



## HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL



Dear Parents,

September 2017

**WELCOME** to all new and returning families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer.

**The Parent Teacher Council (PTC) is an organization dedicated to enriching the education of our children and fostering a sense of community at Hillside.** We collaborate with the school's administration and teachers to provide services, funding, volunteer support and programs that enhance the school experience. As a Hillside parent, you're automatically a PTC member with the right to vote on how we spend funds and conduct programs. The continued success of our PTC depends on your participation.

### Find out what the PTC is all about!

Our first PTC meeting is on **October 3, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.** in the **Hillside School Gym.**

**For more information and to receive ALL of our LATEST UPDATES, LIKE us on Facebook** (Hillside Elementary School PTC) and go to [www.HillsidePTC.org](http://www.HillsidePTC.org) and **CLICK** on **"Join our Email List"**

The PTC operates with an annual budget of approximately \$44,000. 100% of the money we raise goes right back into enriching our children's education and growth and to building community and school spirit. **This year, the PTC aims to provide funds for a number of great initiatives, including (but, not limited to):**

- \$7,500 in school supplies for our teachers
- \$10,000 to fund creative arts programs – Living Voices, MFA Trips, Dan Cripps – Native American Culture, Map Lady, Meteorologist Visits and much more
- \$6,000 to pay for field trips
- \$6,000 in enrichment grants for new technology, science programs and art, music and indoor physical education equipment, instruments, supplies and/or tools
- \$1,000 in new playground equipment
- \$2,000 in new books for the library
- \$500 towards author in residence and workshops
- \$5,000 for community building activities – Back to School Picnic, Festival of Cultures, Family Fun Night, Walk to School Program, K and New Family Gathering and Hillside Green Team/Learning Garden
- \$2,175 to run the Child Assault Prevention Program and the Understanding Different Abilities Program
- \$500 to supply the classrooms with safety equipment

**In order to help us ensure we can bring all these events to our community, please consider contributing to our LARGEST FUNDRAISER of the school year: the ANNUAL DUES AND CHALLENGE FUND. We welcome contributions of *any* size.**

**The Annual Dues and Challenge Fund is the largest FUNDRAISER of the school year! This year our goal is to raise over \$16,000!!!**

We want as many families as possible to participate this year – so whether your family gives \$5 or \$500 – you will receive a printed copy of the Hillside School Directory for your participation in our Annual Dues Drive.

**\*\*Annual Dues: recommended \$50 per family\*\***

**\*\*Challenge Fund: if you can contribute more, we recommend an additional \$20 per student\*\***

Other options:

- \$100    \$250  
 \$300    \$500

*Any contribution to annual dues/challenge fund is welcome & greatly appreciated!*

**To contribute, please send check or cash in the enclosed envelope labeled "PTC Dues" to Hillside with your child or donate via the PayPal link on the PTC website ([www.HillsidePTC.org](http://www.HillsidePTC.org)) by Friday, September 29th.** The Hillside PTC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (tax ID# 043-378-085); **your donation is tax deductible.** Please consider asking your company if they will match your donation.

*Please see reverse side for the 2017-2018 PTC Calendar and visit the PTC website for a list of PTC Chairs and Committees. If you are interested in a particular area or helping out with different programs and/or initiatives this year, we gladly welcome your help. Feel free to either contact the PTC Co-Presidents or the Committee Chair(s) for more information.*

**Thank you!**

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## 2017-2018 PTC Calendar

Date	Time	Event
<b>August</b>		
17	4:30-6:00p.m.	K Playdate and New Family Meet and Greet
31	Immediately after AM and PM K drop-off	Koffee and Kleenex
<b>September</b>		
14	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Back to School Picnic (Raindate: 9/15)
19	Day	Picture Day – Coffee Pond (Raindate: 10/13)
26	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
29	Day	PTC Dues Drive Ends
<b>October</b>		
3	7:15 p.m.	PTC Meeting (guest speaker - Caren Nemtzow, CAPP)
6	8:35 a.m.	Room Parent Meeting
26	12:15	Early Release Day
29	7:00 a.m.	Halloween Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk & Monster Fun Run
<b>November</b>		
1	Day	Spirit Gear Sale Starts
7-9	Day	Scholastic Book Fair
9	6:30-8:00p.m.	Literacy Night
<b>December</b>		
5	7:15 p.m.	PTC Meeting
6	10:20 a.m.	Delayed Opening
8	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Family Fun Night
22	Day	School-wide Pajama Day
<b>January</b>		
16	10:20 a.m.	Delayed Opening
20	7:30 p.m.	Winter Parent Social
24	8:45 a.m.	PTC Meeting (guest speaker – Superintendent Gutekanst)
21	5:00-6:50 p.m.	Meet Up & Skate @Babson
31	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
<b>February</b>		
2	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Bingo Night
13	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
<b>March</b>		
6-7	Day	Used Book Sale
6	7:15 p.m.	PTC Meeting
7	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
16	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Hillside vs. Eliot Basketball Game
29	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
<b>April</b>		
6	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Talent Show
10	10:20 a.m.	Delayed Opening
25	8:45 a.m.	PTC Meeting
<b>May</b>		
18	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Festival of Cultures
22	7:15 p.m.	PTC Meeting
24	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
25	Day	Hillside Day/PJ Day (PTC supplies popsicles)
<b>June</b>		
4-8	Day	Calendar Raffle Fundraiser
5	12:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Staff Appreciation Lunch
5	12:15 p.m.	Early Release Day
8	2:00 p.m.	In-school Talent Show
10	12:00-4:00 p.m.	Spring Carnival

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