

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## Hillside Elementary PTO

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Dear Hillside Families,

Raising money for the school is a large part of the PTO's mission and we have lofty goals. The PTO works hard to offer a variety of events, large and small, to raise money – please participate in the ones that fit your family's budget. As mentioned in the September newsletter, the fall fundraiser that just wrapped up is the biggest "ask" for money. We will report on the proceeds in an upcoming newsletter. Another strategy we're highlighting this year is focusing on money you're already spending – Box Tops, Coke Rewards, fundraisers at local restaurants, etc. Please watch for notices regarding these events throughout the year. Finally, donations can always be given directly to Hillside PTO.

Thank you for helping make Hillside a comfortable and stimulating environment for our kids!

Megan Sandin, PTO President

### BOOK FAIR: CO-CHAIR NEEDED

The Scholastic Book Fair is set to take place in conjunction with the fall conferences again. Ranell Kirsch has done an excellent job coordinating this each year; unfortunately, she won't be at Hillside forever! PTO is looking for someone to manage the next couple of book fairs side-by-side with Ranell to ensure a smooth transition when Ranell's family moves on to middle school.

Recruit a friend to sign up with you! "Divide and Conquer" is definitely the name of the game these days! **Please email the PTO at Hillsidehawks@yahoo.com**, if you are at all interested.

### HARVEST HOP: VOLUNTEERS & SUPPLIES NEEDED

We need a lot of volunteers to make the Harvest Hop a success. **Please check out the link to the right.** High school and middle school kids are welcome to volunteer! (continued on page 2)

### PTO MEETINGS

#### OCTOBER 2

6:00 PM, Media Center

#### NOVEMBER 6

6:00 PM, Media Center

#### DECEMBER 4

6:00 PM, Media Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PTO

#### OCTOBER 13

Picture Retake Day \*

#### OCTOBER 16 & 17

Book Fair \*

#### OCTOBER 27

Harvest Hop \*

#### NOVEMBER 3

Chip Shoppe Fundraiser Pick Up \*

### \* NEED VOLUNTEERS

[Sign Up Here for Oct & Nov Events](#)

GO HAWKS!

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We will also need supplies – candy for trick-or-treating and cereal for the cereal walk. Start sending it in to the office and look for other info to come home with your student.

## EARN MONEY ON MONEY YOU'RE ALREADY SPENDING

### BOX TOPS, TYSON LABELS, & COUNTRY/VILLAGE HEARTH LABELS

Congrats to Clara Opichka, Aaron Sandin, and Olivia Mueller for winning the summer collection contest. Hillside has collected 2500 Box Tops (\$250) already this year! We're well on our way to 20,000 which will earn \$2,000 for our school. **Keep saving those labels!** In October we will pit classrooms against each other. The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops or Coke codes will win a prize.

### CASH FOR CLASS – WOODBURY LAKES

The Hillside PTO is excited to participate in an easy opportunity to earn money for school!

Please take a minute to download the RAMCO REWARDS APP from Google Play or App Store. (See the "Submit a Receipt" sidebar.) Hillside will be competing with local schools to earn up to \$3,000 cash! Simply scan your receipts from all Woodbury Lakes stores starting **August 15, 2017 – May 25, 2018**. Every time you use this app, you also accumulate Ramco Rewards, where you personally earn points to redeem gift cards. Double point stores (listed below) must be scanned in same month for extra points. Receipts may also be sent to the Hillside office to process. Please visit the <http://www.woodburylakes.com/cash-for-class/> for more information on this program.

**October Double Point Stores:** Buckle, LOFT, Francesca's, Sunglass Hut, Scrubs Direct

*\*Receipts must be submitted in October to receive double points*

### COCA-COLA GIVE

Use codes from your favorite Coca-Cola beverages to donate to Hillside!

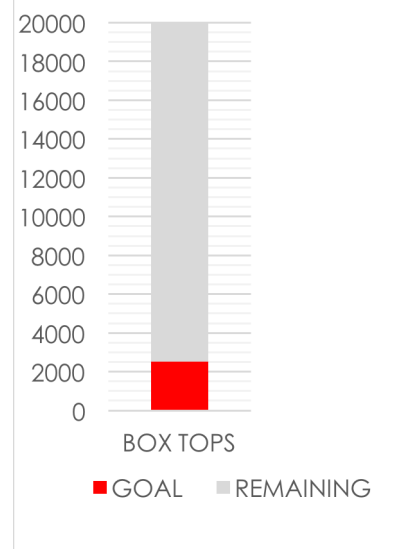
Create your own account and scan them yourself or send the bottle caps and cardboard flaps to school. The PTO will scan them for you.

<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

### AMAZON SMILE

If you or any of your family of friends shop with Amazon or you enjoy online shopping just click on this link [Amazon Smile Hillside PTO sign Up - click to start](#) and set up Hillside PTO as your Amazon Smile recipient. Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases directly to the Hillside PTO.

### 2017-18 BOX TOP UPDATE



### GAGA BALL PIT IS A HIT!

Thank you to John and Keri Linssen, Cody Linssen, Trent and Allison Anderson, Becky Fife and Sameer Ashfaq, and Megan Sandin for assembling the Gaga Ball Pit before school started. It has been a hit during recess!

Turns out the game has nothing to do with Lady Gaga. Apparently, Gaga is Hebrew for "touch-touch". Gaga ball is a tamed down version of dodgeball in that you bat the ball around on the ground, using your hands. (You don't pick up the ball and drill someone with it. ☺) If the ball touches you below the knees, you're out. The last person in the pit wins. The games are fast-paced, only lasting about 5 minutes before everyone can climb back in for another round.

### STAY CURRENT ON HILLSIDE NEWS

Make sure your email is up to date on Infinite Campus: <https://www.infinitecampus.com/>. That way you'll receive the upcoming PTO Newsletters and other important Hillside News.