

Hillside News
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| September | 14 | Back to School Picnic 5:30 - 7:30 PM |
| | 19 | Portrait Day - Pack your smiles |
| | 21 | Rosh Hashanah - Schools closed |
| | 26 | Early Release Day K - 5 12:15 |
| | 29 | PTC Dues Drive ends |



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| October | 3 | PTC Meeting 7:15 PM |
| | 6 | Room Parent Meeting 8:35 |
| | 9 | Columbus Day - Schools closed |

WELCOME BACK

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to all of our new families!! We are so happy to be your PTC co-presidents this year and are looking forward to a great year!!!

As a **REMINDER, PLEASE** return your **“WELCOME TO HILLSIDE”** lawn signs to the Hillside lobby by September 8th!!!

Thank you to **Grace Chan** for taking the time to enter and promote Hillside in the Hands On Purell Contest! We got over 825 votes which put us in the top 25 and were therefore eligible for the grand prize of \$5000. Unfortunately we did not win, but we did walk away with a bunch of Purell goodies for our school. Thanks for your excitement and participation in this contest!

Thank you to the **Volante Family** for generously donating flowers and plants to Hillside and thank you to Noreen Finnegan and Sharon Woods of the Hillside Garden Crew for planting and maintaining the beautiful gardens.

A big thank you to **Sarah Docktor** and **Julie Hand** for hosting the Kindergarten Playdate and New Family Meet & Greet in August and Kleenex and Koffee on the first day of Kindergarten. We hope all of our new students and families feel welcome at Hillside. Thank you also to **Meg Rosenbaum** and **Sharon Ayres** and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped her post the “Welcome to Hillside” signs around town.

Annual Dues Drive: We have sent a PTC letter and event calendar home with your child(ren) this week. We strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to read through the letter. We want to highlight our **Annual Dues & Challenge Drive**, which runs until September 29th. **THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** of the YEAR. Our goal this year is to exceed **\$16,000** with **100%** participation. **NO DONATION AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL.** This year, we are offering a printed Hillside Directory to every family who makes a donation of any amount. Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the funds will go toward supporting many amazing programs and items for our kids. To pay by credit card, please use the PayPal button on our website. We are also accepting cash, checks, and money orders if you prefer to send your payments into the school in the envelope we provided.

We have many exciting PTC events scheduled this year! The first one is coming up on **Thursday September 14, 2016:** the **Back to School Picnic** from **5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hillside playground.** We encourage all new and returning families to attend! Bring along a blanket, food and beverages. We'll have a DJ and free slush. In addition, we will have pizza, hotdogs, and a limited amount of water bottles for sale. Keep Hillside “green” and bring along your own reusable water bottle! Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details. To make this event run, we need volunteers. To volunteer, please click on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44acae29a64-backtoschool>. Please contact Jen Shaffstein @ leonardschaffstein@yahoo.com with questions.

Our first **PTC meeting** is **Tuesday, October 3, at 7:15 pm**, in the Hillside Gym. At these meetings, we review and approve enrichment grants as well as share and discuss important information about the school and PTC activities. At this meeting, Caren Nemtzow, the Director of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program will be presenting information on the CAP Program and recruiting volunteers to help continue to run program. Please join us – it’s a great way to stay informed and get involved.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Monster Fun Run! Join us for a fun Halloween-themed 5K run/walk & fun run on Sunday, October 29, 2017! We are raising funds to support enrichment grants, field trips, and creative arts programming throughout the school year. The fun run (kids ages 12 years and under only) will take place around the Hillside field at 8:30 a.m. – all registered participants receive a prize! The 5K will begin at Hillside at 9 a.m. Costumes are optional, but totally encouraged! Runners/walkers of all levels are encouraged to join - also, this is not just limited to Hillside families... invite others to join in on the fun! The first 160 participants to register for the 5K will receive a free shirt!

Can't run/walk, but want to help out? We still need lots of volunteers (before event or day of)! We also welcome donations to support the event. To register, go to: <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=8314>. Any questions, email Seema at seema.meloni@gmail.com.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: We are collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. Collection sheets and a collection box for sheets/box tops are located at the PTC bulletin board near Lori's desk. There will be a **Fall Box Tops Contest -- beginning October 2nd** -- during which time classes will compete to collect the highest amount of Box Tops. The winning class will receive a POPSICLE PARTY! So start saving those Box Tops now!!! More information to follow. Any questions, please contact our Box Tops Coordinator, Joyce McCafferty @ sjsong77@yahoo.com.

