



THE PONY EXPRESS

A Monthly Newsletter From Mill Street's Home & School Association



The Naperville District 203 Home & School Association's mission is to encourage and facilitate a cooperative partnership among our students, parents/guardians, and District staff and administration to support and enhance the school experience of each student. Home & School initiates and/or supports various programs through the donation of time and sponsorship from its District school population and community members.

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LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN AT THE FUNFAIR!



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**FUN GAMES, RAFFLES,
PRIZES, & GREAT FOOD BY
FIREWATER BBQ!**



Volunteer by signing up through Sign up Genius in the next Mustang Minute!

We need monetary donations for large ticket raffle items. Interested? Contact Angie Langman at 317-250-6524

MOVIE NIGHT at Mill Street! DISNEY'S MOANA



**Friday,
November 17th**

Doors open at 6:15 pm.
Movie starts at 6:30 pm.

**The event is FREE!
NO RSVP Needed!**

This is not a drop off event...
Parents must be present.

Lawn chairs are okay for adults, blankets and pillows are okay for students.

Movie is appropriate for grades K-2, but older grades are welcome!

Popcorn & water provided from Home & School.

Questions to Amy Rossi,
amyrossi02@yahoo.com

Veterans Day CELEBRATION



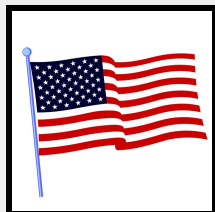
We will be requesting
donations for our
Veterans Day
celebration on

November 10th

Please be on the lookout
for a Signup Genius
request.

Refreshments will be
served to the veterans
and their Mill Street
families after the
Veterans Day assembly.

Thank you for
considering donating to
this very special event!



Home & School Meeting NOVEMBER 14th!



All parents/guardians are
invited to join us for our
November Home & School
Meeting, Tuesday,
November 14 at 9:00 am in
the MPR.

You will hear about what's
been happening within
Home & School and what's
coming up. We will also
have a brief presentation
from Mill Street staff to
familiarize you with your
child(ren)'s Digital
Learning--Google, SeeSaw,
and other applications to
support learning at home
will be presented.

Please mark your calendar
and join us! If you cannot
make the meeting, as
always, the Minutes will be
posted on the Mill Street
website,
<https://www.naperville203.org/Domain/15>.

MILL STREET
NIGHT OUT!
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29th



Jersey Mike's on Ogden
& Washington
will be donating 15% to
Mill St Home & School
from 10am-9pm on
Wednesday,
November 29th.



Mill Street
Elementary School



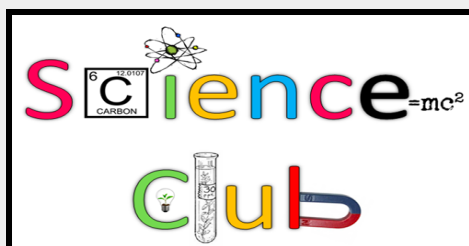
SFCP and i Support Community-Inside Out Club

THANKS all the students and parent volunteers that made our October meeting such a success!

Our next meetings will be:

Wednesday, November 15th – Thank a Veteran
Wednesday, December 13th – Mindfulness Matters
Wednesday, January 24th – Same, Only Different

We can't wait to see you there! Contact Meena Banasiak @ banasiak@gmail.com for questions.



Science Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 8th**, and collecting **CANNED GOODS** for **Loaves and Fishes**. Students will also be using cans for their next project. All Mill Street parents are invited to donate canned and boxed goods in the front office hallway starting November 1st. Please send your Science Club student with a note on Nov. 8th, to attend the meeting after school, and help with this fun food drive & project!

In October, Science Club students enjoyed designing, building, and testing a house to withstand a hurricane! Students learned about hurricane categories 1-5, and the associated winds and water.

October Science Club ran with the support of our wonderful Mill St School Staff & Parent Volunteers-

Ms. Carrico
Ginny Mezo
Jackie Barkdoll

Viki Kinder
Anita Ganesh
Sarah Alaimo

Mike Velaquez & staff
Jessica Child
Cindy Smucker

Ying Frey
Stephanie Wintrl
Tonya Schmidt

If you would like to volunteer for the November meeting, please sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa8ab2fa7fc1-science>

We look forward to seeing you!
Carrie, Kelli, & Sarah, Science Club Co-chairs



THANK YOU to all who participated in the **Charleston Wrap Fundraiser!**

Together we raised over \$4000 to help fund all the Mill Street Home & School programs that our students enjoy.

Product pick up is **Wednesday, November 8th from 4:00-6:30.**

We will be located just outside the doors of the MPR. If you cannot make it that day please arrange for someone else to pick up your product.

WILD WEST BOOK FAIR SADDLE UP AND READ!



