

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Hillside Elementary PTO

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Dear Hillside Families,

A fresh new year is a good time to share information about two important pieces of PTO – **time and money**. If you ever have any questions (or ideas!), please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Megan Sandin, PTO President

TIME = VOLUNTEER!

PTO works hard to raise money for the school and host fun events for the students and their families. To make those events a success, a variety of help is always needed – attend a PTO meeting, brainstorm ideas, contact a local restaurant, make a flyer, sweep the gym after Movie Night, cashier at the Book Fair, count Box Tops...

I would strongly encourage you to **volunteer at least one hour** throughout the year, for each student of yours at Hillside. I know there are a million demands on your time, but we'd be so grateful if you could find an hour or two per school year for PTO. **Many hands make light work!**

MONEY = FUNDRAISING

One of the main objectives of the PTO is to help supplement the school and classroom budgets. This is done via a wide range of fundraisers – from \$1 Candy-Grams to the major Fall Fundraiser. And, in an effort to reduce "fundraiser fatigue", this year we're highlighting "money you're already spending" such as Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Amazon Smile, etc.

Also, the Fall Fundraiser profits traditionally go to the classrooms; this year each homeroom received \$11/student, which was the same as last year. Other expenses include buses for field trips, costumes for music programs, movie license, teacher appreciation items, funds for the Media Center, etc. **And the big focus is new playground equipment!** To date, we have raised \$16,000 and we need a total of about \$30,000 (~\$27,000 for the equipment and ~\$3000 for expenses related to disposal installation.) This playground is a wonderful community resource that Hillside has funded thus far. If anyone has any connections to help raise a large amount of money, please let me know.

GO HAWKS!



PTO MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 5

6:00 PM, Media Center

MARCH 5

6:00 PM, Media Center

APRIL 2

6:00 PM, Media Center

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PTO

FEBRUARY 8

Book Fair *

Feed the Teachers *

FEBRUARY 13

Book Fair *

FEBRUARY 26

Panera Night: 4 – 8:00 pm; Woodbury

* NEED VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for someone to change the sign in front of Hillside once or twice a month during the school year. Get the event info and key from the office – so it needs to be done during business hours. Clean it in the spring. Might be perfect for a middle or high schooler. Inquire in the office.

Thank you!

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