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

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: Spend time in the Media Center while your child is participating in a media lesson, checking books in and out for them, along with helping to re-shelve books. Parents are invited to volunteer for a one hour shift at least 2x per month. (If you can only commit once a month, please let us know and we will place you where there is availability.) We are striving for 2 volunteers for each shift, so invite friends and grandparents too. We will host a brief training session early in the school year for new volunteers and for those who would like a 'refresher.' Please see Media flyer at the end of the Newsletter for more information including the schedule and contact Vanessa Jones @ vanessajones694@hotmail.co.uk or Clare Currie @ currie.clare@yahoo.co.uk with any questions. To sign up for a Media slot:

1. Find your child's class slot on the Media Schedule
2. Review the chart 'A-B-C-D Weeks' that include the calendar dates, and decide which weeks are best for you. We encourage volunteers to sign up for 2x per month, but you may choose more or fewer weeks.

3. Email hillsidemediavolunteer@gmail.com with the following information:

- a. Your full name and preferred email*
- b. Class in which you would like to volunteer (grade level, teacher's name, e.g., "2T")
- c. Which weeks you would like to volunteer—A, B, C, D

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>

Community

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.

Needham's Special Education Services and Programs. Please join the **Needham Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)** on **Wednesday, October 4th** in the **Broadmeadow School Media Center** for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22. This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, and to learn about what will be new this year. Refreshments will be served at

7:00pm and the Program will begin at 7:30 and end at 9:00pm.

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>.

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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SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE

The Needham School Committee will hold an Open House on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Needham High School. The School Committee looks forward to welcoming the community to tour the school and to answer questions regarding a possible Needham High School classroom expansion and building renovation project.

MEDIA CENTER

The Hillside Media Center needs volunteers during your child(ren)'s class this year.

We are particularly in need of volunteers for Kindergarten and 1st grade.

We are asking parents to volunteer for a "shift" at least 2x per month. If you can only commit to 1x per month, please let us know and we will place you where there is availability. We are striving for 2 volunteers for each shift, so invite friends, grandparents, too.

We will host a brief training session **on Monday 9/18 at 6.30pm or Friday 9/22 at 8.30am** for new volunteers and for those who would like a 'refresher.'

To sign up for a Media slot:

- 1. Find your child's class slot on the attached Media Schedule**
- 2. Review the chart 'A-B-C-D Weeks' that include the calendar dates, and decide which weeks are best for you. We encourage volunteers to sign up for 2x per month, but you may choose more or fewer weeks.**
- 3. Email hillsidemediavolunteer@gmail.com with the following information:**

- Your full name and preferred email*
- Class in which you would like to volunteer (grade level, teacher's name, e.g., "2T")
- Which weeks you would like to volunteer— A, B, C, D

*At times when you are unable to make your shift, you will email all media volunteers to look for a substitute. We will share your email with media volunteers only.



Girl Scout troops forming NOW in your community! Girl Scout troops are organized by school grade (K-12), meet regularly during the year, and are led by a team of volunteers. Annual membership is \$40 per girl. Space is limited. Discover Girl Scouts today at gsema.org/join.

Needham Cub Scouts Pack 4 is currently recruiting incoming kindergarten – grade 5 boys to join our Pack. Learn more about Cub Scouts at an open house on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 pm at Christ Episcopal Church across from the Needham Town Library, contact webmaster.pack4@gmail.com and visit our website at pack4needham.org.

Pack 8 Needham Cub Scouts

Pack 8 Needham Cub Scouts registration is open to all boys K through 5th grade. We invite you to visit us at an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:45pm at Claxton Field off Central Ave. and then join us at our first Pack meeting at 7pm. For more information, visit pack8needham.org or email membership.pack08@gmail.com.

Please stop by to meet the new Fine & Performing Arts Director, Ms. LeeAnn Sutton.

Where: Needham High School, Room 905

Time: 7:00am-8:30am

There will be coffee and light refreshments.

Needham Community Theater will offer four classes for children grades 1-12 in the fall of 2017. All classes will take place at The Needham Presbyterian Church (intersection of Great Plain and Central Avenues in Needham).

For more information, please visit needhamtheatre.org

Theater Fun

Ages 6-8

Acting, Movement and Music

Ages 8-11

Broadway to Needham

Ages 11-14

Acting Toolbox for Teens

Ages 14-18



The Needham Free Public Library Children's Department is launching a Girls Who Code Club. The Club will meet each week on Thursday evenings

from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and is for girls in Grades 5 and up. Girls must provide their own computer; we will provide everything else. Work together to learn to code, create a web page, do group coding projects and have fun! Participants must register and attend each session. Sessions not held on holidays. To register visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559.

Create an E-Sewing Project with the RI Computer Museum on Monday, September 25th at 3:30 pm. E-Sewing stands for electronic sewing. Use fabrics and threads that conduct electricity along with LEDs to design clothing that lights up with your own fun designs! Once you learn how to e-sew, stop by the STEAM Station in the Children's Craft room anytime to create more e-sewing projects. This program is sponsored by a LSTA Grant administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in MA by the MBLC.

