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Hillside News March 16, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES



- 16 Hillside vs. Eliot Basketball Game @ NHS Gym A -- 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM)
- 29 Early Release -- 12:15 PM Dismissal/No P.M. Kindergarten
- 30 No School -- Good Friday

NOTE: NO AM & PM Kindergarten on 5/31 due to tours and screening for new Kindergarteners. AM & PM KASE will be held.

PTC Hillside Hornet Buzz

We hope to see you tonight at the Hillside v. Eliot "Hoops in the Height" Basketball and at the NEF Spelling Bee this Sunday (we have 3 Hillside teams competing)!!!

The Hillside v. Eliot "Hoops in the Heights" Basketball Game is tonight (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 early for pizza, save great seats and hang out with our NEW Hornet Mascot!!! Get your tickets at the door!!!

HILLSIDE CARES NEEDS YOUR HELP! Hillside Cares is hosting a hands-on event that you can do with the whole family! On **Sunday, March 25th from 3-5pm** at the home of Sarah Burns - we'll be making brown bag dinners that we'll deliver to Generic Ministries, who will then distribute the bags to homeless individuals in Boston. Sign up to drop off some food to make the lunches OR sign up to help assemble the lunches (or both!). We think it will take around 2 hours, but the more people, the quicker it will go. Older siblings, younger siblings, parents and grandparents are all welcome! This is not a drop-off event - parents should plan to stay with children and participate. **Sign up for contributing food/materials AND volunteering at the event here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0845A4AF22A31-making**

Hillside Cares is NOW 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.

Purchase Your Yearbook Now! Yearbook ordering is underway!. There are two easy ways to order a copy of this year's special book: Order online (by April 17th) at www.online-pay.memorybook.com/parent, enter pay code 87787 and click next; or complete the form sent home with your child and return to Hillside by April 13th. Please contact Samantha Shapiro at samshap333@hotmail.com with any questions.

We are looking for our next Co-PTC President to join Meg Rosenbaum next year. If interested, please email Erin Apstein (eringapstein@gmail.com) or Meg Rosenbaum (megrosenbaum11@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events

2018 Hillside Talent Show. This year's show is guaranteed to be lots of fun! The big event will be held on Friday, April 6th at 6:45pm at the Newman Elementary School. 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!

Grab Your Gear! Be on the lookout for some great new items in the **Spring Spirit Wear Sale** which will be held from **April 2nd through April 13th**. More details including a list of items for purchase and ordering instructions will be coming soon!

Mark your Calendars! The next **PTC Meeting** is **April 25th** at 8:45am in the Hillside Cafeteria. More details to follow.

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 04/09/2018 so submit your photos today!** Any questions, please contact Sam Shapiro @ samshap333@hotmail.com.

Community

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!

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



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.

NEF Spelling Bee, Sun. 3/18

The NEF (Needham Education Foundation) Spelling Bee takes place this Sunday, 3/18 at 3pm in the gymnasium of the Needham High School. Please come and cheer our Student team: Simon Shoemaker, Natalia Coutu, Pranay Gunda, and alternate Will Murray. Our faculty team consists of Mr. Kascak, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hsu. Go Hillside Hornets!!

Laura Miller, Grade 5
Hillside Elementary School



Cheer on the Teams at the NEF Spelling Bee!

Join friends, neighbors, Needham Public School students, members of our local business community and civic leaders at the annual NEF Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 18th at 3pm in the Needham High School "A" gym. Admission and refreshments are free, thanks to the generous support of many sponsors, including Needham Bank, Roche Brothers and Veryst Engineering. Support the NEF at the Bee by purchasing tickets for the many raffle items donated by local businesses and special, bee-adorned cupcakes from Treat Cupcake Bar.

The star-studded roster of celebrity word pronouncers features Gary Gillis, Partner at Last Minute Productions and WHDH-TV Alumnus, and Kathy Curran, award-winning journalist and member of WCVB's 5 Investigates. Dan Gutekanst, Needham Public Schools Superintendent, will be the pronouncer for the elementary school round. For more event information, go to www.nefneedham.org.

NEF Bee Cupcake creates a BUZZ!

To help the Needham Education Foundation raise money for Needham Public Schools, Treat Cupcake Bar at [1450 Highland Avenue](http://1450HighlandAvenue.com) is offering a custom Bee Cupcake in honor of the annual NEF Spelling Bee. Purchase a special, bee-adorned cupcake during the month of March, and Treat will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the NEF. Bee Cupcakes will also be available for purchase at the NEF Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 18th.

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YMCA Indoor Soccer – Ages 5 and 6 March 17th- April 14th
March Madness Basketball! Ages 5 and 6 and Grades 1-4
March 24th- April 14th

Contact Marcus Nelson for more details! mnelson@ymcaboston.org

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

SEPAC Educational Presentation

Stressed-Out Students: Understanding the Impact of Anxiety on Motivation and Learning

Today's children and teens are experiencing more stress and anxiety than ever before, which can have a detrimental impact on academic, social, and daily life. In this workshop, we will discuss:

- The difference between stress and anxiety
- How anxiety functions and what it might look like
- The connection between anxiety and attention/executive function
- Understanding and supporting skills to increase student motivation

Tuesday, March 20
Refreshments: 7:00pm
Program: 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center
[120 Broad Meadow Road, Needham](http://120BroadMeadowRoad.com)

Presenter Dr. Angela Currie is a pediatric neuropsychologist at NESCA, where she conducts psychological and neuropsychological evaluations with children, adolescents, and young adults. She works with children and teens to tease apart the various factors that may be contributing to their stress, such as underlying learning, attentional, or emotional challenges.

