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## HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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

Thursday, March 2, 2017

### March Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1  READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK	2  READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK  HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS	3  READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK  GUEST READER DAY
6	7	8	9  TREP\$  MULTICULTURAL NIGHT 6:30PM – 8:00PM	10
13  ART APPRECIATION WEEK	14  PTA MEETING 7:00PM  ART APPRECIATION WEEK	15  SCHOOL SPIRIT "CAREER DAY"  ART APPRECIATION WEEK	16  TREP\$  ART APPRECIATION WEEK	17  ART APPRECIATION WEEK
20	21	22	23  TREP\$  NUTRITION MONTH FRUIT TASTING	24  REPORT CARDS (GRADES 1-5)
27	28	29	30  TREP\$  SPRING FUNDRAISER 6:00PM – 10:00PM	31  BOX TOPS DUE

## Things to Do:

- ✓ Attend Multicultural Night on March 9th
- ✓ Attend the PTA Meeting on March 14th
- ✓ Attend the Spring Fundraiser on March 30th
- ✓ Send in Box Tops by March 31<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ Volunteer

## News and Announcements:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm in the media center. [Agenda attached](#). Childcare will be provided in the Upper Gym for children in grades K and up.
- **Multicultural Night:** Mark your calendars - Hillside's Multicultural Night is fast approaching! This wonderful event will be held Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the school. We have many countries and performers signed up to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school community. Families will “travel around the world” and be exposed to other cultures. Students (and siblings) will also receive passports and a prize at end of their educational journey, after visiting all the countries. There will be delicious foods, cultural displays and a chance to see some amazing performances. Please plan to join us next Thursday; in the past this evening has been one of the favorites for our Hillside families!
  - **Attention Multicultural Night Volunteers** – Representatives from China, India, Poland, Israel, the Philippines, Thailand, Peru, Hungary, Germany and Spain are already organizing their foods and exhibits. If your country is not yet represented and you'd like to create a booth, there is still time to volunteer! In addition, if you sent in an interest sheet regarding performing or hosting a country and have not yet heard from a member of the committee and/or your country is not noted in the above list, please email [NicoleAaron@aol.com](mailto:NicoleAaron@aol.com) and [Alexandra\\_Genis@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexandra_Genis@yahoo.com) so we can ensure our event is filled with the wonderful diversity of our Hillside community. More information regarding set-up, rehearsal times and the performance schedule will be sent out shortly.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** The Spring Fundraiser is almost here! Hillside's BIGGEST fundraiser is Thursday, March 30th from 6pm-10pm at The Hanover Manor. Bring your family and friends for a fun night out with the chance to win amazing prizes!!! RSVP by March 3rd and receive an extra sheet of tickets for more chances to win! [Please see invitation for details](#).
  - Help Fill our baskets for the 2017 Tricky Tray Spring Fundraiser. [Please see flyer for details](#).
  - Have extra red and white wine bottles from the holidays? Why not donate them for the Wine Pull at the Spring Fundraiser. Or donate a new bottle with a chance to win an even better bottle. Please contact Margaret Davis at [margdavis890@yahoo.com](mailto:margdavis890@yahoo.com) to make your donations!
- **Nominating Committee:** It is time once again for the PTA Nominating Committee to recruit Candidates to hold PTA Officer positions. We are looking for the following positions: Co-President (1), Treasurer, VP of Membership, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. These positions are a two-year commitment. Being on the PTA Exec Board is a great way to get involved and make a difference in our school. Please contact Margaret Davis at [margdavis890@yahoo.com](mailto:margdavis890@yahoo.com) if you are interested and/or you would like further details about the positions.
- **Box Tops:** Thank you to all the families who submitted Box Tops in February. We received an additional 1,944 Box Tops which will increase our earnings by \$194. We expect to be paid over \$350 in our spring check.
  - We still need to collect more Box Tops to reach our \$1500 goal for the year. Information regarding our March collection, due March 31<sup>st</sup>, will be sent home with students. Please continue to clip Box Tops so we can earn additional money for Hillside!
  - Contest Update – after our February collection Mrs. Pacheco's Kindergarten class remains in 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Mrs. Wallock's third grade class in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Mrs. DePalo's second grade class in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. These rankings will change as more Box Tops are collected through June, please stay posted for future contest updates. **Remember it is very important to mark your child's name and teacher on all your submission so they may be counted towards the contest numbers!** Thank you for your support!

