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Hillside News January 5, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES



- 02 Classes Resume
- 10 Concert for School Audience, 8:45 AM
- 10 Concert for Parent Audience, 6:30 PM
- 11 Advanced String & Band Plus Grade 5 Chorus Concert
 - for School Audience, 8:45 AM
 - for Parent Audience, 6:30 PM
- 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 Mr. K

The weather has made this week even a bit more hectic than expected and even though I couldn't find the time for a more detailed message for this week's newsletter, I feel the need to acknowledge the wonderful warmth I've been enjoying during this bitterly cold week. I knew I would be thrilled to be back at Hillside, but the the cards, hugs, handshakes and welcome back video from the students, as well as the thumbs up and waves from so many of you during drop off this week have made my return all more sweet. Thank you so much! Have a wonderful weekend and try to stay warm!

Mr. K

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!!!

Our next PTC meeting is on **January 24, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.** Superintendent Gutekanst will share with us a number of topics related to Needham Schools 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!

We have **lots of FUN events** this month!!!

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. There will also be terrific raffle prizes that you do not want to miss. Please note this is a parent-only event. **To purchase TICKETS,** go to <https://hillside-ptc.ticketleap.com/hillsidewintersocial>. Contact Meg Rosenbaum (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com) or Kristen Birnbaum (kristentobin@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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 save the date and get ready to skate! Cost: 12 years old and older - \$7, 3-11 years old - \$5 and 2 years old and younger - free. Skates will be available for rent for \$5 per pair. Cash or check only. Remember to bring gloves and helmets for all skaters. Please see attached flyer for more information and contact Julie Lanza with any questions @ julielanelanza@gmail.com.

Hillside Night at Bertucci's! Take a night off from 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 just show your server with your phone when you pay and Hillside will receive the percentage.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead... Candy Bar Bingo Night is Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.!! Join us for this beloved annual event. We are in need of volunteers for this event – keep a look out for a Sign Up Genius coming soon. Please contact Julie Lanza at julielanelanza@gmail.com for more information.

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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Needham School Committee FY19 Budget Hearing

The Needham School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the School Department's FY19 proposed budget on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Broadmeadow School Performance Center at 7:00 p.m. The School Committee welcomes public participation in the School Department's budget discussion.

Tickets are on sale now for **A Cappella Go!** — the annual concert showcasing Needham High School (NHS) student and alumni a cappella groups. A Cappella Go! will be held on **Saturday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Needham High School Auditorium, [609 Webster Street, Needham](http://www.needham.org). **Doors open at 7:00 p.m.** To purchase tickets, download the **[Ticket Order Form](http://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org)** at www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org. Ticket prices are \$12 through January 18, \$15 at door.



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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

Needham Parents Care Brings You Another:
[Parent Tip-of-the-Month: Mindfulness as a Path to Wellness.](#)

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

Art Makers with Nicole Donson

Tuesday, January 9th 4:00 pm

Local artist Nicole Donson will read and examine an art-themed picture book with children ages 5 and up. Children will experiment with colors by creating their own rainbow mouse color wheel.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, January 13th 3:15-4:15

This monthly book club is for children in Grades 3-5. This month, participants will read the book *Leaving Gee's Bend* by Irene Latham. Copies of the book are available at the Children's Desk. During the meeting, children will discuss the book, Skype live with the author, and enjoy activities and snacks related to the story.

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Tuesday, January 16th 4:00 pm

Local artist Nicole Donson will read and examine an art-themed picture book with children ages 5 and up. Children will make their own color monster using mixed media.

Lego Time

Wednesday, January 17th 4:00 pm

Children ages 5 and up are invited to come build with our extensive Lego collection. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to take photos of their child's creations, which may be displayed in the library.

Family Activity Morning

Saturday, January 20th 10:00-11:30 am

Families with children of all ages are welcome to come make crafts, play games and collaborate on projects together.

Indoor Mini-Golf

Tuesday, January 23rd 3:30-7:00 pm

People of all ages from toddlers to senior citizens are welcome to play Mini-Golf - inside the library. A professional mini-golf course will be set up in the Community Room by Joe Buckley of Mobile Mini Golf, along with pencils, score pads, balls and clubs of every size. Come inside and play!

Winter Crafts

Wednesday, January 24th at 3:30 pm

Children ages 6 and up are invited to drop in for a make-take winter themed craft activity.

Yoga

Saturday, January 27th 10:30 am

Children ages 5-9 are invited to stretch out in this free yoga class offered by a professional yoga instructor. Please bring your own mat or beach towel.

Movie Makers Workshop

Wednesday, January 31st 4:00-5:30 pm

Children ages 8 years and up will work together in groups to make their own stop-motion animation movie using library equipment. Registration is required and is limited. To register, please stop by the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Anime Movie "Your Name"

Thursday, January 4th 3:00-4:30 pm

Youth ages 6-18 are invited to a free viewing of Director Makoto Shinkai's Japanese film, Your Name (Kimi No Na Wa) rated PG. In this movie, two young people fates may be more entwined than they know. Snacks will be served.

Joy of Coloring (And Other Crafts)

Thursday, January 11th 3:30-5 pm

People ages 9-18 can come and create a work of colorful art or a craft project.