Join Parent Talk and St. Joseph's School for a lecture on Technology and Your Children on Wednesday, March 28th from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph's School [90 Pickering Street](http://90PickeringStreet.com) in Needham. Our lecturer, Kerry Hurwitch, Needham's own TechMom, will be discussing internet safety, parental controls, apps that help and ground rules. The event is sponsored by Beth Israel-Deaconess Needham, and is free for Parent Talk members and \$10 for non-members. For more information please visit the event on our website <http://www.parenttalk.info/> or RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/technology-and-your-children-tickets-43012471460>

Needham Flag Football is pleased to announce an Open House on Saturday, March 31st from 1-4 at Memorial Park in Needham. Please join us to learn about the league and

have the opportunity for your child to participate in brief clinics. The Open House is for boys and girls in grades K-8, whether or not they have already signed up for the league. For more information on the league, please go to www.needhamflagfootball.com. This event is FREE and light refreshments will be served.

Calling all Needham Girl Scouts and an adult partner! Come join your fellow Girl Scouts for a fun night of square dancing on April 6th, 7-9pm at the Presbyterian Church in Needham. Pre-register by April 2nd by emailing troop75438@yahoo.com, cost is \$20/pair at the door.

Needham Junior Football & Cheer Play for a Day

Play For A Day and find out what it's like to be part of the Needham Junior Football team!
Open to all kids currently in grades 1-7 and their WHOLE family! Prizes, Games, FREE food, meet a Patriots player and more!

Saturday, April 7, 1:30 PM - 3 PM
Needham High School
[609 Webster Street, Needham, MA 02494](http://609WebsterStreet,Needham,MA02494)
<http://www.needhamfootball.net/>

Fun for the whole family at the Needham History Center & Museum's annual Pansy Day Festival! Pony rides, animal presentation, face painting for the kids while adults enjoy the traditional pansy plant sale and shopping in our gift and heirloom shop. Saturday, April 7 from 10am - 3pm.

For more information please contact Gloria Greis at 781-455-8860, greis@needhamhistory.org, or visit www.needhamhistory.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 Parents Care Brings You Another:
**Parent Tip-of-the-Month: Social Media & Technology
Part 1**



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.

Hillside Families!

Cradles
to Crayons

**The 2018 CLOTHING, TOY
AND BOOK COLLECTION IS ON!**

Please help us for **NEEDHAM GIVES BACK!** A town wide program held annually in Needham to benefit Cradles to Crayons: www.cradlestocrayons.org

We will have a collection bin in the lobby from March 6 – April 6!

We are collecting GENTLY used clothes (including coats, hats, boots, etc), small toys, books, and baby equipment, (no large plastic toys or electronic toys please!). The need is very GREAT as so many struggle to keep their kids safe and warm! So please dig deep and clean out your closets for a great cause!!! These items are distributed to over 130,000 children in Greater Boston each year!

And on April 7, join us to **volunteer** to help sort, organize and pack the donated items. The event takes place at the Needham High School cafeteria on **Saturday, April 8, from 10 – 1**. It's a great way to show your kids how good it is to do something important for those in need!!

To register to volunteer, email Needham@CradlesToCrayons.org

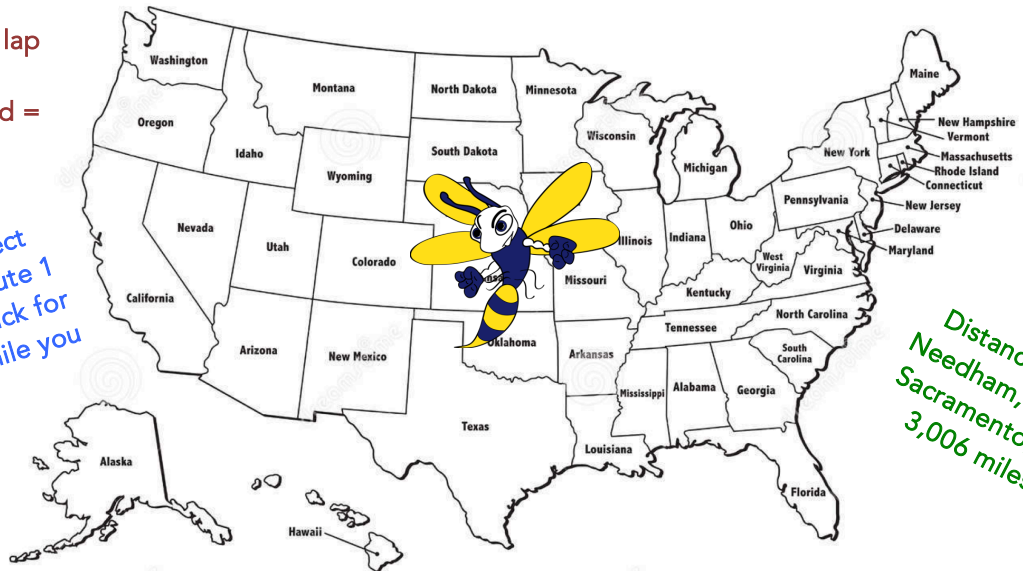


One day, every child will have the basic things they need to be safe, warm, and feel valued. --C2C

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.