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Mill Street Home & School DVD Drive - December 1st-17th!

Our DVD Drive is a wonderful way to give during this Holiday Season! Please consider donating your new or gently used DVD's to children in need. All donations will go to The Hesed House in Naperville and Edwards Hospital Pediatric Ward in the name of Mill Street Elementary School Home & School. The drive will run from

Monday, December 1st to Wednesday, December 17th. Your child can bring them to school or you can drop them off at the school's front office. Please contact Kim Henderson with questions at kimrh2001@gmail.com.

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would like to invite *YOU* to help raise money for Mill Street School. This is a great way to shop for all the special people on your list while supporting Home & School.

Our event will be held on:

Date: December 12th- 14th 2014

Time: Friday & Saturday 10am-9pm and Sunday 10am-6pm

Where: Five Below in Naperville, IL (630) 548-9178.

10% of your purchase will support



Please contact Jen Weber at jenweber@comcast.net with any questions.



YEARBOOK ORDERS

It is time to pre-order you 2014-2015 Mill Street School Yearbook!

Please return the form below, with a payment of \$19.00, **by Friday, December 12th**. All orders received after December 12th will be returned. Even if you are choosing to NOT purchase a book, please mark the form below and return. Contact Kelly Viton at rlvkav@aol.com with any questions.

Orders, by credit card, may also be made online at www.balfour.com. There will be a \$1.00 convenience fee for the transaction. Multiple orders may be made in one transaction. **Online orders will close January 9, 2015.**

Don't miss out! Yearbooks will be distributed in May 2015.

Please complete and return the form below.

RETURN TO HOME & SCHOOL YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Please make checks payable to Mill Street Home & School and write Yearbook in the memo line. You may combine payment in one check but **please list each student and their teacher/grade at the bottom of this form**. Return form and payment, in an envelope marked "Home & School Yearbook", **by December 12**. Any orders received after December 12th will be returned.

_____ No, we do not want to purchase a 2014-2015 yearbook.

_____ Yes, we are purchasing a 2014-2015 yearbook

Number of books ordered: _____ x \$19.00 each

Total amount enclosed: _____

Student's name (first & last), grade & teacher (2014-2015):



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C Community
P Partnership**
Mill Street Elementary School



Candy Cane Caring is Coming December 10th to 16th

We will be selling Candy Cane Grams during the lunch hour for \$.25 apiece. Candy Cane Grams are paper candy canes that can be purchased for other students, teachers or staff. On each Candy Cane Gram, students will be able to write a caring message to express their kind wishes for others during the holiday season.

Candy Cane Grams offer two ways to care about others, as the funds collected from the purchase of Candy Cane Grams will help families at our school with special needs they may have throughout the year. In the past, Candy Cane Caring funds have helped to purchase holiday gifts, clothing and coats, yearbooks and other items for families in need of this assistance.

December 19th Candy Cane Grams will be delivered to the classrooms, just in time to spread some holiday kindness to the entire Mill Street family.

**Mark your calendar for December 10th-16th
Let's make Candy Cane Caring a Huge Success!**

** In the past some families have chosen to make a special donation to Candy Cane Caring to assist Mill Street Families. Financial contributions or gift cards are a huge support for families with special needs during the holidays.

*** We are also hoping to find some companies that might provide a Corporate match for our donations. If you know of a company like this, please contact Kristin Fitzgerald at kristin.fitzgerald@comcast.net



Mill Street Band Notes



It's concert time!! Our first concert of the year is coming up quickly! Please mark your calendars – it is going to be a great concert! The Mill Street musicians are eager to show you everything they have learned this year!

4th and 5th grade assembly**

- Tuesday, December 9 at 1:10PM

***All band students will need their instruments on Tuesday, December 9 for the assembly ***

4th Grade CONCERT

- Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00PM
 - ◊ Call time 6:30PM in the Multi-Purpose room

5th Grade CONCERT

- Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00PM
 - ◊ Call time 6:30PM in the Multi-Purpose Room
 - ◊ Small ensembles will begin performing at 6:40PM – you don't want to miss it so get here early!