Winter Wall Hanging

Thursday, January 18th 4:00-5:00 pm

See how origami, string and a little driftwood can be transformed into a Winter Wall Hanging.

Game Day Afternoon

Thursday, January 25th 3:30-5:30 on

Electronic games on the XBox One, board games, card games and puzzles will be available to enjoy or participants may bring a game of their own to share.



Hillside Winter Concert Information - January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hillside's Winter Concerts are just around the corner! The string ensembles, bands and choruses have been working hard at their music in preparation for their performances. The dates are as follows:

- * Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 8:45 AM in the Hillside Gym, Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Fourth Grade Chorus will perform for the school audience.**
- * Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Hillside Gym, Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Fourth Grade Chorus will perform for the parent audience in the Hillside Gym.**
- * Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 8:45 AM in the Hillside Gym, Advanced Strings, Advanced Band and Fifth Grade Chorus will perform for the school audience.**
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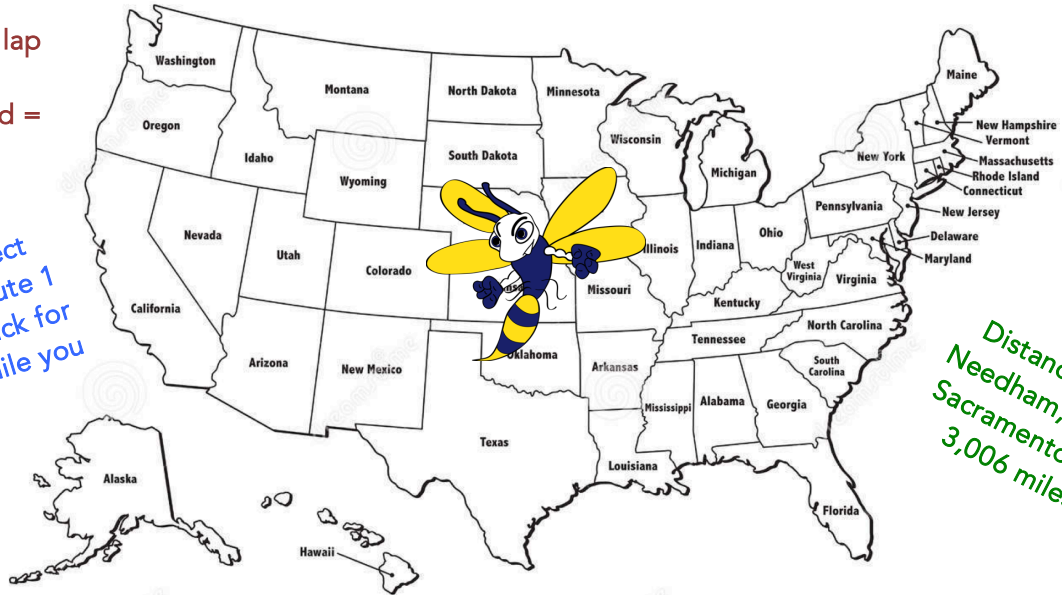
Concert Dress Information:

We would like students to dress in appropriate concert attire for all concerts. This consists of a nice looking shirt, pants/skirt or dress (any colors), and nice shoes. Please try to come as close to this concert dress as possible.

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.

Meet Up and Skate!



Join fellow Hillside families at the

Babson Skate Center

to celebrate the new year!

Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 5-6:50 pm

Babson Public Skating Admission Prices

(Cash and Check only)

2 and younger: Free

3-11 years: \$5

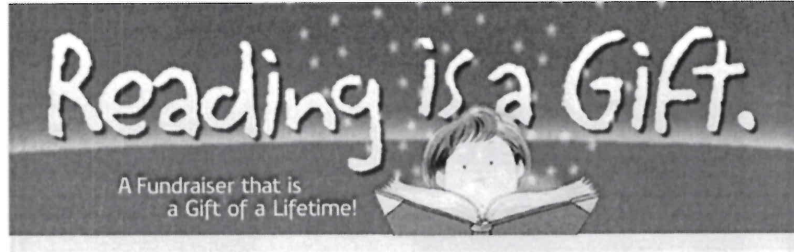
12 and older: \$7

Skate rentals will be available at the rink on January 21 for
\$5 per pair

Check or Cash only.

Remember to bring gloves and helmets for all skaters!

Questions? Julie Lanza 781-444-2257.



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

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Dining for Dollars

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

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.

**If ordering online, please select "Pay at Restaurant" and present this flyer when picking up your order to ensure the organization receives your donation.

Dine-in or Carryout.**

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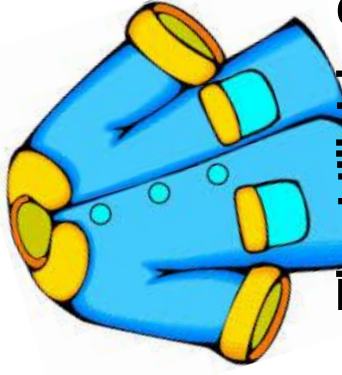
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Coats for Kids Fundraiser 2017-2018

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!