The RI Computer Museum will offer a Makey Makey Workshop for children ages 8 years and up at the library on Saturday, September 9th at 2:30 pm in the Community Room. Play a musical banana! Use play dough to control a computer game! Learn how to complete a circuit with Makey Makey kits in order to control computer programs. Then drop in anytime to have fun with the library's Makey Makey kits and computers inside the library's STEAM station located inside the Children's Craft Room. This program is sponsored by a LSTA Grant administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in MA by the MBLC.

The STEAM Powered Creation Station (STEAM Station) is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math maker-space for children ages 6 and up located in the Children's Craft Room. Children can drop-in to learn computer coding with Dot and Dash robots or a LEGO Mindstorm EV3 robot, Makey Makey kits or a Raspberry Pi computer. They can create structures with a number of engineering kits, electrify their play dough with Squishy Circuits, use Lil Bits electronics and more. The STEAM Station is open after school on week days from 3:30-8:30 on Mondays-Thursdays; 3:30 -5:00 on Fridays; 9:00-4:30 on Saturdays and 1:00-6:30 on Sundays.

Mad Science will present their show, "Up Up and Away" at the library in the Community Room on Tuesday, September 12th at 4:00 pm. This show is all about the power of air pressure. Children will watch as a soda bottle is crushed by the atmosphere right before their eyes. The Mad Scientist will make a hot air

balloon out of a dry cleaning bag, and the children will get the chance to watch a hovercraft in action. This program is sponsored by a LSTA Grant administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in MA by the MBLC.

Children ages 5 and up are invited to build their imaginations and engineering skills as they build with LEGO bricks at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 13th. Creations can not be taken home, but adults are encouraged to take photos of what their child builds.

A Turbo Toilet 2000, a 3D Hypno Ring, two young pranksters, Professor Poopypants, and a school principal who fights crime in his underwear and a cape. It's Captain Underpants - The First Epic Movie showing at the Needham Free Public Library on Friday, September 15th at 3:30 pm in the Community Room. 89 min. Rated PG.

Family Activity Morning on Saturday, September 16th from 10:00-11:30 is for families with children of all ages. Come play games, make craft projects and explore STEAM activities together.

On Monday, September 18th at 4:00 pm Children ages 6 years and up will learn how to construct large scale models of an arch bridge and a suspension bridge with Civil Engineer and Bridge Inspector Reed Brockman. Registration is required and is limited. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559.

Mad Science will present an Electricity Workshop for children ages 6 years and up on Tuesday, September 19th at 4:00 pm in the library's STEAM center. Children will learn about circuits, conductors, insulators and how electricity is converted for everyday use. Participants will get to create different circuits, interact with a plasma ball, discover static electricity and make their own static electricity chambers to take home. This program is sponsored by a LSTA Grant administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in MA by the MBLC.

A professional Yoga instructor will lead children ages 5-9 years old in a 1 hour yoga session on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:30 am in the Community Room.

The Bookventurers Book Club is for children in Grades 3-5 and meets monthly. Get a copy of this month's book - *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. This book was chosen for Banned Book Week. Come discuss the book and find out why some people thought you shouldn't be able to read it. The meeting includes related

activities and some snacks. Saturday, September 23rd at 3:15 pm.

Make a bubble rocket at a Maker-Space Workshop on Tuesday, September 26th at 4:00 pm. Children ages 6 years and up are welcome to drop-in, but space is limited to the first 30 participants. The library will be offering Maker-Space programs twice a month on Tuesday afternoons in the STEAM Station through December.

Children ages 6 and up are invited to come create a variety of fall crafts to take home on Wednesday, September 27th at 3:30 pm.

“Criminal Justice Reform: Why Now?”- A Human Rights Series Event- Sunday, September 10, 2-4 pm at the Needham Public Library
Please join Progressive Needham, The League of Women Voters of Needham and The Needham Area Immigration Justice Task at a public forum discussing current problems in the MA criminal justice system, why it's important and what we all can do to improve it. Click here to see our list of speakers and learn more: http://lww-needham.org/files/2017-09-10_criminal_justice_reform_forum_flyer.pdf
We hope to see you there! Contact: Susan Kirk, susan@progressiveneedham.com

Plugged In Band Program fall session rock band classes for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels begin the week of September 18. Registration for private lessons is ongoing. For more information, please call 781-956-4281 or visit www.pluggedinband.org.

YMCA Saturday Soccer! September 9th – October 21st
Ages: 3-6 Times: 9:00am- 2:00pm
For more information: Contact Marcus Nelson-mnelson@ymcaboston.org

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St. Joseph's In Town Basketball League Sign Ups

On-line registration for the 2017-2018 season for St. Joseph's In Town Basketball League (boys and girls grades 5 through 8) can be found at: www.stjoesbasketballneedham.com. Call Program Director Steve Blomberg at 781.444.7782 if you have any questions.

