

Hillside News December 22, 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES



25 Winter Break -- Happy Holidays to our Hillside Families!



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

Being the “substitute” principal at Hillside was an unexpected opportunity to spend ten absolutely joyful weeks in an elementary school. I loved being with your children whether reading, playing, discussing, observing, dancing or participating in a host of academic activities from coding to go noodle. I am sure you know how very special your children are and I will miss them and the entire Hillside community.

When your children return to school after the break, it will be 2018, with Principal Kascak at the helm, a combination of the new with the much beloved and familiar.

Happy New Year!!

“Education is at the heart of achieving your dreams.”

-Patrice Motsepe

In the meantime, we have a few quick items to bring you up to speed on.

Thank you to all families who have contributed food items to the Needham Community Council Food Pantry. Hillside Cares delivered the food this week. Please continue to bring in your donations of non-perishable foods and household products like toilet paper, paper towels and laundry detergent. You can leave donations on the table in the hallway near the cafeteria under the Food Pantry Donations sign.

Thank you also to all families who contributed coats to the Student Council's Coats for Kids drive! We collected lots of warm clothing for people of all ages. Coats are going to Anton's to be cleaned, and then on to Circle of Hope in Needham to be distributed to people in need. Thank you to Hillside Cares and Kimberly Andrews for delivery!

A belated thank you to everyone that attended **Family Fun Night**. 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.

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Happy Holidays Hillside Families! Thank you for being such an amazing school community, and for the many ways you've given back to Hillside throughout the first half of the year. We wish you a safe and relaxing winter break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school in January (including Mr. K!!).

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

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 to come!! Please note this is a parent-only event.

The PTC will be hosting our **“Meet up & Skate”** event at Babson College on January 21st from 5:00-6:50 p.m. This is a fun event for the whole family so we hope you'll join us. Skates will be available for rent. More information to follow. Please contact Julie Lanza with any questions @ julielanelanza@gmail.com.

Hillside Night at Bertucci's! Take a night off figuring out your dinner plans. Dine in or take out at Bertucci's on Thursday, January 24th and Bertucci's will donate 25% back to the PTC. Bring the flyer attached to this newsletter or mention Hillside Elementary School when you pay.

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.

Community

NEF Large Grant Applications Due January 23rd

Do you have an innovative and collaborative idea that has the potential to make a broad and lasting impact on Needham public school students? The Needham Education Foundation (NEF) is now accepting Large Grant applications for funding up to \$15,000. They can support one- or two-year programs and can benefit the entire school system, multiple schools, an entire school, or a distinct population within the system. Past awards include Google Virtual Reality Expeditions Kits at High Rock, a portable planetarium for the Science Center, and funding for interdisciplinary learning pilot programs. For two-year grants, applicants must re-apply to explain the need for a second year of funding (up to \$15,000 for the second year, but approval is not guaranteed). Applications are due January 23rd with award notification in late February and funds available in April. Questions? Please visit nefneedham.org or contact Maureen at 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.

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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'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.

Visit 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 27th. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.org.

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

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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

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



Registration is open for spring and summer sessions of the **Plugged In Band Program**. Spring session rock band classes begin the week of February 2 (ages 7-19 of all skill levels). Summer day camp dates are July 9-10 and July 23-August 3 (ages 11-18 of all skill levels). For more information, please call 781-956-4281 or visit www.pluggedinband.org.

