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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Hillside PTA Monthly Newsletter,
for the 2016 – 2017 School Year

Sunday, December 4, 2016

November Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 BAKE SALE
5 STUFF THE BUS COLLECTION BEGINS	6 CLOTHING DRIVE	7 CLOTHING DRIVE	8	9 BAKE SALE
12	13 HOLIDAY SHOPPE	14 HOLIDAY SHOPPE STUFF THE BUS COLLECTION ENDS	15 HOLIDAY SHOPPE HILLSIDE NIGHT AT A RESTAURANT	16 BAKE SALE REPORT CARDS (GRADES 1-5)
19	20	21	22	23 1/2 DAY EARLY DISMISSAL
26 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	27 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	28 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	29 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	30 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK

Things to Do or Buy:

- ✓ Donate pajamas and/or gently used clothing
- ✓ Volunteer at the Holiday Shoppe
- ✓ Help Hillside Stuff the Bus
- ✓ Dine out with us on December 15th
- ✓ Send in Box Tops

News and Announcements:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held on January 10^h at 7pm in the media center; agenda to be published in the January PTA newsletter.
- **Children's Pajama/Clothing Drive:** Gently used pajama and clothing donations are needed for the Jersey Battered Women's Services. Please consider donations of all sizes to benefit children serviced by this organization. Drop off will be on December 6th and 7th. Locations will include outside the Kindergarten and 5th grade doors during drop off and dismissal, as well as the upper gym during aftercare pick up. Please contact us with any questions: charomamhot@comcast.net or ellenborsuk@gmail.com
- **Holiday Shoppe:** The holidays are quickly approaching and we are busy preparing for our annual Holiday Shoppe! This year the Holiday Shoppe will be held in the Movement Room on December 13th, 14th and 15th. Each class will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts. A flyer and envelope were sent home at the end of November, noting when your child will be visiting the shoppe. Please contact Meryll Kropac at meryllc27@yahoo.com if you did not receive the flyer. As always, the PTA greatly appreciates your support and we look forward to helping your child find the perfect holiday gift!
- **Hillside Night at a Restaurant: Come Dine with Us!** Make plans to dine in or take out with your family at Anthony Franco's on Thursday, December 15th, from 4-10pm! Hillside is having a restaurant night fundraiser, where we will get 25% of everything spent on food that night by anyone who shares our flyer or says they are from Hillside when they order. You get a nice meal with your family; Hillside gets extra funds for our enrichment programs. Win-win! You can download the flyer [here](#) to bring with you (and feel free to print extra to share with your friends and neighbors). If you have any questions, you can contact Denise at Denise.Dunton@gmail.com.
- **Bake Sales:** Bake Sales will take place immediately after school on the following Fridays in December: the 2nd, 9th and 16th (weather permitting). Most items will be priced at 50 cents. If you would like to bake and/or purchase items to donate please email Addy Gianduso at agianduso15@hotmail.com. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Tables will be located by the kindergarten doors and the 4th and 5th grade doors.
- **Yearbook:** Hello, Hillside!!! The Yearbook Committee has been working hard over the last few weeks. We have been collecting pictures (THANK YOU class parents) and creating forms to make ordering yearbooks (online!) and placing messages (online!) easier for all families. Information about ordering yearbooks and placing messages will be coming after the Winter Break.
 - **To the 5th grade parents:** if you have not submitted a baby and kindergarten picture, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. There is only a small group of you left.
 - **To families who take great pictures of small groups of Hillside students through the year,** please share them with us! We always appreciate knowing the names, grades and classes of the students. All pictures can be submitted to hillsideyearbook2017@gmail.com
 - Our commitment is that every student at the school is pictured in the yearbook. Thank you for your help as we work toward this goal!

- **C.H.O.W:** Hillside supports C.H.O.W! Hillside will be "Stuffing the Bus" on Thursday, December 15th, to support the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (C.H.O.W). We will be collecting December 5th-14th, with all items collected to be distributed to our local food pantries. Please send in what your child's grade is assigned:
 - K - Canned Fruit
 - 1st - Rice/Quinoa
 - 2nd - Dry/Canned Beans
 - 3rd - Canned Vegetables
 - 4th - Canned Tuna
 - 5th - Pasta/Mac-n-Cheese
- **Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you for supporting our first Scholastic Book Fair and our All for Books Coin Collection!** Because of your help, our All for Books Coin Collection was a huge success! We collected over \$1900 in coins, with Mrs. King's class taking first place with over \$200 just for her class! The money was used to buy books for the teachers' classroom libraries, but it does even more. The All for Books donations help readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation of up to \$1 million in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations such as Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning. Your simple act of kindness brought more knowledge, more adventure, more humor, more mystery and more imagination into the lives of young people everywhere! Thank you for your support of All for Books!
 - Also, we wanted to thank all those that volunteered to set up/breakdown the book fair/Family Fun Night, as well as those who volunteered during the Student Shop. With your help, our book fair raised over \$2200! Along with the All for Books Coin Collection, we were able to purchase ALL the books on our teachers' wish lists, buy books for our resource centers and library and will help fund programs that enrich our children's educational experience! We couldn't have done it without you, so Thank You!
- **Box Tops:** Thank you to all the families who continue to diligently clip and submit Box Tops each month! Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and add up quickly to earn money to support PTA programs. So far this year we have collected 3,872 Box Tops, earning \$387 for our school. This reflects 26% of our fundraising goal of \$1500. Keep on clipping so we can watch those numbers go up and exceed our school year goal in 2017!
 - We're still counting the Box Tops from the November collection; it's not too late to send them in next week! Don't forget to mark your child's name and teacher on your submission so they may receive credit towards our contest. We will have an exciting contest update to announce which classes are in the lead before Winter break! Our next collection will be due January 6th. Please contact NicoleAaron@aol.com or nona424@gmail.com with any questions!

Special Thanks:

- Thank you to Zan Ouyang, Priscilla Moschella and the Buzz Book Committee
- Thank you to Denise Dunton and all those that volunteered during the Family Fun Night/Book Fair Kick Off and the Student Shop
- Thank you to Rania Gerges and Nicole Wagener for organizing the Box Top collections

Staying Connected:

- PTA website: www.livingston.org/hillside and click on PTA.
- Hillside Facebook: For last minute updates, [click here to join our closed group](#)
- Please check with your friends to make sure they are receiving this newsletter.

Committee Chairs: To include an announcement for your event in the next newsletter, please submit blurbs as you would like them to appear via email to Denise Dunton at denise.dunton@gmail.com by December 22nd.