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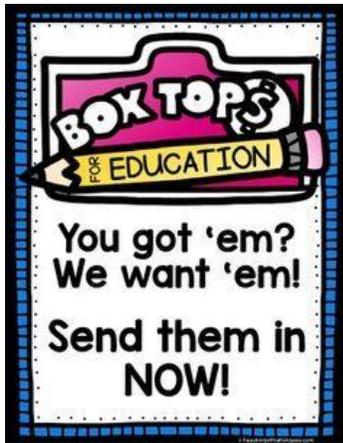


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Please send your Box Tops in by February 1. Each classroom has a hanging Box Tops collection pocket. Put your submission in a baggie with your child's name on it. For every 25 Box Tops you submit, you will be entered into a family raffle for prizes. The Box Tops room coordinators will pick them up from the classrooms on Feb 2. The classroom with the most Box Tops will win the Traveling Trophy for the winter. Let's try and raise \$1000 with this submission! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. And they add up FAST! Collect at work. Post on your personal Facebook page. Ask your friends, neighbors, and family members if they have any Box Tops to donate.

February is Hill's "Bridge the Gap" Month (formerly known as Bounty in a Backpack)

In February, Hill will be collecting non-perishable food donations for a great program that serves the most at-risk students in the Troy School District. This weekend meal program provides "bridge food" for families that are at risk for food scarcity on weekends during the school year. Last year 80 Troy families were served weekly through this program. Hill has participated for approximately 10 years, and the PTO is happy to coordinate this food drive for our sponsor month. We may be one of the smallest schools in the district, but our hearts are big and our donations toward this program are very much appreciated. Each grade at Hill is asked to send in a particular type and quantity of non-perishable food. We'll collect the whole month of February and deliver our food drive collection the first week of March.

The Troy Optimist Club and volunteers package and distribute

food to the at-risk students. **We are collecting the following items starting Feb 1 and no later than Feb 28:**

Kindergarten: 120 boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

60 packages of juice boxes (10 in a pack)

First grade: 120 cans of fruit

60 boxes/bags of rice or pasta

Second grade: 120 cans of vegetables

60 boxes of cereal (this is in high demand)

Third grade: 100 cans of Spaghettios (prefer non-meat kind)

50 boxes of Saltine crackers (4 in a pack)

Fourth grade: 75 packages of granola bars or fruit snacks (8-12 per box)

75 jars of peanut butter (18-oz, plastic jar)

Fifth grade: 60 boxes of cereal (this is in high demand)

120 packages of Ramen noodles

We will have boxes in the front hallway marked for your donations. Every item feeds families in Troy. Thank you!



Congrats to the Hill Robotics Club

Team 4600E placed second in their last tournament, only a mere four points off a first-place finish and a trip to states! They also took home the energy award for their enthusiasm and dedication to boot. Team 4600A finished a strong third in their tournament and claimed the sportsmanship award along the way! Teams 4600B and 4600G took third and fifth place, respectively, in their tournament this last weekend. That's four top five finishes already in competitive fields of 24-30 upper elementary and middle school teams! Two more of our teams are competing this coming Saturday the 27th. Wish them luck. It has been quite the inaugural year, already! Go Hill Huskies!



Spring Kindness Fundraiser

We are excited to announce that in April 2018, Hill will be participating in a new type of fundraising event. Sherry Grzadinski is our PTO Chair for this event.

Instead of trying to sell cookie dough or pizza kits, the founders of Raise Craze came up with the idea of fundraising through kindness. Undoubtedly, the *Pay-It-Forward* movement is growing stronger every day. We're hoping to channel this energy in a way that will introduce a fun and exciting approach to kindness awareness for our children while benefitting the school at the same time.

We're still working out some of the details and will have more to share in the coming weeks. In the meantime, feel free to start brainstorming with your kids and come up with acts of kindness they can do on their own, or as a family. Remember, no act of kindness is too small!!

Stay Tuned!



Upcoming Hill Elementary PTO Events:

Bridge the Gap Collection: All through February ☺

Box Tops Due to Classrooms: Feb 1

Family Science Night: Feb 8

Variety Show Forms Due: Feb 12

PTO Meeting: Feb 15

Variety Show Run Through: Feb 22

Variety Show Dress Rehearsal: Feb 26

Reading Month: All through March! ☺

Variety Show: March 8

If you have any questions about these, please let us know!



We are still looking to fill one committee chair position (for spring 2018):

Flower Sales (Must be a 4th grade parent since this will benefit next year's 5th graders.) Flyers are distributed in March and flowers are distributed in May. Contact Anne Sackrison at hillptopresident@gmail.com if you can chair or co-chair this fundraiser. This program is the first fundraiser for next year's fifth graders. The more \$ we raise, the less \$ families will be asked to pay for the fifth-grade camp and the end of the year celebration next year.