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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

May Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 BOX TOPS HUSKY CHALLENGE BEGINS PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 4 & 5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	2 PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 4 & 5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	3 PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 4 & 5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	4 SCHOOL STORE STAFF DOOR DECORATING PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 4 & 5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	5 BAKE SALE PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 4 & 5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
8	9 PTA VOTING MEETING 7:00PM	10 PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 3	11 PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 3 HILLSIDE FAMILY SKATE NIGHT 6:00PM	12 MOTHERS DAY PLANT SALE PARCC MAKE UP GRADE 3 BAKE SALE FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT GRADES K-2 6:30PM
15	16	17 KINDERGARTEN FAMILY DAY	18	19 BAKE SALE
22	23	24	25 CARNIVAL 3:00PM	26 BAKE SALE
29 SCHOOL CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	30	31 BOX TOPS HUSKY CHALLENGE ENDS		

Things to Do:

- ✓ Vote at the May 9th PTA meeting for the 2017-2018 Executive Board and allocation of Hillside PTA funds
- ✓ Class Parents show appreciation for teachers and staff by decorating doors on May 4th
- ✓ Skate with Hillside on May 11th
- ✓ Attend Family Fitness Night (Grades K-2) on May 12th
- ✓ Attend the Carnival on May 25th
- ✓ Send in Box Tops for the Husky Challenge by May 31st
- ✓ Volunteer

News and Announcements:

- **PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9th at 7pm in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided in the Upper Gym for children in grades K and up. This meeting is a voting meeting. Your attendance is greatly appreciated to cast your vote for the 2017-2018 Executive Board and the allocation of Hillside PTA funds. [Please see the agenda.](#)
- **Box Tops:** Announcing the Box Tops Husky Challenge! We have added an exciting bonus incentive prize to the 2016-2017 Box Top Collection Contest! The class that brings in the most box tops between May 1st and May 31st will receive an EXTRA RECESS in June! This is in addition to the prizes for the top 3 classes and individual student who submits the most Box Tops for the full school year. Please help Hank hunt for Box Tops and send them in by 5/31 using the [Husky Bonus Sheet](#). Don't forget to write your child's name and teacher on the bottom of the form so we can count it towards the contest tally!
- **School Store:** Our next store will be held Thursday, May 4th. We have added some new items this month! 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!
- **Hillside Family Skate Night:** Please join us on Thursday, May 11th, from 6pm-8pm, for Hillside's Family Skate Night at the Florham Park Roller Rink. Roller blades and skates will be available to rent, and the rink's concession stand will be open. You must RSVP if you plan to attend, as this event is limited to the first 100 families. We will be selling glow sticks to raise money to donate to Memorial Sloan Kettering. If you cannot attend the event, but would still like to donate to Sloan Kettering, please contact Alyse Heilpern at lyseeb@aol.com. We look forward to seeing parents, teachers and students on the rink! [Check out the flyer here!](#)
- **Family Fitness Night:** To celebrate Physical Fitness and Sports Month, we will be having a Family Fitness Night on Friday, May 12th, from 6:30pm-8pm. This event is open to grades K-2, and will be a fun evening, with a bunch of activities to participate in, and raffle prizes to win! We need parent volunteers to run stations, so if you can help out, please contact Joanne Dzama at jdzama@mbs.net. [For more information please see the flyer.](#)
- **Carnival:** Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon! The Hillside Carnival is Thursday, May 25th from 3pm-6pm. Inflatables, games and prizes, DJ and more! Advance order wristbands are on sale now for \$12. [Order forms](#) are due Wednesday, May 17th. Wristbands can be purchased the day of the event for \$15. The ever popular "Cake Walk" is back again this year! Please volunteer to donate a homemade or store bought cake. Cakes can be delivered to the main office the day of the carnival. Any questions regarding the cake walk please contact Alissa Lyons at alissalyons@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed. Cake walk [sign up forms](#) went home last week. Please contact Margaret Davis at margdavis890@yahoo.com with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering, or please return the [Carnival volunteer form](#).
- **Memorial Day Parade:** March with Hillside School in the Memorial Day Parade! Every year on Memorial Day, friends and families of Livingston gather at the Oval to join the Memorial Day Parade. This is fun event for all! Share your school pride by wearing Hillside apparel or simply dress in our school spirit colors - blue and yellow. The kids will have a blast every step of the way! We need volunteer(s) to coordinate the event! If you are interested, please contact Denise Dunton at denise.dunton@gmail.com

- **Mother's Day Plant Sale:** Hillside's Mother's Day plant sale will take place on, Friday May 12th. Children will only have the opportunity to shop that day if money is sent in by Monday, May 1st. All flowers are pre-ordered, so we cannot accommodate same day shopping. [Please see order form here.](#) We still need volunteers to help the children shop the day of the sale, so if you are available and would like to help out, please contact Fran O'Sullivan at frances.osullivan@verizon.net.
- **TREP\$:** The PTA would like to thank all of the volunteers and parents who supported our young entrepreneurial program, TREP\$. It was a huge success due to the time put in by each child and their family. We'd also like to thank the entire Hillside community including families and staff for supporting each entrepreneur at the marketplace. We hope these budding business owners enjoyed the program and learned some valuable skills.
- **Yard Sale:** The PTA would like to thank all of the wonderful Hillside families who donated items for our annual yard sale. It was a successful fundraiser with all money made going right back to our Hillside students. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up the day before and run the sale bright and early Saturday morning. We look forward to doing it again next year. Please remember the sale takes place in April when you are looking to get rid of items.
- **School Supply Kits for the 2017-2018 School Year:** Great News! For the 2017-2018 school year, we will again be offering the SchoolKidz supply kit program. SchoolKidz offers pre-packaged, school supply kits filled with the exact supplies requested by your child's teacher. Kits are offered per grade level and arrive personally with the student's school, name, and grade. Our kits are a cost effective and convenient way of purchasing your back-to-school supplies. Skip the lines this summer. Order your supplies with SchoolKidz! [Ordering information coming soon.](#) Any questions? Feel free to contact Priscilla Moschella at priscillamoschella@gmail.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).

Special Thanks:

- Thank you Denise Dunton and Jennifer Bonardi for bringing TREP\$ to Hillside, and running a successful Marketplace.
- Thank you Joanne Dzama for organizing and coordinating with the two girl scout troops for the Earth Day Clean Up and school beautification.
- Thank you Jennifer Bonardi for organizing a successful Yard Sale.
- Thank you Nicole Aaron Wagener for maintaining Hillside's Facebook page.

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 May 31st.