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HUSKY HAPPENINGS

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

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

November Upcoming Events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION	3 HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION	4 HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION PICTURE RETAKES CLUBS/GROUPS BAKE SALE
7	8	9	10 SCHOOL CLOSED TEACHERS CONVENTION	11 SCHOOL CLOSED TEACHERS CONVENTION
14	15 PTA MEETING 7:00PM	16	17	18 SCHOOL STORE FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR KICK-OFF BAKE SALE
21 BOOK FAIR STUDENT SHOP	22 BOOK FAIR STUDENT SHOP	23 BOOK FAIR STUDENT SHOP PARTIAL DAY	24 SCHOOL CLOSED THANKSGIVING	25 SCHOOL CLOSED
28	29	30 BOX TOPS DUE		

Things to Do or Buy:

- ✓ Send in your candy and letters/drawings for the Halloween Candy Collection by November 4th
- ✓ Attend the PTA Meeting on November 15th
- ✓ Attend The Fall Family Fun Night/Scholastic Book Fair Kick Off on November 18th
- ✓ Submit Box Tops by November 30th
- ✓ Volunteer

News and Announcements:

- **November PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm in the media center! [Agenda attached.](#)
- **PTA Meeting Childcare:** Arrangements have been made for volunteers from the Livingston High School Key Club to be on site during PTA meetings to conduct supervised activities for children in the upper gym. School-aged children (kindergarten and up) can join their friends at school to participate in fun games while their parents attend the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children on the 15th!
- **Halloween Candy Collection:** Did you collect too much candy from parties and trick-or-treating? Then donate it during our Halloween Candy Collection, which benefits our deployed U.S. Soldiers! Drop off any unopened candy, handwritten letters and drawings from November 2nd-4th during pick up and drop off. All candy donations and letters will be shipped to Operation Gratitude, who will create individual care packages for our troops. What a great way to brighten the day of an American soldier! Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.
- **Fall Family Fun Night and Scholastic Book Fair Kick-Off:** Ahoy Mateys! Save the Date for a swashbuckling good time at our Fall Family Fun Night and Scholastic Book Fair Kick-Off Event on November 18th, from 6-8pm! We will have activities, games, story time with your favorite teachers, raffles and TONS of books for you to choose from! We hope you will join us for a night of pirate fun - where the books are the treasure!
 - The following week, our Scholastic Book Fair continues with our Student Shop. From November 21st-23rd, students will have the opportunity to shop and select the book(s) of their choosing. Letting children pick a book that interests them is a great way to get them excited about reading!
 - We are looking for volunteers for the Family Fun Night/Book Fair Kick-Off Event, as well as during the Student Shop. Please sign up to volunteer to make our book fair a wonderful experience for our children. Please keep an eye out for the flyer and volunteer sign-up sheet that will be sent home. If you have any questions, contact Denise Dunton at denise.dunton@gmail.com.
- **Box Tops:** The upcoming holidays are a great time to collect extra Box Tops from family and friends as you gather together. Box Tops can be found on many useful products you may need to cook your meals, store your leftovers or take out the trash after your guests go home! The next collection will be due November 30th, a Thanksgiving [collection sheet](#) will be sent home with students before the holiday break.
 - Thank you to all the families who participated in the October Box Top Collection! Hillside collected another 2,700 box tops which will earn an additional \$270 for our school. Combined with the September submission, we are approximately 26% of the way towards our school year goal of \$1,500. Don't forget our Box Tops collection contest will continue through June! It's too early to report on contest rankings, but any class could win! Please don't forget to mark your child's name and teacher on all submissions to receive credit towards the contest tracking.
 - Please also remember to register your Shoprite card to earn bonus e-box tops for our school. It's very simple and every small effort helps earn additional cash for Hillside. Not sure how to set up your account? We have created a [step-by-step guide](#) to assist you in the registration process.
 - As always, please contact NicoleAaron@aol.com or Nona242@gmail.com with questions. We are grateful for your support!

- **Bake Sales:** Bake Sales will take place immediately after school on the following Fridays in November: the 4th and 18th (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.
- **School Store:** Our next school store will be open on Friday, November 18th. We are excited to continue to offer ALL NEW items this year! 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 the day of the store so they can shop with us. We also have a limited supply of the Hillside pencil pouches offered at Back to School Night. These will be sold for \$5 each.

Special Thanks:

- Thank you to all the Class Parents for wonderful Halloween Parties!
- Thank you to Tracy Blaesser for organizing the media volunteers!

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 November 23rd.