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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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

Saturday, January 7, 2017

January Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 HAPPY NEW YEAR SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	3 WELCOME BACK SCHOOLS RE-OPEN	4	5	6
9 READ-A-THON BEGINS	10 PTA MEETING 7PM	11	12	13 BOX TOPS DUE
16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED	17	18	19	20 SCHOOL STORE READ-A-THON ENDS PAJAMA DAY
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Things to Do:

- ✓ Attend the PTA Meeting on January 10th
- ✓ Send in Box Tops
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Help your child collect pledges and keep track of minutes read for the Read-a-Thon

News and Announcements:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm in the media center. [Agenda attached](#). Childcare will be provided in the Upper Gym for children in grades K and up.
- **Box Tops:** Students have been doing an amazing job clipping Box Tops and sending them in! We had collected 1,143 from the summer contest and awarded a student prize in September! Our current contest began in October and we have already received 3,390 Box Tops through December. In total, that's over \$500 earned, which represents 34% of our schoolyear fundraising goal of \$1500.
 - We will award prizes in June, which will include parties for the top 3 classes that bring in the most Box Tops and a gift card for the individual student who clips the most. As of December 31st, Mrs. Pacheco's Kindergarten class is currently in the lead, Mrs. Depalo's second grade class is in 2nd place and Mrs. Wallock's third graders are in 3rd place - but this will change as more Box Tops are submitted through June.
 - We have extended our January submission deadline to Friday January 13th to give you extra time after the holidays to clip and forward as many Box Tops as possible! We will continue to collect monthly through June so there is still time to watch those numbers go up! Remember, only Box Top submissions marked with student name and teacher can be counted towards the contest so please kindly label all submissions accordingly.
 - Please contact NicoleAaron@aol.com or nona424@gmail.com with any questions!
- **School Store:** The school store is back in January! Our next store will be held Friday, January 20th. 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!
- **Read-a-Thon:** We are excited to announce our new fundraiser, a Read-a-Thon! It is a fun way of bringing parents, teachers, and students together to promote the importance of reading and to raise money for our school! Log all your reading and collect pledges from January 9th through January 20th. READ, READ, READ and help us reach our school wide goal of reading 72,000 minutes. Prizes will be awarded! Be on the lookout for a packet of information going home this week. [Flyers can also be found on the Hillside website](#).
- **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 to come!
- **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.

- **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).
- **Multicultural Night Performers Needed:** Calling all performers! Multicultural night is on the horizon for March - does someone in your family sing, dance, play an instrument, or have a cultural demonstration they wish to share with the Hillside Community? We will be seeking acts of all genres to perform in our talent showcase. Performances may be a solo piece or a group performance and do not need to represent a specific country, but should be under 3 minutes each. Please contact NicoleAaron@aol.com for more information regarding the performance planning process. General information about Multicultural Night booths, volunteers and the talent showcase sign-up flyer will go out next month. Please start planning your performance details and consider sharing your talents!

Special Thanks:

- Thank you to Meryll Kropac for a very successful Holiday Shoppe!
- Thank you to Charo Mamhot and Ellen Borsuk for running a great clothing/pajama drive for the Jersey Battered Women's Services!
- Thank you to Rania Gerges and Denise Dunton for coordinating the Hillside Night at a Restaurant!

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 January 31st.