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Hillside News March 2, 2018

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IMPORTANT DATES



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

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Joyce McCafferty for running our second Box Top contest this year. Once again, the winner is Mr. Watt's class (352). Ms. Dangelo's class came in a close second at 331 box tops. The spring contest raised \$297.80 for Hillside and the fall contest raised \$740.60 for a grand total of \$1,278.30 for the 2017-2018 school year (which exceeded our target). Thank you to all who clipped, saved and submitted box tops!!!

HILLSIDE CARES thanks all who donated socks and underwear to Circle of Hope this past week! We hope you will participate in our next care initiative.

Hillside Cares is collecting gently used children's clothing, books, toys and baby equipment for Needham Gives Back benefiting Cradles to Crayons. We will collect items in a bin in the Hillside lobby March 6 - April 6. Please give generously! Then sign up to volunteer at the event, sorting, organizing and packing the donated items. See the attached flyer for all the details.

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 the appropriate use of technology with a lens on age appropriate social-emotional and academic needs of our students. It will be a fantastic discussion. We really hope to see you there!!

Used Book Sale in Hillside Lobby this Tuesday and Wednesday (March 6th and 7th). All kids can shop at the sale -- 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. In addition, the Used Book Sale Committee will be collecting book donations through March 7th!!! The "mission" of this sale is simply to promote and support literacy at Hillside School, and all

donations support this mission. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Ayres (soayres@gmail.com) or Joanie Daly (jdadayaly@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/. 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. The game is in need of **VOLUNTEERS**. To volunteer, please sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cacad22a5fa7-8thannual>. Contact Betsy Alperstein (balperstein@gmail.com) or Erin Apstein (eringapstein@gmail.com) for more information!!!!

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. **Deadline to submit a biography for this position is March 15th.** If more than two parents are interested, we will hold an open election.

Upcoming Events

The **2018 Hillside Talent Show** will be held on Friday, April 6th 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. 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:

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 and start submitting your photographs TODAY!!! The last day to submit photos is 4/2. Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ samshap333@hotmail.com.

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.

Community

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.

Bring your ideas! NEF Spring '18 Grant Applications due March 20th

Did your 5th grader get to meet one of the Lost Boys of Sudan? Has your middle schooler explored with virtual reality equipment? Has your high school student tried out the digital drawing tablets? For over 25 years, the Needham Education Foundation (NEF) has funded these and many other entertaining and educational programs that "make learning come alive" for Needham public school students. If you have

an innovative idea to enhance your child's learning experience or school community, we want to hear from you!

The NEF is now accepting applications. Small grant applications for up to \$5,000 (\$3,000 per school for multi-school grants) are due March 20th.

The NEF continues to offer two additional options to ease the small grant application process: (1) Express Grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by NEF at another school; (2) Multi-School Grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit.

Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member — including students and parents — is eligible to apply. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit <http://www.nefneedham.org/>

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 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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www.HillsidePTC.org

More Hillside News...



Hillside's 14th annual Carol Virginio Memorial Jump Rope for Heart was a great success!

In what has become an annual tradition, Hillside school participated in its 14th annual Jump Rope for Heart to support the American Heart Association on Friday, February 16th. The event is named after former Hillside School teacher's aid, Carol Virginio, who passed away in the spring of 2013. Carol was a cancer survivor, a heart transplant recipient, and an avid supporter of this event.

The event is coordinated by Hillside School's Physical Education and Wellness teacher Rob Tatro. This year, Hillside School had 248 students who helped find sponsorships for the event which raised \$22,562 for the American Heart Association. Whether or not students chose to find sponsorships or not, students spent the past several weeks learning new jumping skills, learned about heart health, and what it means to support organizations like the AHA.

We are so lucky and blessed to have such tremendous support from the entire Needham community and beyond and thank you to everyone who helped make another Jump Rope for Heart event an overwhelming success!

Robert S. Tatro M.Ed
Elementary Physical Education and Wellness Teacher
Hillside School



The **Used Book Sale** is next Tuesday and Wednesday! We sell both adult and kids books and we're happy to accept donations through Tuesday so keep them coming! If you're available to help move books Monday afternoon or would like to help staff the sale, please contact Sharon (soayres@gmail.com) or Joanie (jdayadaly@gmail.com).

We're also looking for one new co-chair for next year so if you think you might be interested, please reach out to one of us. And don't forget to send your kids in with some spending money - there will be some great deals!