Every student should wear their Band Uniform for every performance: Red Mill Street band polo, black pants or skirt, black socks or hose, and black shoes. I am very excited to present the Mill Street Bands in their first concerts of the year and we look forward to performing for everyone!

Please continue to encourage at home practice. Band students are expected to practice 60 minutes (4th grade) or 80 minutes (5th grade) each week. They should record their practice time in the practice log in their binder. This is where you can also find their weekly assignment.

Thank you for the encouragement and support that you provide for your children's music education. See you at the Winter Concert on **Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00PM (4th grade concert)** or **Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00PM (5th grade concert)** with small ensembles starting at 6:40PM!

Julie Higgins, Band Director

jhiggins@naperville203.org



Start saving those Box Tops!

There will be another Box Top Classroom Competition in February, so now is the time to start saving your Box Tops.

The classroom with the most Box Tops wins a prize!



The school earns \$0.10 for every Box Top collected. Please make sure to check the expiration dates before turning box tops in. Anything that is expired cannot be used.

LEGO® Engineering Club

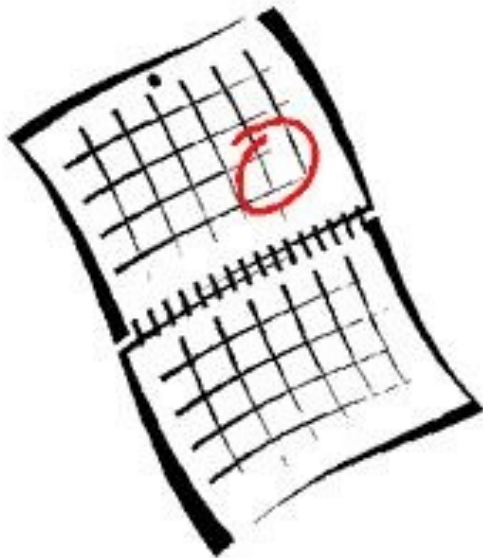
STEM Based Motorized Model Building with Lego Bricks, Gears & Motors

Mill Street Elementary School Wednesdays 2:35 – 3:35pm, Rm. 605

Bricks 4 Kidz classes provide students the opportunity to build motorized model builds using Lego bricks, gears and motors. Our programs are built around proprietary model kits, plans and STEM curriculum, designed by teachers, architects and engineers. The activities are interactive, hands-on and engaging to promote learning in a fun way!

- Winter Session (01/14 to 02/18) – Factory Fun, Grades, 2nd-4th grade
- Spring Session (04/08 to 05/13) – Ticket to Ride – K-1st grade

For further information on our programs, visit www.bricks4kidz.com/naperville



SAVE THE DATE

*Winter Wishes
Adult Winter Fundraiser*

*Friday February 6, 2015
7:00pm to 11:00pm*

A dinner auction at the Cress Creek Country Club

*Invitations will be sent home in backpacks this month.
Donations still being accepted, contact Beth Bave at
bethbava@yahoo.com or Carrie Hess at chess@imprint-e.com*

Home & School

Mill Street Elementary School

It's Time to Wrap Up our Fall Fundraiser!

Our Fall Fundraiser was a success, and we thank you for your support. We sold **\$8,097** worth of product, resulting in a profit of **\$3,623** for our school (45% profit). This fundraising effort is important because its profit is used for our students directly - including field trips, birthday books, assemblies, library books, Fun Fair, Mustang Stampede, plus more!

Congratulations to the Kindergarteners:

We would like to congratulate the Kindergarteners for winning our grade-level contest this year. The kindergarteners sold more items per student than any other grade- with **185 items sold** which averages 1.89 items per student. This means that all kindergarteners get to have a special pajama day. In addition, the teachers in this grade will receive a special coffee and pastry treat in the upcoming week!

Our 5th graders came in a close second by selling 178 items averaging 1.47 items sold per student.

Honorable Mentions:

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sweeney's** class for selling the most number of items in any classroom in the school. Her students sold 70 items total.

- Runner up was Mrs. Smith- Kindergarten- 67 items

Congratulations to **Mrs. Smith's** classroom for selling more \$ than any other class. This class sold \$691 worth of product. In addition, Mrs. Smith's class had the best classroom participation at 38%.

