

## Hillside News December 15, 2017

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### IMPORTANT DATES



**25**      **Winter Break**



**02**      **Classes Resume**  
**15**      **Schools Closed/Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**16**      **Delayed Opening/School Starts 10:20 a.m.**  
**31**      **Early Release/Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.**

### News from Dr. Maloney

Next week will be very special here at Hillside. In addition to counting down the days until Principal Kascak's return on January 2nd (and vacation), it will be *Spirit Week!*

**Monday-Sports Day**...wear something to support your favorite team!

**Tuesday-Mis-match day**...wear mis-matched clothing!

**Wednesday-Hillside Day**...wear Hillside clothing or something blue or yellow!

**Thursday-Crazy Hat/Hair Day**...wear a funny hat or come with your hair a bit crazy!

**Friday-Pajama Day**...

Nothing is more fun than learning and that will continue as usual...

### PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Thank you to everyone that attended **Family Fun Night** last week. We had a packed house and everyone seemed to have a great time. A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** goes to **Jody Barnet, Samara Helfman, and Stacey Krug** who organized and ran this fun event for our community, and to all of our wonderful parent volunteers and Hillside alumni volunteers.

The teachers and staff have planned theme days for each day next week. Here's the themes and schedule so you can join in the fun:

Monday- Sports day (wear your favorite sports team gear)

Tuesday - Mis-matched day (wear mis-matched clothes)

Wednesday - Hillside spirit day (wear blue and yellow or Hillside gear)

Thursday- Hat day/crazy hair day

Friday - Pajama Day

**DELIVERY OF SPIRIT WEAR ITEMS:** We hope everyone is excited for next Wednesday, the first school-wide spirit day of the year!!! Spirit gear orders will be delivered to your child in their classroom on Tuesday, just in time for spirit day or to use as holiday gifts, so be sure to check their backpacks when they get home!

**Hillside Cares** is teaming up with **Hillside Student Council** for the annual **Coats for Kids Drive** and we need some help! We'll be delivering all of the coats collected to Anton's Cleaners to be cleaned before they get distributed to local families in need. Please contact Sarah Burns at [sarahmag18@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmag18@yahoo.com) if you can help with the delivery after school next Wednesday, December 20th.

**Our next PTC meeting** is in January! On **January 24, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.** Superintendent Gutekanst will speak and answer any questions that our parent community may have. Dr. Gutekanst is always a very engaging and informative speaker - you don't want to miss it!

Still looking for holiday gift ideas . . . please consider the **Hillside PTC Gift Book Program**. When you donate \$15 to the Hillside PTC Gift Book Program, the name of the person to whom you are dedicating the book will have their

name printed and posted into a book at the Hillside Media Center. All proceeds from this program directly benefit the Hillside Media Center. It's not only a great way to honor a special person in your life, but you're also contributing to the school community. To participate, please follow the instructions on the Gift Book Program form that is included at the end of this newsletter.

### Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE** for our third annual **PARENT SOCIAL** which will be held on **Saturday January 20 at the Village Club!!** This year we will be hosting a Hillside Hoedown so grab a cowboy hat and some boots and come on down to the Village Club for dancing, games, and an opportunity to bid on amazing Teacher Experiences donated by our fantastic staff. Mark your calendars and look for the invitation in your child's/children's backpack this week!! Please note this is a parent-only event.

### Bulletins:

**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](mailto:samshap333@hotmail.com).

### Community

#### 'Tis the Season to Honor Educators with NEF Teacher Appreciation Cards

Honor a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). NEF Teacher Appreciation Cards make it simple to show your gratitude, while supporting innovation and excellence in Needham Public Schools. NEF will send a card to your designated honoree(s) or you can purchase cards to personalize and hand deliver. Cards are \$15 each, \$60 for 5 cards, or \$100 for 10 cards. Cards may be purchased at Taylor's Stationery (cash/check only), Volante Farms, Roche Bros., and Sudbury Farms through December 27th. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Callahan at [mcallahan@nefneedham.org](mailto:mcallahan@nefneedham.org).

### 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 parent volunteers to help on Fridays at Morning Mingle** for the **Buzz Across America** initiative. This 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. **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).

**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, follow us on Twitter at @hillsideptc 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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### Hillside School News...



#### The First Lego League Team- The Non-Couch Potatoes Qualify for State Tournament

The Non-Couch Potatoes will be competing this Sat., Dec. 16th at Worcester Polytechnical Institute at the First LEGO League State Tournament. This tournament is open to the public and a great way to learn about First LEGO League. We want to wish good luck to Sam Doff, Dylan Schaffstein, Josh Lee, and Gabe Pressman.

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Visit [nefneedham.org](http://nefneedham.org) to order cards online through December 15. You may also purchase cards in person at Taylor's Stationery (cash/check only), Volante Farms, Roche Bros., and Sudbury Farms through December 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Callahan at [mcallahan@nefneedham.org](mailto:mcallahan@nefneedham.org).