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school. Get together with a few friends from your neighborhood, poker group, book club, or business, and spell your way to victory! Your registration fee will help to fund innovative, educational, and enriching programs for Needham Public School students in grades K through 12. Interested in supporting the Bee but prefer to skip the spelling? Sponsor a team with a donation or place an ad in the Bee Program Book.

Visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eebwib68b6a4b318&llr=4xpzvecab> for details and to register (by Feb. 16th). See you at the Bee!

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The Needham School Committee will hold an Open House on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Young Adult Room at the Needham Public Library. The Open House is an opportunity for parents and the community to engage in conversation and dialogue with the School Committee and Superintendent with concerns and questions. This year, the Open House is scheduled at the Library as the annual Art in Bloom is taking place. Enjoy the show and visit with your School Committee.

Kick off your St. Patrick's Day with a jaunt through our local neighborhoods...

The **Eliot** Leprechaun 5K and Pot of Gold 1-Mile

March 17th, 2018

Cricket Field

8 am: 5K, prize for male /female winner

9:30 am: 1 mile, medals for male/female winner from each grade (K-5)

Register here: <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=9017>. T-shirts provided for the first 75 registrants.



Attention Registered Nurses - Explore the Dynamic Specialty of School Nursing!!

If you are interested in gaining valuable experience in school nursing while maintaining a flexible schedule, please consider applying to be a Needham Public Schools Substitute School Nurse! For more information, please contact:

Barbara Singer MSN, RN, NCSN

Director of School Health Services at (781) 455-0416 x 382 or email: barbara_singer@needham.k12.ma.us.



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.

RAISING GLOBAL CITIZENS

On March 5th from 6-8pm, the Needham Diversity Initiative will host Raising Global Citizens: How to Talk to Kids about Racial and Cultural Diversity. This event will be at the Eliot School, with dinner and childcare provided. Please join us for an informative and dynamic discussion about how we can help our kids navigate culture and embrace diversity in our community! RSVP to NeedhamDiversity@gmail.com.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Registration for Needham Baseball and Softball's Little League baseball and girls softball programs - Kindergarten, 1st Grade, Single A and Double AA baseball and K-8th grade softball are now open through March 15, 2018. The spring season is from April thru June. For more information and to sign up, please go to the registration page at www.needhambaseball.com or www.needhamssoftball.com.

GIRLS ON THE RUN AT THE CHARLES RIVER YMCA!

March 18th – June 9th

Grades: 3 – 8 Times: 3pm-4:30pm, 4:30pm-6pm

For more information, contact Dan

Chambers, dchambers@ymcaboston.org

Sunday, April 29, the 13th annual Needham Pitch Hit and Run skills competition will be held at DeFazio Park, beginning at 12 pm following the Needham Baseball and Softball annual parade and festivities. The competition is free to all kids, 7-14 years old. Pre-register online at www.Smileboston.com/PHR or 11 am prior to the event. The PHR is the Official Skills Competition of Major League Baseball offering the opportunity advance to the Sectional Level of Competition, as well as have the chance to compete at Fenway Park in June, and the MLB™ All-Star Game® in July.

Needham Unplugged is here...

Needham Unplugged is a month-long awareness campaign in March to remind Needham families and residents to “unplug their electronics” and “plug into” each other. It is a reminder that there is more to life than what is on the other side of a plug.

The highlight of this year's program will be a no-homework, no-sports, and no-activities night for Needham Public School Students on March 15, 2018; and in the same night, there will be No Meetings for all town, civic, and religious organizations.

View the 2018 No Homework and No Meeting Night Flyer at:

<http://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16183>

View the 2018 Unplugged calendar at (it is also attached): <http://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16182>



Dr. Seuss's Birthday

for ages 5 and up

Friday, March 2 at 3:30pm

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday by creating some goopy green Olbleck to take home from the book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*.

Stop in anytime during the day or evening for Dr. Seuss themed activities and a sticker.

Chinese Storytime

for ages 5 and up

Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00 am

Stories in Chinese followed by a craft project. For native speakers and those interested in learning about the Chinese language and culture.

Wellesley Symphony for Young People

Ages 4 and up
Saturday, March 3, 11:00 am
Children and families are invited to learn about the orchestra and the instruments while enjoying the musical performance.

Bookventurer's Book Club

For Children in Grades 3-5

Read Kiki and Jacques by Susan Ross. Copies of the book are available at the Children's Desk. Skype with the author, discuss your favorite parts of the book, enjoy book-themed snacks and activities. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library or call [781-455-7559 x 204](tel:781-455-7559).

Art Makers

Ages 8 and up

Tuesday, March 6th at 4:00 pm

Join professional artist Nicole Donson of Nicloe's Art Spot and paint on silk to create a spectacular silk sun catcher to take home.

