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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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

Thursday, February 2, 2017

February Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE IN GENESIS
6	7 PTA MEETING 7:00PM	8	9	10
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE 6:00PM	17 SCHOOL STORE
20 PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	21 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	22 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	23 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK	24 SCHOOL CLOSED WINTER BREAK
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Things to Do:

- ✓ Attend the PTA Meeting on February 7th
- ✓ Enjoy a family night out at the Valentine's dance on February 16th
- ✓ Donate basket items for the Spring Fundraiser
- ✓ Volunteer for Multicultural Night
- ✓ Send in Box Tops by February 27th

News and Announcements:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm in the media center. [Agenda attached](#). Childcare will be provided in the Upper Gym for children in grades K and up.
- **Valentine's Day Dance:** Our school Valentine's Day Dance will be held on Thursday, February 16th from 6-8 pm. It is going to be a fun filled night! There will be a DJ, candy guessing games, prizes, a photo booth and lots and lots of dancing!!! Come dressed in red, pink, white or anything Valentine's Day themed!!! We are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with all of our Hillside School families! [Please see the flyer for more details](#).
- **School Store:** Our next store will be held Friday, February 17th. Students will have the opportunity to shop during their lunch period. Items will range in price from 25 cents up to \$2. Please clearly label any school store money in an envelope and send it in with your child on the day of the store so they can shop with us!
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Save the Date - The Spring Fundraiser, our biggest fundraiser of the year, is set for Thursday, March 30th from 6-10pm at The Hanover Manor. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun night out with great prizes! More information may be found on the [PTA website](#).
- **Multicultural Night:** Hillside's Multicultural Night will be held Thursday, March 9th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. We have a fabulous event planned for families to gather together and celebrate the diversity of our school community. There will be ethnic foods, performances, booths representing various world cultures and many fun and exciting activities! We are currently seeking volunteers for this event - including booth sponsors, general volunteers and performers. To volunteer, simply fill out the [interest sheet](#) in the bottom section of the flyer and return it to the attention of the Multicultural Committee by February 15th. For general information regarding booths and volunteering, please contact Alexandra Genis (Alexandra_genis@yahoo.com) or Nicole Aaron Wagener (NicoleAaron@aol.com) for any information relating to performances. Please help make this an unforgettable evening for our children!
- **Yearbook:** There is a lot happening with the Hillside Yearbook!! It will be an amazing yearbook and special keepsake not to be missed! Don't miss out!
 - Please order your 2016-2017 Hillside Yearbook by following this [link](#) (or enter <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>). Our Yearbook ID is 13002717.
 - Place an order for **Yearbook Messages** online by using this [link](#) to our Google form. Payment should be sent in separately by check. Please make the checks out to **Hillside PTA** and send them **Attn: Alissa Lyons**.
 - Please let us know if you have any questions!! Marnie McNany (marnie.mcnany@gmail.com) and Alissa Lyons (alissalyons@comcast.net)
- **PTA 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 if you are interested and/or you would like further details about the positions.

- **Read-a-Thon:** A BIG thank you to all the families that supported and participated in the Read-a-Thon. It was a success! The students read a total of 78,125 minutes over the two week period! Winners will be announced in school.
- **Hillside School's Second Annual Yard Sale:** Hillside's Yard Sale, a hugely successful fundraiser for our students, is closely approaching. It can only be made possible through the many generous families who donate their unwanted items or time. We are seeking your gently used or new unwanted items. Items should be clean, complete, and in good working order. ALL proceeds directly benefit Hillside students. (Any unsold times 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.)
 - **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
- **PTA Website Administrator and School Supply Chair Needed:** Please volunteer to chair one or more of the following positions:
 - **Website Administrator:**
 - Maintains the PTA webpages
 - Updates calendar and uploads files/forms on a weekly basis
 - Technical Skills Needed: a web-based school portal is used, requiring experience with Windows and Google Chrome
 - Computer, writing and editing skills a plus
 - Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Google Docs and Sheets and/or Adobe PDF's a plus
 - Year-long commitment
 - **School Supply Sale Committee Chair:**
 - Plans and runs online sale of school supply kits for the beginning of the next school year
 - Coordinates with principal, teachers and vendor to create supply lists
 - Distributes supplies to the classrooms for the first day of school
 - Technical Skills Needed: a web-based vendor portal is used
 - Computer skills a plus
 - Knowledge of Microsoft Office, Google Docs and Sheets, and/or Adobe PDF's a plus
 - Year-long commitment a plus
 - If you would like further information about these positions or would like to volunteer, please contact Priscilla Moschella (moschellafamily@yahoo.com) or Denise Dunton (denise.dunton@gmail.com).

- **TREP\$ Program: Calling All Budding Entrepreneurs!** We are excited to announce a new educational experience for our 4th and 5th graders. Hillside will be bringing the TREP\$ program to our students. The TREP\$ Program teaches kids in grades 4 and 5 how to start their own businesses in 6-8 weeks. They learn the lessons in the 6 weekly workshops, and apply them at home as they build their business with the help of their families. The whole school community comes out to enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace, held right at the school, where the young entrepreneurs launch their businesses together. TREP\$ will be taught by teachers with the help of parent volunteers. It will encourage creativity, empower student to set goals and make decisions, and provide real business experience. Please look for more information and sign-up sheets to go home this month. We are excited to launch this new program for our budding entrepreneurs. If you'd like more information, you can check out their website [here](#). If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Dunton (denise.dunton@gmail.com) or Jennifer Purzycki Bonardi (jbonardix4@aol.com)
- **Box Tops:** Thank you to all the families who clip and send in Box Tops every month. We are currently 34% of the way towards our school year fundraising goal of \$1500, but we need ALL your continued clipping efforts to help meet our goal. Every Box Top counts for money for our school!
 - We know *Hillside Kids Have Heart*, so show your school some love by using our [Valentine's Day themed collection sheet!](#) Our next collection deadline is Monday, February 27th. If you have Box Tops that are already clipped and ready to be submitted before the deadline please forward them to school as soon as possible. We have a very short window of time to sort and count everything in order to mail them out to General Mills by 3/1, so we do appreciate all your assistance in expediting your submission! Don't forget to write your child's name/teacher so your Box Tops can be counted towards the contest – a contest update will be announced in March.
 - If you haven't registered your Shoprite Price Plus card to help Hillside earn additional Bonus Box Tops, please visit <https://shopriteformyschool.com/> for more information. Please contact NicoleAaron@aol.com or nona424@gmail.com with any questions!

Special Thanks:

- Thank you to Heidi Michaels and Nancy Mullin for hosting a wonderful holiday luncheon for our staff!
- Thank you to Nicole Aaron Wagener for maintaining our Facebook page!
- Thank you to The Fifth Grade Committee for planning a successful Read-a-Thon!

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 February 28th.