Needham, MA and "travel" to California, with possibly a few "stops" along the way. Each student can contribute miles to the journey by earning popsicle sticks. There are three ways to earn popsicle sticks: (1) run laps around the Hillside field on Mondays and/or Friday mornings at Morning Mingle and earn 1 popsicle stick for each lap; (2) walk/bike to school any day and earn 2 popsicle sticks; and/or (3) 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! Any questions, please contact Seema Meloni @ seema.meloni@gmail.com.

Message from Hillside Cares: Again this year, the PTC is teaming up with the 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.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Monster Fun Run: Please join us for this very fun, family-friendly event to 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 years 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: trickortrotneedham.racewire.com. We need a TON of volunteers to make this event happen, so please consider volunteering. To volunteer, sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-halloween3>. Please contact Seema (seema.meloni@gmail.com) with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this year's Scholastic Book Fair: Tuesday, November 7 thru 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 joannaherrera@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 6:30 PM 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: https://www.evite.com/event/02F07XRSLA3OWYA3OEPHUUHMLEIHJ4/rsvp?gid=0104JEL2XW3HEY53YEPHUUHWUQXCO&utm_campaign=view_invitation_bt&utm_content=subject_line%3A1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST_INVITE_EVENT.

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.

Other 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!

Community

Needham Education Foundation: Bring your ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '17 Grant Applications. At Hillside, the NEF (Needham Education Foundation) has provided funding for culturally diverse classroom libraries, a visit from author Gregory Mone, and math backpacks for kindergarteners. Do you have an innovative idea to enhance your child's learning experience or the school community?

The NEF is now accepting applications. Small grant applications for up to \$5,000 (\$3,000 per school for multi-school grants) are due October 17th. New this year, large grant papers (up to \$15,000) will be due in January. The NEF continues to offer two additional options to ease the small grant application process: (1) Express Grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by NEF at another school; (2) Multi-School Grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit.

Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member — including students and parents — is eligible to apply. Contact Sena Hsu (your NEF school rep) or Sam Bookston, Joanna Herrera, Michelle Hoffmeister, Christopher Lee or Seema Meloni (NEF Board members who have children in your school) if you have any questions or would like guidance. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit <http://www.nefneedham.org/grants/>.

Screening of "Race to Nowhere". The Needham Education Foundation and the Needham School PTCs invite you to come and see a screening of "Race to Nowhere" on Thursday, October 19th, 6 pm @ Pollard. "Race to Nowhere" calls us to challenge current thinking about how we prepare our children for success. Featuring the heartbreaking stories of students across the country who have been pushed to the brink by over-scheduling, over-testing and the relentless pressure to achieve. Through the testimony of educators, parents and education experts, it reveals an education system in which cheating has become commonplace; students have become disengaged; stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant; and young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion. This event is free and is open to the Needham community. To register for free tickets, please click on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-to-nowhere-free-screening-panel-discussion-tickets-37665146467>.

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 Nemtzow, Director, at 781-444-2415, ext. 2120 or cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org.

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 Media Center Volunteers: The Hillside Media Center still needs volunteers! The classes in most need are Katz, Mangan/Strakosch, Micelli (PM) and Dangelo Please contact Vanessa Jones @ vanessajones694@hotmail.co.uk or Clare Currie @ currie.clare@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to volunteer in one of these classes.

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.

PTC Co-Presidents

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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
Hillside Elementary School
781-455-0461 X-228

Save the Date!

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)
Parent Information meeting for parents from the Hillside, Newman, and Eliot Schools
Thursday October 12, 2017 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Hillside School Media Center

The CAP program will be presenting children's workshops in grades 1, 3 and 5. Please plan to attend the parent meeting to learn about this prevention program, which teaches children how to be Safe, Strong and Free in situations that involve bullying, strangers, and uncomfortable touch by known persons. Look in your child's backpack and in your emails for parent information about CAP.

The **Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)** is seeking volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year to teach children to protect themselves from verbal, physical and sexual assault. Applications are now being accepted for the training that begins on October 29th. For more information and an application, please contact Caren Nemtzow, Director, at cnemtzw@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or visit our website at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org

Bring your ideas!

NEF Accepting Fall '17 Grant Applications

Has your kindergartner checked out a math backpack? Has your middle schooler used the virtual reality equipment? Did your high schooler participate in a writing workshop with author Tara Sullivan? For over 25 years, the Needham Education Foundation (NEF) has funded these and many other entertaining and educational programs that "make learning come alive" for Needham public school students. If you have an innovative idea to enhance your child's learning experience or school community, we want to hear from you!

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Needham High School Craft Fair - Saturday, October 21st 9:30 am to 4 pm

Get an early start on holiday shopping! More than 100 juried artisans and vendors will be selling unique gifts and crafts, plus a Silent Auction and our famous Bake Sale! Check out the vendors ahead of time by visiting the website or facebook.com/needhamcraftfair. Admission: \$8/\$6 seniors/kids 18 and under FREE.

