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## HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL

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September 2018

Dear Parents,

**WELCOME** to all new and returning families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to dive into a new school year.

**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. So...**JOIN US** and find out what the PTC is all about at our **first PTC Meeting on October 2, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.** in the **Hillside School Gym.**

This year the PTC's operating budget is approximately \$53,000, which is largely funded by our **FIRST AND LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR - the INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN (IIOC) CAMPAIGN.** The remainder of our operating budget is supported by fundraising events throughout the school year. 100% of the money raised goes right back into enriching our children's education and to building community and school spirit.

Below is a sample of the many initiatives, events and programming the PTC will contribute to your children's educational experience this year:

- School supplies for our teachers
- Creative arts programming – Living Voices, MFA Trips, Dan Cripps – Native American culture, Map Lady, meteorologist visits and Art Quest
- Field trips
- New technology for teachers and students
- Playground equipment
- Hillside Cares community outreach
- New books for the library
- Author in residence and writing workshops
- Community building events – Back to School Picnic, Festival of Cultures, Family Fun Night, Walk to School Program, KG and New Family Gatherings
- Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program and the Understanding Different Abilities (UDA) Program

As you can see the PTC does a LOT of great stuff for Hillside, but we need a LOT of help in order to do it all!

### **How Can You Help???**

Please consider contributing to the **INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN.** For more information on the **IIOC Campaign, check out those envelopes that were sent home with your children or [click here.](#)**

Also, get involved! By giving the very valuable donation of your time to any one of our many events and initiatives you make a positive difference in the lives of our kids.

**For more information and to receive ALL of our LATEST UPDATES, like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) at [@hillsideptc](#) and [Join our Email List](#) !**

We are looking forward to another great year filled with fun events, exciting learning opportunities and working together to support our students and their teachers!

**Thank you!**

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