Summer Explorations

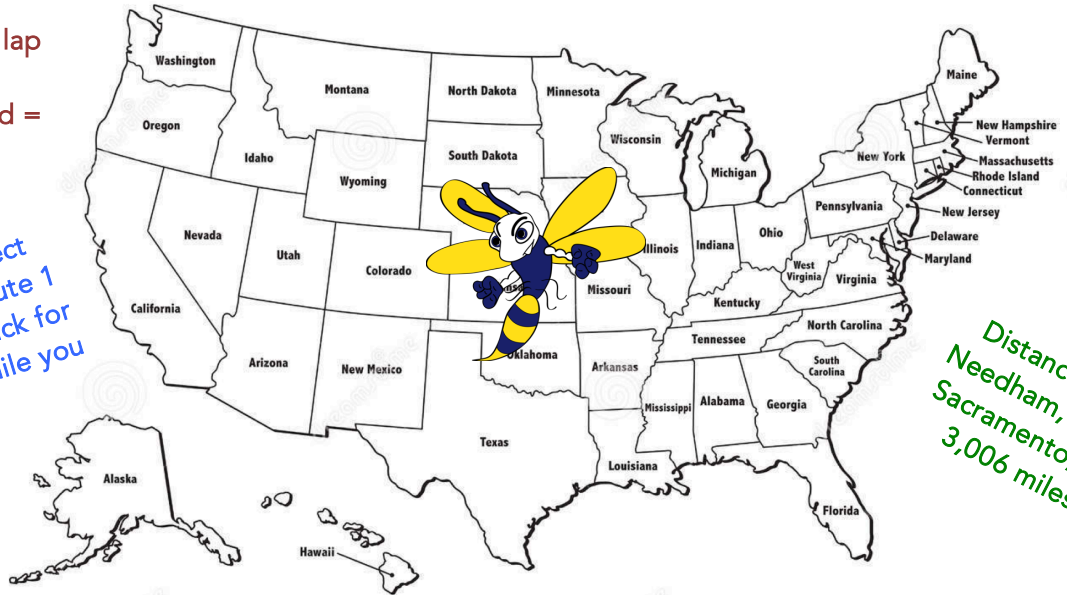
NCE's Summer Explorations program offers students entering grades 1-9 more than 80 week-long, morning, afternoon and full-day enrichment classes in July. There are classes in science, sports, fine and performing arts, culture, cooking, crafts, technology, engineering and more to appeal to the inquisitive, 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 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

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.



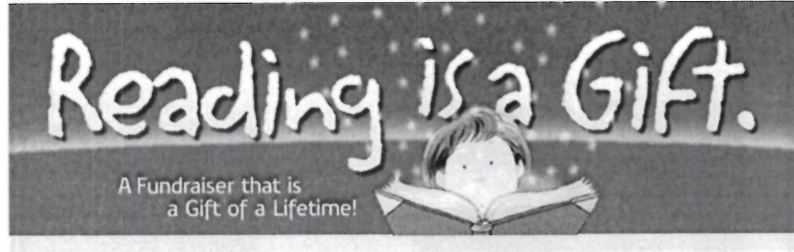
Distance from
Needham, MA to
Sacramento, CA:
3,006 miles!

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.



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!

In celebration of _____

OR

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

Bertucci's

Dining for Dollars

When you present this flyer, up to **25%** of all proceeds from your event* will be donated back to:

Dine-in or Carryout.**

ALSO RAISE DOLLARS WITH **2GO**

*Bertucci's awards funds raised from fundraising events based on a tiered give-back. Organizers can receive up to 25% when their event generates \$2,000 or more in net sales, excluding tax, tip, gift card sales, and offers/discounts. Give-back Tiers: Raise up to \$999 in net sales and receive 15% back; Raise up to \$1,999 in net sales and receive 20% back; Raise \$2,000 or more in net sales and receive 25% back.

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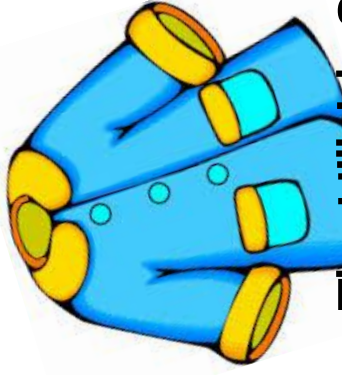
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Coats for Kids Fundraiser 2017-2018

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!