NEW!!!

Crazy 8's Math Club

For children in Grades K-2. Wednesdays at 3:30 starting on March 7th

For Children in Grades 3-5 Wednesdays at 4:30 starting on March 7th

The Needham Free Public Library is starting two new Bedtime Math Crazy 8's Clubs where children will build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess and more! It's a totally new kind of fun math club. Space is limited and registration is required. Children sign up to attend all 8 consecutive sessions each Wednesday. The session for children in Grades K-2 begins at 3:30 followed by a session for children in Grades 3-5 at 4:30. To sign up, stop by the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library or call [781-455-7559 x 204](tel:781-455-7559).

Family Activity Morning

Children of all ages

Saturday, March 17th 10:00-11:30 am

Families will explore arts and crafts activities, play games that enhance logic, literacy or math skills and complete a collaborative project together. Fun for the whole family.

Walk Along Gliders with Phil Rossoni

STEAM

For Children in Grades 3-5

Tuesday, March 27th at 4:00 pm

A walk along glider is a slow flying model aircraft that children will make and keep in the air by walking along with it on a string and paddle to create an updraft. Phil Rossoni is a glider plane pilot who will provide demonstrations, construction assistance, and hands-on flying time for children with their own walkalong glider. Registration is required and space is limited. To register stop by the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library or call [781-455-7559 x 204](tel:781-455-7559).

PJ Storytime

For Children in Kindergarten

Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm

Children and families are invited to come in their PJ's with a blanket and favorite stuffed friend to enjoy a storytime led by women of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society of Babson

College. Registration requested. To sign up, stop by the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library or call [781-455-7559 x 204](tel:781-455-7559).

Free Movie - Aliens Ate My Homework

Rated PG; 90 Minutes

Aliens Ate My Homework is based on the book in the Rod Allbright and the Galactic Patrol series written by internationally renowned author Bruce Coville. When a tiny intergalactic starship crashes into the bedroom of 12-year-old Rod Allbright (Jayden Greig), it's the start of the adventure of a lifetime for him and his cousin Elspeth (Lauren McNamara). Enlisted by the extraterrestrial Galactic Patrol, Rod and Elspeth must race to save the world from Total Planetary Disaster. The film features the voice of William Shatner ("Star Trek") as the intrepid intergalactic explorer known as Phil the Plant.

Yoga for Children

Ages 5-9 years

Saturday, March 31 at 10:30

Join a professional children's yoga instructor for this hour-long free yoga class. Children stretch and relax.

NEF Spelling Bee

A friendly competition to benefit the NEF

Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm

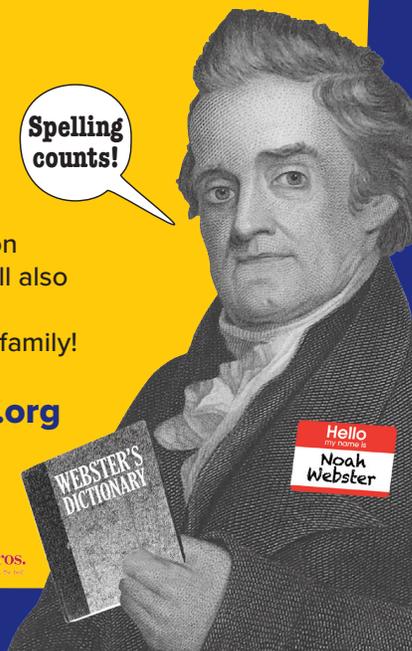
Needham High School, Gym A • FREE ADMISSION

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 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

