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# Hillside News February 16, 2018



## IMPORTANT DATES



- 19 February Recess
- 26 Classes Resume
- 28 New Kindergarten Registration 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



- 06 PTC Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 06-07 Used Book Sale
- 09 The March "March" -- Walk/Bike to School

### News from Mr. K.

2018 really seems to be flying by! I cannot believe we've already reached winter vacation despite the telltale signs. Days are getting longer, we celebrated our 100th day of school and Valentine's Day, two quintessential elementary school experiences, and our 14th annual Jump Rope for Heart is going on as I write this. It is a wonderful and meaningful Hillside tradition we look forward to every February. On the other hand, this break is well timed. I hope everyone can find the time to relax, rejuvenate, and most importantly, get and stay healthy! Enjoy the week!

Mr. K

### PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

**Wishing our families a fun and safe February vacation!!!**

**HILLSIDE CARES** would like to help local families in need! Hillside Cares is collecting children's socks and underwear (**all new!**) to donate to Circle of Hope in Needham. They will then distribute the items to families in need in the Boston area. Please have your child bring donations to the donation box in the lobby by **February 28th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Our next **PTC meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.** Please join us!! In this special meeting, we will hear from Mr. K and Ms. DeCicco on technology and Hillside's "kindness" campaign. More details to follow. We really hope

to see you there!!

**Recruiting for the Hillside School Council:** The Hillside School Council is seeking one parent to join the committee that sets educational goals for Hillside in accordance with statewide policies and standards. Led by Michael Kascak, the Hillside School Council is comprised of the principal, teachers, three parents and one community member. The Council meets monthly at Hillside after school hours. Parent council members serve for three years. Every school in Massachusetts is required by law to have a School Council. If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact Erin Apstein @ [eringapstein@gmail.com](mailto:eringapstein@gmail.com) . **Deadline to submit a biography for this position is March 15th.** If more than two parents are interested, we will hold an open election.

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS:** The Yearbook Committee is in desperate need of MORE pictures for the yearbook. The Yearbook Committee needs them for all future and past events including First Day of School, Hillside Back-to-School Picnic, and Family Fun Night. Please follow the instructions below under **Message From Yearbook** and start submitting your photographs TODAY!!! The last day to submit photos is 4/2. Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ [samshap333@hotmail.com](mailto:samshap333@hotmail.com).

### Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE for HILLSIDE NIGHT AT THE RED SOX!** Join fellow Hillside families at Fenway Park for the Red Sox/Blue Jays game on May 29th at 7:10pm - this is

always a fun evening and sells out! We have a limited number of bleacher seats available for \$20 which will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. **Tickets must be purchased by March 1.** See the attached order form for more details.

### **Used Book Sale in Hillside Lobby on March 6th and 7th.**

We are still collecting book donations!!! The "mission" of this sale is simply to promote and support literacy at Hillside School, and all donations support this mission. Some of your donated books are put directly into circulation in our Media Center and classrooms; others are sold at the sale, with all proceeds returned to the Media Center for the purchase of new materials. All teachers bring their classes to visit the sale, and parents are encouraged to shop any time – and prices are very low so that everyone can find a treasure. We will be collecting books for the next few weeks in the lobby, so please consider donating your used books to benefit Hillside! If you have any questions please contact Sharon Ayres ([soayres@gmail.com](mailto:soayres@gmail.com)) or Joanie Daly ([jdayadaly@gmail.com](mailto:jdayadaly@gmail.com)).

### **The Hillside v. Eliot "Hoops in the Heights" Basketball Game is Friday, March 16th at Needham High School – Gym A.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and **tip-off is at 6:00 p.m.**

Pizza and other concessions sales will start at 5:30 p.m. so come have pizza for dinner and get great seats for the game! Tickets are **NOW** on sale. To **PURCHASE TICKETS**, go to [hillside-ptc.ticketleap.com/hoopsintheheights8/](http://hillside-ptc.ticketleap.com/hoopsintheheights8/). Children under 5 are free. Tickets are \$4.25/person if purchased prior to the night of the game and \$5/person if purchased on the night of the game. More details to follow as the game gets closer. Contact Betsy Alperstein ([balperstein@gmail.com](mailto:balperstein@gmail.com)) or Erin Alperstein ([eringapstein@gmail.com](mailto:eringapstein@gmail.com)) for more information!!!!

The **2018 Hillside Talent Show** will be held on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm at the Newman Elementary School. A reminder for those auditioning for the talent show that auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 8th from 3:00-5:00pm. The show is guaranteed to be lots of fun! If you have any questions please contact the committee via our email box: [hillsideptctalentshow@gmail.com](mailto:hillsideptctalentshow@gmail.com). We also need volunteers to make the show happen!! Please visit our sign-up genius at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aacab2fabf85-hillside> to sign-up!

