



Hill Elementary PTO  
4600 Forsyth, Troy, MI 48065

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# PTO PAGES

March 28, 2018

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR GOOGLE PTO SURVEY. WE ARE COMPILING THE RESULTS AND WILL USE THEM WITH OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING.

The next **Box Tops** collection is due to the classrooms by **May 1**. Don't forget to put your name on the baggie if you have more than 25 Box Tops.



Thank you for your generous donations for Bridge the Gap month! We met or exceeded most of our goals and our collections will serve at-risk students in Troy.

Join our closed group page to stay on top of Hill info:

Hill Elementary PTO.

[www.facebook.com/groups/hillpto/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hillpto/)



## April is National Volunteer Month!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families that volunteered this year for the Hill PTO. Did you know that Hill had over 25 volunteer committee chairpersons this year? Most committees have many, many volunteers working with the chair to put on great events and fundraisers. A large group of volunteers stuffed the first day folders. Each class had one or two room parents that spent countless hours planning and implementing amazing class parties. We have tons of families collecting and sorting Box Tops. Families brought supplies and dishes for both parent/teacher conferences. Many parents attended PTO meetings (one that lasted several hours in the dark—because we lost power, but we barreled through anyway 😊). Many volunteers participated in a long budget planning meeting. Parents helped us campaign for the SAY YES for the TSD Sinking Fund campaign. Countless parents helped out on all the behind the scenes volunteer work. We've had fantastic social events - a 50's dance and a variety show. An amazing Jog-A-Thon was planned by a small committee for months and raised almost \$18,000. New fundraisers were launched-- Ladies Night Out and the Hill Kindness Project. I could go on. It takes so many hands to make a great PTO and so whether you helped a little or a lot:

**THANK YOU! You ALL made a huge difference this year.**

Your dedication to the Hill students and staff always fills my heart and this year I was honored to serve as your president.

Have a safe and happy spring break!

-Anne Sackrison

## Hill Elementary PTO Events Coming Up:

**PTO Meeting: April 19 (Dr. Machesky to attend)**

**Skate World Party: April 20**

**The Kindness Project: April 24-May 7**

**Mom2Mom Sale at Hill: April 28**

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

## The Hill Kindness Project

The Hill PTO is excited to announce the Hill Kindness Project. Between April 24 and May 6, Hill students and their families will get to participate in a one-of-a-kind project that is designed to generate acts of kindness that families will be proud to partake in.

We are hoping to use the Hill Kindness Project not only as an opportunity to work together to spread kindness through our community, but also as an effort to raise the remaining money needed to install two gaga pits on our playground, along with funding for some additional items in our budget that are not paid for yet (field day, Husky Dads projects and money toward major purchases that have not been funded yet). We are hoping to raise at least \$3000 through the Hill Kindness Project.

We have chosen to partner with Raise Craze, a fundraising company with a goal of bringing kindness awareness to schools and neighborhoods.

We understand families are busy and asking you to add one more thing to your plates may seem like an overload, especially with the end of the year fast approaching. This is why we are using Raise Craze. Their website will do 90% of the fundraising and promotion work for us. Parents would just need to register their children on the website. You can also enter your friends' and family's email addresses if you wish to share our Kindness Project goals. Raise Craze will not sell any information we provide to third parties. On the site you will select from a pre-populated idea list of acts of kindness—or you can create your own. Raise Craze will then send out an email to your selected family/friends. For example, it would say:

*(Nana, Mr. Smith, Johnny), I need your help!*

*I am participating in a unique fundraiser for the Hill Elementary Kindness Project. As a way of thanking my donors, I will be paying it forward by helping my community. Learn how I am giving back and how you can support me! \*\*Link to child's personal webpage\*\**

The link will bring the supporter to your child's personal Raise Craze page, where they can see which items your child has chosen for their acts of kindness. There are also options to spread the word through social media, if you would like to go that route, as well.

We hope that all families will participate in special acts of kindness this week, even if some can't participate on the fundraising side. We do not wish to burden families. Like the Jog-A-Thon, we recognize that not all families are able to donate money at this time, but everyone CAN find ways to pay it forward in our community. Remember, the most important thing here is to raise kindness awareness and have fun doing so. We will be doing a raffle of prizes (books about spreading kindness and making a difference) for students that raise any amount of money (even if it is \$1).

We would like to plan a group activity where we can come together as a class, or even better, as the entire school. Some ideas we have: writing letters to our soldiers, making cards for children in the hospital, or making shoe box toys for animal shelters. We welcome your ideas, so please don't be shy!

We will continue to bring you more details regarding the Hill Kindness Project as it gets closer to the kick-off date of April 23. We will also share pay it forward ideas and thoughts on kindness on our PTO Facebook page. In the meantime, I'm available to answer your questions. Please feel free to email me at [sherry728@gmail.com](mailto:sherry728@gmail.com).

-Sherry Grzadzinski, The Hill Kindness Project Chairperson





Interested Persons Meeting for  
2018/19 Hill Robotics Team

May 10 at 7pm

Direct questions to: Matt Sackrison at  
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SAVE THE DATE!

The PTO is excited to announce that the **Hill Family Fun Night** will be held Friday, June 1, from 5:30-8:30pm.

In addition to food, face painting and a DJ, we are making some fun changes to this annual event. We are including a fun fair with a variety of games and prizes, as well as a raffle of themed baskets donated by each class. We will need your help to make this a success. Volunteers will receive a special presale discount on tickets. If you're interested in volunteering to help coordinate part of the event, please email Nikki Bengry at [nicole.bengry@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.bengry@gmail.com).

Also watch for more information and volunteer signups in the coming weeks!

**We will be posting open PTO positions for the 2018/19 school year soon.**



Support Hill by linking your Kroger rewards card at:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Select Hill Elementary PTO or use organization number 82697. Last year we earned over \$1000. You'll need to re-register your card every April. You will know your card is up-to-date if at the bottom of your Kroger receipt, it says:

**"At your request, Kroger is donating to HILL ELEMENTARY PTO."**