Needham Basketball Sign-Ups

Applications for the 27th Needham Basketball Association (NBA) season are now downloadable from

www.needhambasketball.com and should be submitted via US mail beginning **October 27** and concluding **November 3, 2017**. The program is for boys and girls in grades 1-4. Season runs from January 6 to March 18 and the cost is \$160. If questions, leave message on website and you'll be quickly responded to.

Request for Nominations of Adults Who Have Supported Youth and Families

Needham Youth & Family Services is now accepting nominations for the Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award. This award is designed to recognize a Needham adult who helps make the community a better place for youth and families through his/her volunteer work.

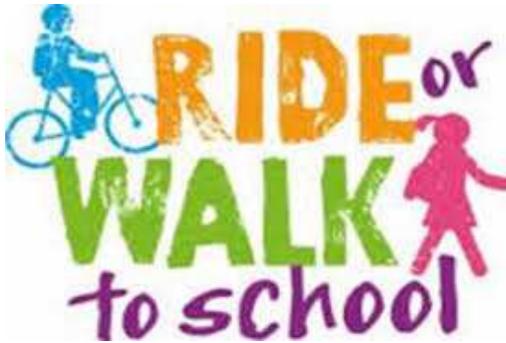
The award is recognition that through volunteerism and caring, each person in the community is able to enhance Needham. Nominations will be accepted until October 28, 2017 and a nomination form and additional information can be found at www.needhamma.gov/youth/fordeaward. For more information or to nominate a person, please contact Maria Papantoniou at 781-455-7500 x267, email Maria at mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov

Have you met a youth who exemplifies service to the Needham community and/or is a role model for his/her peers? **Needham Youth & Family Services** sponsors a program entitled **RAY of Hope (Recognize A Youth)**. The RAY of Hope is awarded monthly to a young person who has distinguished himself/herself through service in the community or who has acted as an outstanding role model for his/her peers. You can learn more about this program at www.needhamma.gov/youth/ray. Would you like to recognize this youth for his/her accomplishments? It only takes a moment to nominate a deserving young person at <http://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2518>. Please contact Maria Papantoniou at Phone: 781-455-7500 x267, Fax: 781-453-2522 or Email: mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov



**Hillside PTC Fall Box Tops Contest
October 2 - 13, 2017**

The contest starts October 2. The class that submits the most unexpired Box Tops will win a popsicle party! Contest ends October 13, so **START CLIPPING!**



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 hillsideeedhamptc@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

Title	Softcover	Qty	Hardcover	Qty	Please sign the book to:
Killer Whale vs Great White Shark	\$4.00		No Hard		
Lion vs Tiger	\$4.00		No Hard		
Polar Bear vs Grizzly Bear	\$4.00		No Hard		
Tyrannosaurus Rex vs Velociraptor	\$4.00		No Hard		
Hammerhead vs Bull Shark	\$4.00		No Hard		
Komodo Dragon vs King Cobra	\$4.00		No Hard		
Tarantula vs Scorpion	\$4.00		No Hard		
Whale vs Giant Squid	\$4.00		No Hard		
Wolverine vs Tasmanian Devil	\$4.00		No Hard		
Hornet vs Wasp	\$4.00		No Hard		
Hippo vs Rhino	\$4.00		No Hard		
Alligator vs Python	\$4.00		No Hard		
Lobster vs Crab	\$4.00		No Hard		
Rattlesnake vs Secretary Bird	\$4.00		No Hard		
NEW! Ultimate Ocean Rumble	\$4.00		No Hard		
NEW! Ultimate Bug Rumble	\$4.00		No Hard		
Tougher? Navy Seal vs Army Ranger	\$4.00		No Hard		
Snakes: Long, longer, longest	\$5.00		No Hard		
Ocean Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Icky Bug Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Yummy Spice Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Butterfly Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Flower Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Skull Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
NEW! Sea Mammal Alphabet	\$7.00			\$15.00	
NEW! Crab Alphabet	No Soft			\$15.00	
NEW! Eyeball Alphabet	No Soft			\$15.00	
Airplane Alphabet	\$7.00		No Hard		
Construction Alphabet	\$7.00			\$15.00	
Apple Fractions	\$6.00		No Hard		
Adding Fractions	\$6.00		No Hard		
Weights and Measures	\$6.00		No Hard		
Shapes and Geometry	\$6.00		No Hard		
Icky Bug Counting	\$7.00		No Hard		
Underwater Counting Even Numbers	\$7.00			\$15.00	
Butterfly Counting	\$7.00			\$15.00	
Ocean Counting Odd Numbers	\$7.00		No Hard		
Dory Story	\$7.00			\$15.00	
Ocean Cousins (chapter book)	\$8.00			\$15.00	
Who Will Plant a Tree?	No Soft			\$15.00	
A Giraffe Did One	No Soft			\$15.00	
TOTAL					Amount Due \$

Enclose this form with a check made out to CB Books and return it to your school. Thank you!

Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

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