

Hillside News

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IMPORTANT DATES



- 22 Schools Closed for Professional Development
- 23-24 Schools Closed for Thanksgiving Recess
- 27 Schools Reopen



- 05 PTC Meeting, 7:15 PM
- 06 Delayed Opening
- 08 Family Fun Night, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 13 Picture Retake Day
- 25 Winter Break

News from Dr. Maloney

The highlight of this week was the groundbreaking for the new Sunita Williams Elementary School, which took place this morning. The new school is now officially in the building stage, giving everyone in the HES community much to be thankful for during this holiday season.

With Thanksgiving only days away, I asked students in a Kindergarten class and in a fifth grade class to tell me what they were most thankful for this year. The Kindergartners thoughtfully shared a range of answers that could be categorized as environmental (forests, world, earth, land, life, water), pet loving (dog, fish), and family (Mom, sister, our company at Thanksgiving, family, parents). There was also a Kindergartener who said “the people who protect us” and another who said “God who gave us all this stuff.” Their remaining answers included: cake, all the food, and buying a toy truck. By contrast the fifth graders, with the benefit of five more years of life experience, were almost unanimous in being thankful first and foremost for their families. Many also added answers such as good health, books, friends, opportunity to come here for a year and a good school.

This year I am thankful for the opportunity to spend several weeks with your wonderful children and to be part of the HES community.

HappyThanksgiving!

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

The Hillside PTC is now on **Twitter!** Follow us at [@hillsideptc](https://twitter.com/hillsideptc) to stay up to date on all the latest at Hillside. A huge thank you to **Sarah Nunes** and **Carrie Ruben** for organizing our successful Spirit Wear Sale! And thank you to everyone who purchased something from the sale...we can't wait to see all the kids sporting their Hillside pride!

The **Hillside PTC's FIRST Poker Tournament** is **TONIGHT!!** We can still accept walk-ins so come play poker and/or just socialize with other Hillside parents **at 8 p.m. at the Village Club** (83 Morton Street, Needham). The event is open to players of all skill levels. There is a \$50 entry fee to play and all proceeds benefit the Hillside PTC. In addition, we will have music, a raffle and a cash bar so come and hang out (\$20 admission fee for non-poker players). Hope to see you there!

Message from Hillside Cares: The Hillside Lost & Found is overflowing! If your child is missing a jacket, sweatshirt, water bottle or lunch box, it's probably in the Lost & Found located in the hallway across from the cafeteria doors. Please encourage your child to look carefully through the racks and bins in the Lost & Found to retrieve lost items this week. **All unclaimed clothing will be donated to Circle of Hope this Wednesday, November 22nd.**

Upcoming Events

PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, November 30th 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, rebecca 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!

Mark your Calendar! Our next PTC Meeting is December 5th at 7:15 p.m. At this meeting we will vote on changes to our budget and hear from Mr. K. about the latest at Hillside (including the groundbreaking of the new Hillside school). Our School Committee Liaison, Andrea Longo Carter, will also come to the meeting to introduce herself, discuss the construction of the new school and answer any questions (either about the new school or current school).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT is December 8th from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.!!! This is a night you do not want to miss. Come to Hillside in your pajamas for an evening of DJ dancing, games, crafts, prizes and FUN!! The cost of this event is \$5 per family (pay at the door that night). In addition, pizza, water and make-your-own sundaes will be available for purchase. We need a lots of volunteers to make this event happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-family1>. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details. Any questions, please contact Jody Barnet @ jodykolnick@yahoo.com and Samara Helfman @ samara4@me.com.

And **SAVE THE DATE** for our third annual **PARENT SOCIAL which will be held on Saturday January 20 at the Village Club!!** Mark your calendars and look for more information to come! Please note this is a parent-only event.

Hillside and Community

The **Buzz Across America** initiative will continue until we make it across the country to California. As a reminder, each student can contribute miles to the journey by earning popsicle sticks one of two ways: (i) run laps around the Hillside field on Friday mornings at Morning Mingle and earn 1 popsicle stick for each lap; and/or (ii) walk/bike to school any day and earn 2 popsicle sticks. **In addition, we are in need of parent volunteers to help on 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.

Message from the Yearbook: If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 409683606

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ samshap333@hotmail.com.

Other PTC Fundraisers

Box Tops: We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education. PLEASE be sure to save them! Collection sheets and a collection box for sheets/box tops are located at the PTC bulletin board near Lori's desk. We hope to collect many this year, so please send them in!!!

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 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, follow us on Twitter at @hillsideptc and register your information through our website www.HillsidePTC.org** so that you will receive our email blast.

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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

Needham Public Library Events

Family Activity Morning, Saturday, November 18th at 10:00. Families with children of all ages are invited to come create crafts, play gems and enjoy various activities together.

Bookventurers Book Club for children in Grades 3-5 will meet on Saturday, November 18th at 10:15 AM. Please note the time change. Children will discuss the book "A Night Divided" by Jennifer Nielsen. Copies are available at the Children's Desk. Following the discussion, children will be immersed in history with photos, interactive games and relics of the past. Snacks will be served.

Mystic Paper Beasts will perform for families with children ages 5 and up on Saturday, November 18th at 2:30 pm. Mythic Beasts perform in elaborate hand-made masks to become different creatures. This show, called *Sky Tales*, presents a constellation of Native American Tales from seven different Native nations .