### **Committee Messages:**

**Message from the Yearbook:** Submit photos online as follows:

- 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! **The last day to submit photos will be on 04/02/2018 so submit your photos today!** Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ [samshap333@hotmail.com](mailto:samshap333@hotmail.com).

### **Community**

### **MESSAGES FROM SEPAC:**

**"A Guide to Special Education"** - This presentation will teach families the basics of special education, with information that will help you:

- Understand your child's **eligibility** for special education
- Know **your rights** under state and federal law
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Wednesday, February 28

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program: 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center  
120 Broad Meadow Road, Needham

*Presenter Michelle Moor is an attorney whose practice is devoted entirely to helping children with special needs access appropriate educational services. Prior to starting her own practice, she worked in the disability and special education law group at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP.*

### **Calling All Spellers: Rally a Team for the NEF Bee!**

Represent Hillside and support enrichment! Rally a team for the 2018 Needham Education Foundation (NEF) Spelling Bee on **Sunday, March 18th** at 3 p.m. in the Needham High School gymnasium.

As the NEF's largest fundraiser, the Bee draws spellers of all ages from Needham schools, businesses, and the community. Your registration fee will help to fund innovative, educational, and enriching programs for Needham Public School students in grades K-12. Register [here](#) if you are interested in forming a team.

### **Other PTC Fundraisers**

**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!

**Modell's:** In need of new sporting goods? Use the coupon attached to this newsletter for 15% off your entire purchase at **Modell's**! Hillside will also receive 5% back from your purchases starting this Friday, **February 16th - March 15th**. Be sure to show the coupon at checkout.

### **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](mailto:erinellis03@gmail.com) or go to the Sign up Genius link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4badaa22a31-first1>

Both positions run April-September. For more information, go to <https://www.needhamfarm.org/jobs>

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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.

PTC Co-Presidents  
Erin Apstein, [eringapstein@gmail.com](mailto:eringapstein@gmail.com)  
Meg Rosenbaum, [megrosenbaum11@gmail.com](mailto:megrosenbaum11@gmail.com)  
[www.HillsidePTC.org](http://www.HillsidePTC.org)



### **Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (SAFE)**

As part of their Take Action Project, Needham-based Daisy Girl Scout Troop #82926 is holding a stuffed animal drive this month to support Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (SAFE), a nationwide organization that helps comfort children in emergencies. More information can be found at:  
<https://stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org>

A portion of the collection will be donated to the Needham Community Council. There will be a collection box in the Hillside lobby until March 7th to support the drive. We're looking for donations of any new or gently-used (like new) stuffed animals. Small and medium sized is preferred and no batteries or dolls please.

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**Now Hiring Educators!** The Needham Community Farm is looking to hire a Part-Time Seasonal Farm Educator/Volunteer Coordinator and Part-Time Seasonal Garden Class Instructor.



Needham Special Education  
Parent Advisory Council

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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# NEF Spelling Bee

A friendly competition to benefit the NEF

**Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm**

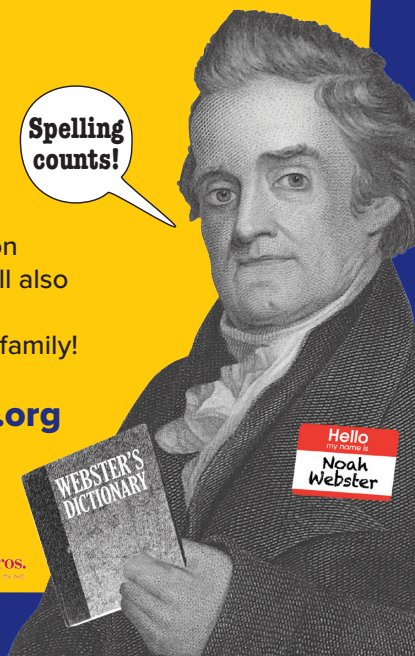
**Needham High School, Gym A • FREE ADMISSION**

## Four Ways You Can Support the Bee:

- 1. Compete in the Bee** — gather a team of three adults (neighbors, friends, co-workers). It's all in good fun, and for a good cause!
- 2. Sponsor a team** of teachers or students that have been selected by each school
- 3. Advertise** your business in the Bee program
- 4. Come to the Bee** and cheer on your school's teams. There will also be snacks and raffle prizes — a fun afternoon for the whole family!