THANK YOU to all the parents and student volunteers who helped out during the Book Fair. It was wonderful to work together towards promoting reading at all grade levels. This event could not have happened without the support from teachers and staff as well as:

Amberle Heath, Sandy Markle, Kate Mittenthal, Cindy Schulz, Sarah Alaimo, Nelson Balagat, Tawna Pryor, Allison Polk, Kelly Gibson, Kristie Coyle, Susan Stellmacher, Carly Nguyen, Anna Baker, Sandra Morse, Angie Langman, Sharon Hsu, Heather Bryce, Dawn Batchelor, Ciara Love-Hodges, Bela Krasnigi, Mersiha Mesic, Dani Bourgeois, Wenyue Atkinson, Sandra Chancio, Elizabeth Oquendo, and Cindy Smucker.



Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

The Mill Street Home & School Hospitality Team
thanks everyone for donating to the Fall Conference meals.

Dinner and breakfast were both a success
and we couldn't have done it without all of YOU!

Special thanks to: Jeannette Arellano, Monika Bicker, Kelly O'Malley, Jessica Child, Beth Wolf-Senall, Danielle Bourgeois, Carrie Hess, Lisa Gibson, Laura Fraser, Cindy Smucker, Wendy Einspar, Tonya Schmidt, Melissa Scacco, Kyla Putman, Cristin Howell-Vischer, Sarah Hoag, Jen Weber, Mariya Ivanova, Kristin Hill, KaraLee Anderson, Wenyue Atkinson, Amy Wagner and Sarah Dunne for your donations and the Mill Street staff who helped with set-up and clean-up.

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity!



If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list of Hospitality volunteers, please contact:

Lauren Ferguson (lferguson@hotmail.com)
Heather Wolf (hparrilli@yahoo.com)
Jessica Kelly (jfsmithkelly@gmail.com)
Susan Czochara (susanczochara@yahoo.com)

MILL STREET BAND NOTES



Our first concert is quickly approaching! Please make sure you have the following date on your calendar!

- **Wednesday, December 6**
 - **6:00PM** – 4th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert
 - **7:15PM** – 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert

On Wednesday, December 6, all band members will wear their RED MILL STREET MUSIC POLOS to school for the daytime assembly. That evening, they will arrive at school 15-20 minutes before the concert begins. The concert uniform is: Red Mill Street polo and BLACK on bottom (black pants, socks, shoes). More information regarding the concert will be sent home with your child a few weeks before the concert.

Please continue to encourage regular at-home practice. A regular at-home practice routine should be established and your child should be getting AT LEAST 40 minutes of practice each week. Our goal is 60 minutes of practice per week for 4th graders and 80 minutes of practice per week for 5th graders.

Thank you for the encouragement and support that you provide for your children's music education. I look forward to seeing you at our first concert of the year on Wednesday, December 6!

Julie Higgins, Band Director

jhiggins@naperville203.org

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB'S USED BOOK SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to all staff and the Mill Street Community for donating hundreds of books for the Used Book Sale which took place on October 20th. This student led activity consisted of the students setting up the displays of books as well as donating quarters which allowed ALL students an opportunity to purchase a book. The group sold over 1,700 books resulting in a donation of \$350 to be sent to the American Red Cross in support of the recent hurricane victims. Donations of books will be accepted throughout the year. Just bag up your gently used books, label them for the Used Book Sale, and place them on the "I Forgot" table outside of the school office.

General Home & School Meetings for 2017-2018



Tuesday, November 14, 9:00 am in the MPR

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm in the MPR

Tuesday, March 13, 9:00 am in the MPR

Tuesday, May 8, 9:00 am in the MPR



Did you know Mill Street Home & School and the Principal, Mrs. Salness, have Facebook pages? **"LIKE"** the **"Mill Street Home & School"** and the **"Mill Street Principal Communication"** pages today!



Mill Street also has a twitter feed under the hashtag

#millstreetmustangs

Classroom Holiday Parties December 21st



We are seeking volunteers to facilitate games or crafts for the upcoming classroom holiday parties.

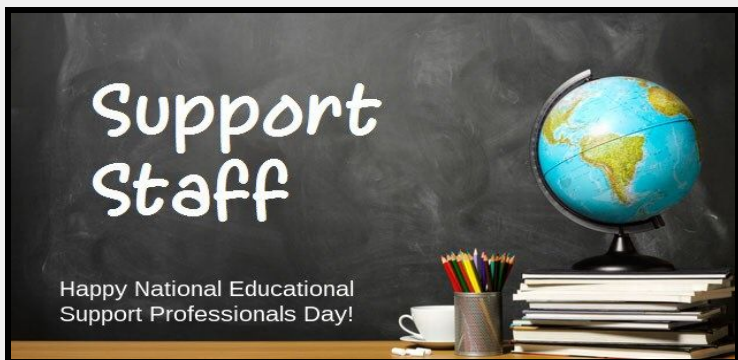
There is a time change for the event.
THE NEW TIME IS 10:00-10:45 AM

If you are interested in volunteering, please look out for a Sign-Up Genius link that will post in the Mustang Minute starting the week of **November 6th**.