Be the Industrial Designer - Fall Craft Program for children ages 6 years and up. Children design and create their own placemat to take home just in time for Thanksgiving.

Free showing of the Disney/Pixar movie, "Cars 3" at 10:00 am on Friday, November 24th.

Yoga for Children ages 5-9 with a professional yoga instructor at 10:430 am on Saturday, November 25th.

Maker Space Workshop on Tuesday, November 28th at 4:00 pm for Children ages 6 and up. Children will build catapults and see how far they can launch marshmallows with Giselle from the Learning Hub.

First Lego League Tournament -- Saturday, November 18 at Newton North High School

If you are interested in learning more about First Lego League (FLL) and want to cheer on a few Needham teams, please come to Newton North High School this Saturday between 9:30-3:00. There will be 25 teams throughout Massachusetts competing. Please checkout www.firstinspires.org for more information about First Lego League.

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

YMCA Winter Sports Registration Begins November 20th
Basketball, Indoor Soccer and Sports Vacation Clinics (December/February). For more information, contact Marcus Nelson – mnelson@ymcaboston.org

Needham Parents Care Brings You Another:
[Parent Tip-of-the-Month: CONFLICT RESOLUTION](#)

Registration for Needham Girls Youth Lacrosse (NGYL) Spring 2018 season is now open through December 15th for girls in grades 1-8. Programs vary by grade and include clinic, intramural and travel teams. New players are welcome. For more information and to register, please visit www.needhamlacrosse.com

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

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 .
Poker Tournament Winner will win **\$300.00 in Amazon Gift Cards** and
2nd place wins a **\$100 Amazon Gift card!** Prizes for the final table.

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Email eric@cfapromo.com with any questions.

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

please join us
NOVEMBER 30TH
FROM 6 - 9:30PM

Hillside Holiday Shopping Event

hosted by:  rockpaperscissors

Featuring:

Beauty Counter | Harding Lane | Perennial Designs
rebeccah j | Rodan & Fields | Stella & Dot
Stitched Needham | Tina Labadini Designs | ...and more

10% of all sales from the night will go back to the school



Needham Holiday Boutique
Pop-Up Shop located at
1110 Great Plain Avenue, Needham

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Friday, December 8, 2017

6:00-8:00 pm

\$5 per Family

(pay at the door)

Come and join the Hillside Community for an evening of DJ dancing, gym games, crafts, prizes and lots of fun! Say hello to some new and old friends.

Pizza & drinks will be available for purchase.

**Back by popular demand:
Make your own
sundaes!**

**Get set to
dance and play
in your
favorite PJs!**

This year's theme is the ever-favorite pajama party!

Volunteers Needed! Sign up at:

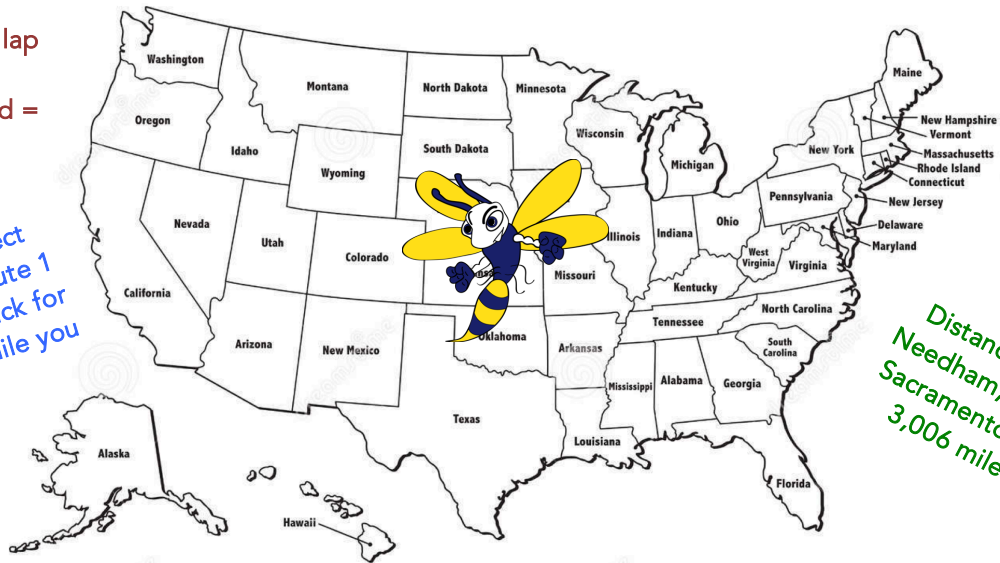
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*Student alumnae are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!
We love seeing you back at Hillside!*

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.



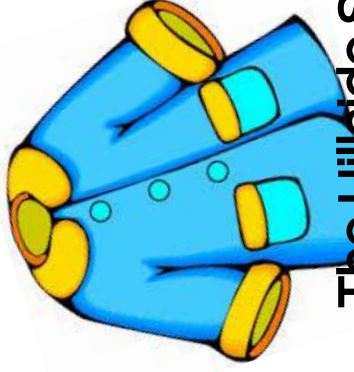
Distance from
Needham, MA to
Sacramento, CA:
3,006 miles!

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.



Coats for Kids Fundraiser 2017-2018

The Hillside School is participating in a fundraiser called, "Coats for Kids". We are collecting new or gently used coats in any size. All donations can be placed in a box located in the lobby. Please make all donations by January 7, 2018. Thank you in advance!