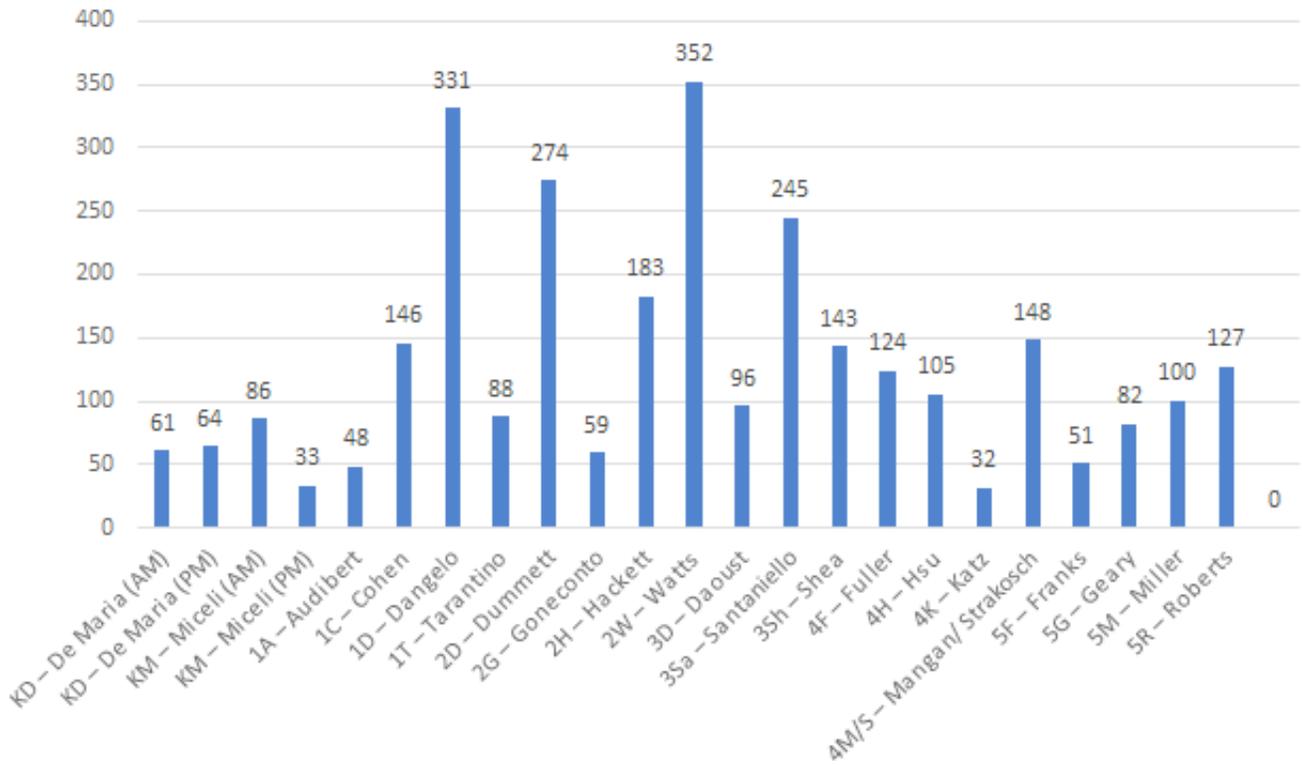
- Starlab® Portable Planetarium

COMMUNITY

- PTC Educational Film Series

Hillside PTC Spring 2018 Box Tops Contest Results

Total raised = \$297.80



Hillside Elementary PTC

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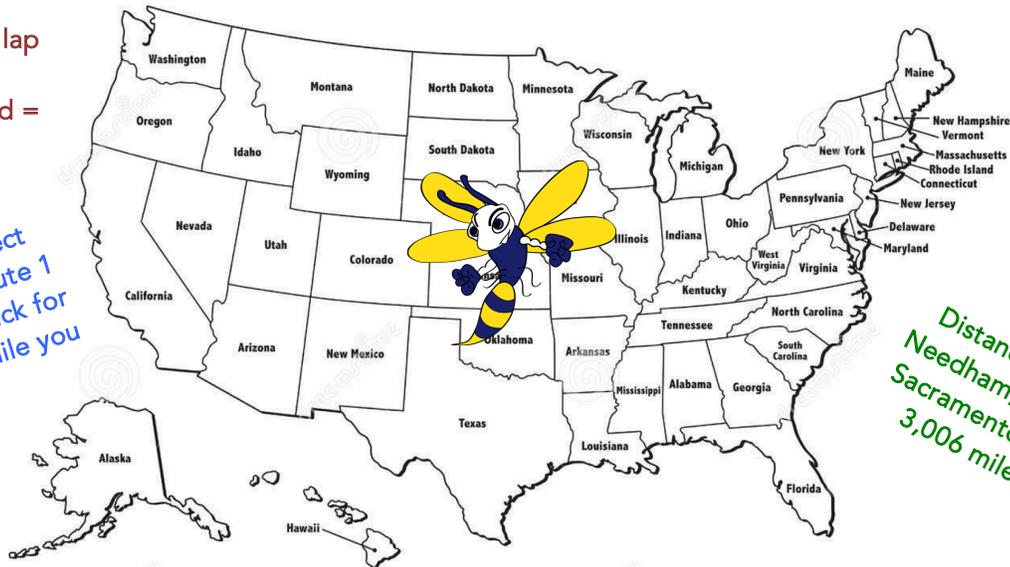


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Hornets Buzz Across America

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 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.