If you volunteered for the Halloween party, please allow 5 days for other volunteers to have an opportunity to sign up, then you are welcome to sign up again accordingly.

As always, we appreciate your time and energy with planning these parties. Looking forward to another fun event!

Any questions, please email Coyanne Inglis at Inglis05@me.com



November 15th is Support Staff Day!

**Thank you to our amazing
Custodians, Assistants, Bus
Drivers & Lunchroom Workers for
making a difference at Mill Street!**



Mill Street's SUCCESS (School Using Coordinated Efforts to Strengthen Students) organization, along with SFCP would like to thank Braconi's Pizza for their generous donation to our Pasta Night / Digital Learning Meeting.

Bring in this note from the Pony Express to Braconi's and receive

\$5.00 off your next meal!

Let's show Braconi's how much Mill Street appreciates their support of our community!

Braconi's Pizza is located at 96 Royal St George Dr #108.



Week of November 13th is

School Psychologist Awareness Week!

Thank you to Mrs. Gallagher & Mrs. Herrell
for all you do to support the students at Mill Street!

MILL STREET DIRECTORY APP

NOW AVAILABLE!



We are excited to announce that the 2017-2018 Mill Street Directory App is now available!

As a **NEW** user, you have been set up and can download DirectorySpot for free from the App Store (iPhone users) or Google Play (Android users), or you can also access the data from the web.

For Smartphone Users:

1. Download the DirectorySpot app by going to your app store and searching "DirectorySpot" or by clicking on the appropriate link here: iPhone - <http://goo.gl/5U2Tzq> or Android - <http://goo.gl/iBK9IY>
2. Launch DirectorySpot, enter your email address as your Username, and click on "Reset Password."
3. Click on the link in your email to set your password, relaunch the DirectorySpot app, and login with your username and password.

For Tablet, Mac, or PC Users:

1. Go to directoryspot.net and click on "Login" in the upper right hand corner.
2. Enter your email address as your Username, and click on "Reset Password." An email will be sent to you with a link to set your password.
3. Click on the link in your email to set your password and login.

Note – if downloading to an iPad, just search for "iPhone apps" and you will find DirectorySpot.

Make sure to check out all the features, such as the auto dial when you click on a phone number, or the auto launching of maps when you click on an address. If you hold down the cell phone number, you will get an option to send a text or call the number (iPhone only). DirectorySpot will even create an email if you click on someone's email address.

If you have any questions or data changes throughout the year, please contact Bridget Wolfe (Anderson) at millstreetdirectory@gmail.com and I will update it on the App. Thank you!

¡Estamos muy emocionados de comunicarles que la Aplicación (APP)

del Directorio 2017-2018 de Mill Street ya está disponible!



Como **NUEVO** usuario, usted ha configurado e instalado *DirectorySpot* de forma gratuita de *App Store* (usuarios de *iPhone*), *Google Play* (usuarios de *Android*), o también puede tener acceso a los datos desde la red.

Para usuarios de teléfonos inteligentes:

1. Descargue la aplicación de *DirectorySpot* desde su tienda de aplicaciones y busque ***DirectorySpot*** o haga clic en el enlace apropiado aquí: iPhone - <http://goo.gl/5U2Tzq> o Androide - <http://goo.gl/iBK9IY>
2. Inicie ***DirectorySpot*** e ingrese su dirección de correo electrónico así como su nombre de usuario y haga clic en "*Reset Password.*"
3. Haga clic en el enlace que hay en su correo electrónico para configurar su contraseña, reinicie la aplicación de ***DirectorySpot***, e ingrese con su nombre de usuario y contraseña.

Para usuarios de tabletas, Mac o Computadoras personales:

1. Vaya a directoryspot.net y haga clic en ingresar en la parte superior de la esquina de su mano derecha.
2. Ingrese su dirección de correo electrónico así como su nombre de usuario y haga clic en "*Reset Password.*" le enviarán un correo con un enlace para establecer su contraseña.
3. Haga clic en el enlace en su correo para establecer su contraseña e ingreso.


Nota – si descargo la aplicación en un iPad solamente busque “iPhone apps” y encontrará DirectorySpot.

Asegúrese de revisar todas las funciones, así como también el auto marcado cuando haga clic en el número de teléfono, o el auto inicio de mapas cuando haga clic en la dirección. Si usted mantiene pulsando en número del teléfono celular, tendrá una opción para enviar un texto o llamar al número (solamente iPhone) *DirectorySpot* incluso le creará un correo si usted le da clic a la dirección de correo de alguien más.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o cambios en la información en el transcurso del año, por favor comuníquese con Bridget Wolfe (Anderson) en millstreetdirectory@gmail.com y lo actualizaremos en la APP (aplicación). ¡Muchas gracias!

NOVEMBER 2017



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