- **Nutrition Month Fruit Tasting and Vote:** This year's Fruit Day, which we plan each year to show awareness for Nutrition Month (March), will take place on Thursday, March 23rd. We are looking for additional volunteers to help prep and wash the fruit and assemble the fruit cups in time for first lunch. Please contact Joanne Dzama ([jdzama@mbs.net](mailto:jdzama@mbs.net)) if you would like to volunteer.
- **Yearbooks:** Final call for the 2016-2017 Hillside Yearbook Orders (**5<sup>th</sup> graders do not need to order one**) and Yearbook Messages.
  - If you haven't done so already, please visit the Hillside Website and place your orders at <http://www.livingston.org/Domain/276>. Instructions are on the website.
  - Deadline extended to Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't let your child miss out on this very special Hillside Keepsake!!! There will not be another opportunity to order yearbooks after the deadline.
  - Any questions please contact Alissa Lyons at [alissalyons@comcast.net](mailto:alissalyons@comcast.net).
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents only** – last chance to upgrade to a hardcover yearbook. Please send a check made payable to the Hillside PTA for \$4.50 and include your child's name on the check or in a small note.
- **Hillside School's Second Annual Yard Sale:** The Hillside Yard Sale is fast approaching and we are now accepting donations at your convenience!

📌 **We are seeking your gently used or new unwanted items. (See below)**

📌 **Items should be clean, complete, and in good working order.**

- ALL proceeds directly benefit Hillside students.
- Any unsold items will be donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America
- We are seeking donations in the following groups:
  - ◆ Housewares (curtains, glassware, candleholders, vases, etc.)
  - ◆ Kitchen items (pots, bowls, serving ware, gadgets, etc.)
  - ◆ Games
  - ◆ Toys and ride-ons
  - ◆ Books/CDs/Movies/DVDs
  - ◆ Sports equipment/gear (mitts, skates, bats, sticks, footwear, helmets, etc.)
  - ◆ Holiday items
  - ◆ Jewelry/Accessories (costume, watches, belts, bags, etc.)
  - ◆ Bakeware (cookie sheets, cake pans, carriers, etc.)
  - ◆ Baby items (swings, strollers, high chairs, etc.)
  - ◆ Tools
  - ◆ Small appliances (toaster, vacuum, mixer, chopper, etc.)
  - ◆ Electronics (curling iron, radio, dvd player, phones, etc.)
  - ◆ Small furniture (rockers, storage bins, side tables, etc.)

**XX No stuffed animals or clothing**
- Volunteers will be needed to make this another success! Details to follow regarding date/time in spring. Let's work together to make this a successful, profitable fundraiser for our students!!
- Any questions, please PM Jennifer Purzycki Bonardi or email [jbonardix4@aol.com](mailto:jbonardix4@aol.com)

- **PTA Website Administrator and School Supply Chair Needed:** Please volunteer to chair one or more of the following positions:
  - Website Administrator
  - School Supply Sale Committee Chair
  - If you would like further information about these positions or would like to volunteer, please Denise Dunton ([denise.dunton@gmail.com](mailto:denise.dunton@gmail.com)).

## Special Thanks:

- Thank you to Toni Rodriguez and her committee for planning the Valentine's Day Dance!
- Thank you to Meryll Kropac and Kim Lewis for keeping the School Store stocked with fun toys for the kids!
- Thank you to the Class Parents for planning wonderful Valentine's Day Parties!

## Staying Connected:

- **PTA website:** [www.livingston.org/hillside](http://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](mailto:denise.dunton@gmail.com) by March 31st.