- Runner up was Mrs. Reilly – Kindergarten- with \$648 sold
- Runner up was Mrs. Hynes- 1st grade- at 35% participation

Thank you for your extraordinary support! We will do many good things for our students with this money.



Help us help our school.

Enroll in Take Charge of Education® and Target will donate a percentage of each REDcard® purchase you make to our school.

► Learn More and Enroll



By collecting UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from over 2,500 participating products, our school can earn points that can be redeemed for Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise.

Thank You

Hearing and Vision would like to thank volunteers Julie Lovick, Suzy Shinkle, Lene Christiansen, Moon-woo Nam, Janeen Engle, Tonya Schmidt and Fu Shaohua for their help!

Red Ribbon Committee would like to thank Lene Christiansen and Fu Shaohua for helping to hang up signs. Also thank you to Student Council for the beautiful dress up day signs and to Ms. Sweeney for handling the student announcements for the week

The Mill Street Home & School Hospitality team would like to thank all the Mill Street Families and Veterans who attended the assembly and reception on November 11. Thanks also go to all those who donated items to make the reception a special event including: Monika Bicker, Heidi Boelke, Adri Boudeman, Deborah Crossett, Susan Czochara, Kristin Fitzgerald, Maureen Matuszewski, Beth Wolf-Senall, and Jen Weber.

We appreciate your support!

A big thanks



- ❖ Thank you to the generous support of Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Trendel, our teachers who opened their rooms to the exhibits, and teachers who helped set-up rooms for exhibits & helped throughout the evening. Special thanks to Mr. Schweinberg who was the emcee, Mr. Hoff, Mrs. Widlacki, Viki Kinders, Mary Beth Williams as well as our administrative & hard-working custodian staff.



- ❖ Our sincere gratitude to our generous country exhibitors for the 15th International Night -Mary Beth Nagai, Cindy Meerman, Geetha Kagathi, Moon-Woo, Adri Boudeman, Lene Christiansen, Kristin Fitzgerald, Kelly O'Malley, Debbie Crossett, Behrang Rashidian, Sharon de Waard, Celina Simon, Amy Looi, Denise Cottle, Darla Driggs, Cathy Chaet, Gaby Batuque, Lisa Harrison, Carmen Scala, Linnet Shahrokh, Melissa Jimenez-Biles, Ming Tang, Jun Hao, Liang Dong, Ling-Ling Hu, Eunice Chaney & room helpers.



- ❖ Kudos to the great performances by our Mill Street Band & Orchestra Ensembles led by Mrs. Higgins & Mrs. Englisharden and to our student dance performers.



- ❖ We appreciate the support of Watch D.O.G.S. with clean up, numerous parent & student volunteers who worked behind the scene. Many thanks to our entertainment sponsors- McNulty Irish Dancers, Culture Ministry of St. Nicholas of Aurora, Tunes of Glory Band, YK Martial Arts & several talented participants who made the evening a fun-filled event.



- ❖ Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry staff is grateful for the 100# food donation.

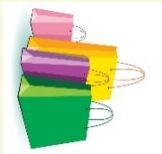




- ❖ Thank you to the Mill Street Home and School specially to Amy Rossi and Sarah Gibson Hoag for their outstanding support.

- ❖ Need a chairperson for 2016, pls. contact Amy Rossi or Kelley O'Malley.

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~ December 2014 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yellow	2 Green 2:30-3:30 p.m. Science Club (grades 3-5)	3 Blue Manna Gift Card Forms due	4 Red	5 Orange	6
7 Yellow	8 Yellow	9 Green 7:30 a.m. Env. Club (grades 3-5) 7 p.m. 4th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert	10 Blue 7 p.m. 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert	11 Red	12 Orange 7:15 am Student Council (grades 3-5) Yearbook orders due 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fundraiser at Five Below	13
14 	15 Yellow	16 Green  Candy Cane Grams for sale	17 Blue 5th Grade Play 	18 Red	19 Orange CLASSROOM PARTIES End of first semester	20
10 - 6 Shop at Five Below						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	NO SCHOOL!! WINTER BREAK!! NO SCHOOL!!					
28	29	30	31	Notes: Dec. 1-18: New and gently used DVD drive. Jan. 5: School Resumes		
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