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### **6th Annual Parent Talk Summer Camp Information Fair**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 24th

**Time:** 7pm-9pm

**Location:** Needham High School cafeteria, 609 Webster Street, [Needham](http://Needham)

**Cost:** FREE for Parent Talk members; \$10 for non-members

**RSVP:** No advance registration required.

The Summer Camp Fair will provide parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet with representatives of local summer camps and gather information on programs for their families. Questions, please contact [ptcampfair@gmail.com](mailto:ptcampfair@gmail.com)

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### **Summer Explorations**

NCE's Summer Explorations program offers students entering grades 1-9 more than 80 week-long, morning, afternoon and full-day enrichment classes in July. There are classes in science, sports, fine and performing arts, culture, cooking, crafts, technology, engineering and more to appeal to the inquisitive, active, and creative child. All classes are taught by Needham Public Schools teachers and other trained education professionals. The relaxed and fun setting of Summer Explorations provides an excellent opportunity for children to develop new skills and to explore new interests! Visit Summer Explorations [online](http://online) for more information!

**Important dates: February 6:** Sneak Peek of classes available – **March 9:** Catalog of classes available – **March 12:** Registration opens at 7:00am

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### **Needham Youth & Family Services' Winter Programs...**

Needham Youth & Family Services' Winter Brochure of programs for youth are now available! Hard copies are available at our office.

- Registrations will be accepted starting on Wednesday, January 3rd 2017 at 8:30 am
- Many of our programs require advance registration. You can register by completing Page #5 of our brochure and returning this to us by coming into our office or by mail.

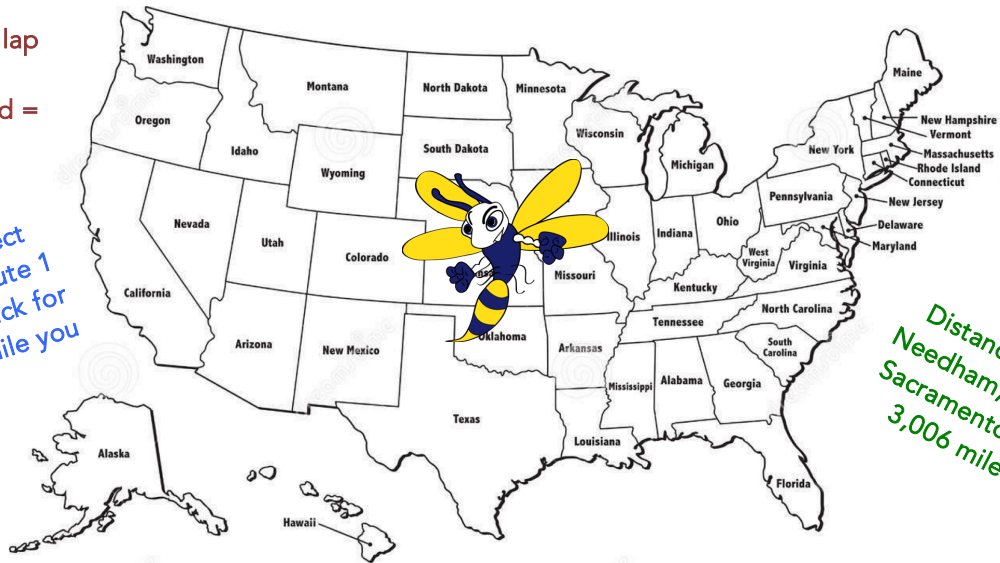
For additional information please contact Maria Papantoniou at [mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov](mailto:mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov)

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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!

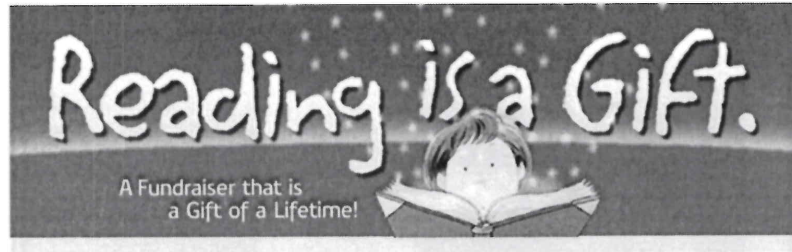
This year, the Hillside Hornets are going to work together to buzz our way across America!!! We will watch the Hillside Hornet travel across the map that's in the Hillside lobby.

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.





## Hillside Gift Book Program

Ever wonder about those nameplates in books your child brings home from the media center? Interested in dedicating a book to your child or someone you really cherish? It's so easy to do!

Complete the form below and send in a payment of \$15. When the donation is received, a bookplate will be put inside the cover of a special book to acknowledge the donor and honoree.

All proceeds directly benefit the Hillside Media Center!

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In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

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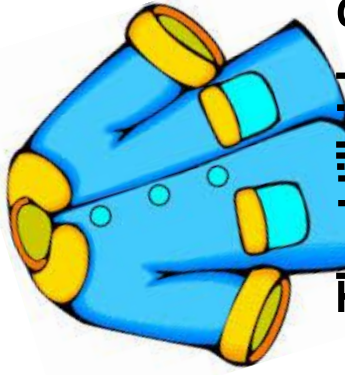
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Child's or Family's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete 1 form per book and include \$15 cash or check (payable to "Hillside PTC") per book with this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## 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!