Needham Boys Youth Lacrosse - Fall Ball for Grades 1-8

Sundays - 8 Sessions - Sept 10 - Oct 29 at Memorial Field turf. 2:30 - 3:30 for Grades 1 & 2 (Intro to Lacrosse) and 3:30 - 5:00 for grades 3 - 8 (3v3 Small Ball Games).

Website: www.needhamboyslacrosse.com and click "Register Online". Cost is \$125.

You are cordially invited to the **Dance Party Time Machine**- a fundraiser for the *Needham Education Foundation* and the *Gardner Pilot Academy* Saturday, September 23rd from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Village Club, Needham.

Get your tickets today at Eventbrite.com:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dance-party-time-machine-2017-tickets-36468171282?aff=eac2>

SEPAC Educational Presentation: Needham's Special Education Services and Programs

Please join us for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22. This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Directors, and to learn about what will be new this year.

Wednesday, October 4

Refreshments: 7:00pm
Program 7:30 – 9:00pm
Broadmeadow School Media Center

Charles River Center 5K Run/1 Mile Walk 9/24/17

A beautiful, USATF-certified course through Needham and Wellesley, with a fun, family-friendly after-party. Benefits the Charles River Center—serving more than 950 children and adults with developmental disabilities. www.CharlesRiverCenterRoadRace.com.

Hillside's Back to School

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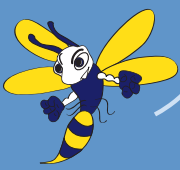
Thursday, September 14th

(Rain Date: Friday, September 15th)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

School Playground

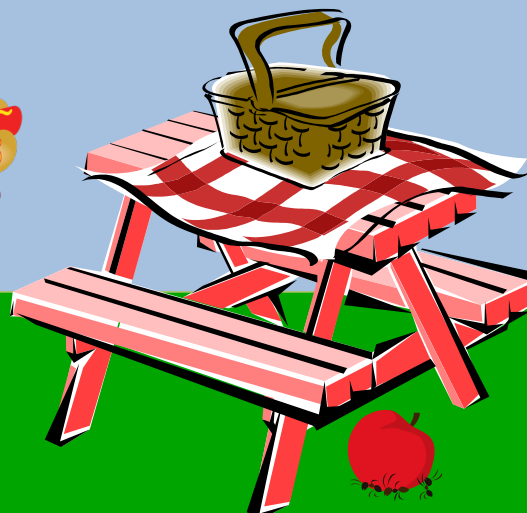
DJ • Free Slushies



Bring a picnic dinner or
purchase pizza and/or a
Sam's hot dog!

Drinks will also be
available for purchase

Keep Hillside "green" and bring
along your own reusable water
bottle!





Needham Special Education
Parent Advisory Council

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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7:30 pm - Program begins

Broadmeadow School Media Center

120 Broadmeadow Road, Needham

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K through 5th Grade Boys Pack 8 Cub Scout Sign Up!



Open House (6:45pm) and Pack Meeting (7pm) on
Tuesday, 9/19
Claxton Field, off Central Ave.

For more info, visit pack8needham.org or
email membership.pack08@gmail.com

Pack 8 welcomes all boys having members from all 5 Needham public elementary schools, local private schools, and surrounding towns.

*Information on 2 other great Needham Cub Scout Packs can be found at
pack4needham.org (Pack 4) or by
contacting pack23needhamsjs@gmail.com (Pack 23)*

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
8.45-9.25 5R	8.45-9.25 2W	8.45-9.25 5M	8.45-9.25 KM	
9.30-10.10 5G	9.30-10.10 2H	9.30-10.10 1T	9.30-10.10 KD	9.30-10.10 4K
	10.15-10.55 2G	10.15-10.55 1D	10.15-10.55 4M/S	
	11.00 -11.40 2D	10.55 -11.35 1A	11-11.40 4F	11-11.40 1C
		12.30-1.10 3Sh	12.30-1.10 KM	
		1.10-1.50 3Sa	1.10-1.50 KD	1.10 -1.50 3D
1.55-2.35 4H				1.55 - 2.35 5F

Key				
Kindergarten	KM - Micelli		3rd Grade	3Sh - Shea
	KD - De Maria			3Sa - Santinello
1st Grade	1T - Taratino			3D - Daoust
	1D - Dangelo		4th Grade	4H - Hsu
	1A - Audibert			4M/S - Mangan/ Strakosch
	1C - Cohen			4F - Fuller
2nd Grade	2W - Watts			4K - Katz
	2H - Hackett		5th Grade	5R - Roberts
	2G - Goneconto			5G - Geary
	2D - Dummett			5M - Miller
				5F - Franks