Visit [www.nefneedham.org](http://www.nefneedham.org)  
to learn more and  
register by **February 28**

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Since 1990, the NEF  
has funded more than  
**675 grants,**  
totaling over  
**\$2.8 million.**

### What NEF Funds:

- Grants written by teachers, educators, students, parents, and community members
- Programs that are beyond normal and expected public funding
- Leading-edge projects in math and science, emerging technologies, languages and the arts, social development, and more.

### Recent NEF Grants:

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Sphero Sprk Technology Integration Grant
- Kindergarten Math Backpacks
- Enriching Math with Number Sense Challenges
- Training for School Leaders: Literacy Teaching and Coaching

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- High Rock Creation Lab
- Investigating Alternate Energy Sources
- Augmented Reality Topographic Maps

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- Blues in the Schools
- Engineering Design 101
- Mindfulness Equipment
- Sullivan Author Workshop

#### ALL SCHOOLS

- Starlab® Portable Planetarium

#### COMMUNITY

- PTC Educational Film Series

Hillside Elementary PTC

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**Valid From: 2/16/2018 | 3/15/2018**



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# HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY

## SCHOOL NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

JOIN YOUR CLASSMATES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN  
AT FENWAY PARK!

**TUESDAY, MAY 29TH**  
**7:10PM**



VS



**TICKET PRICE**  
UPPER BLEACHER 42  
\$20 PER TICKET

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SEEMA MELONI AT SEEMA.MELONI@GMAIL.COM

TUESDAY, MAY 29  
7:10 PM

BLUE JAYS VS.  
RED SOX

TICKETS:  
# OF TIX \_\_\_ \$20

TOTAL AMOUNT:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

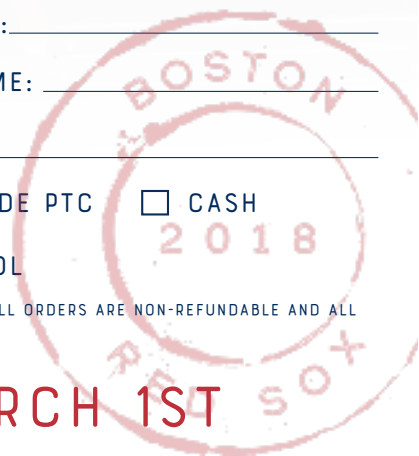
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  CHECK- MADE PAYABLE TO: HILLSIDE PTC  CASH

RETURN ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT IN ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND FILLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS. ALL ORDERS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND ALL GAME TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: MARCH 1ST**





Step 1:

Step 2: 87787

Step 3: \$20.00



Tuesday, April 17th, 2018



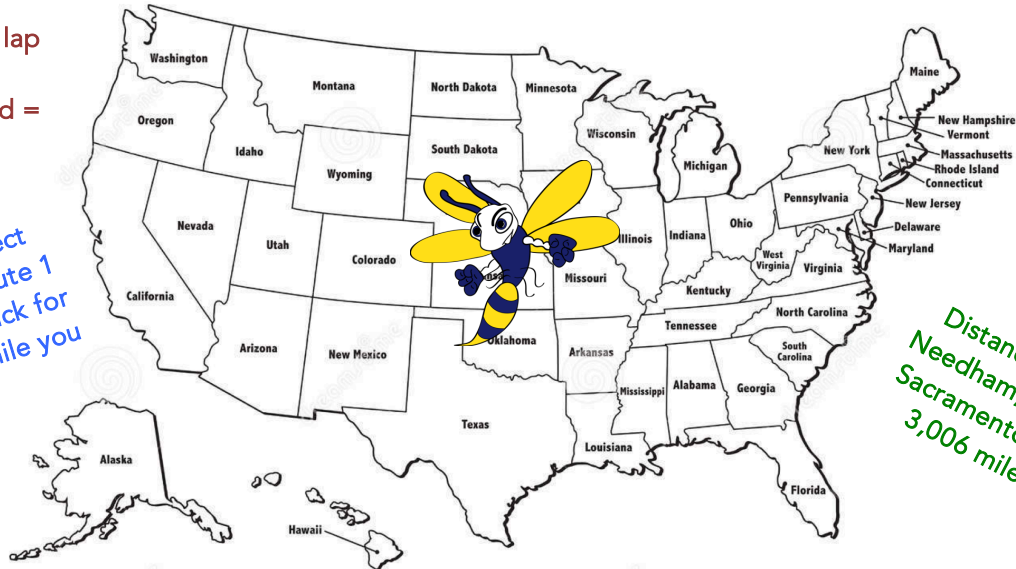
[www.memorybook.com](http://www.memorybook.com)



# 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.