



# THE PONY EXPRESS

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

**Home  
& SCHOOL**  
Mill Street Elementary School



*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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**1st GENERAL HOME & SCHOOL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5TH  
@ Mill Street  
M.P.R. 9:00 A.M.**



*All parents and guardians are welcome! If you have young children that are still at home, they are welcome as well.*

## SPIRIT WEAR !!

**Order Forms  
DUE SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

**Paper order forms should be returned to school in an envelope marked SPIRIT WEAR. Spirit Wear orders can be placed online by clicking on the SPIRIT WEAR link on the Mill Street website.**



**Questions please contact:**

**Kathy Sopkovich  
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or  
Audrey Brodrick  
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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
September 7th  
5:30-7:30**



Mark your calendars ~ everyone is welcome! The "one and only" Mill Street Ice Cream Social!

Enjoy Oberweis ice cream sundaes and dairy free popsicles served by our Mill Street teachers and parents in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Interested in helping with this event? Contact Heather Queen at [HQueen22@hotmail.com](mailto:HQueen22@hotmail.com)

*\*\*Cash only for sundaes, popsicles & bottled water\*\**

**BOOK FAIR**  
**October 5-6<sup>th</sup>**



**Kick Off Your Boots**

And lasso a great book at the Book Fair on October 5-6<sup>th</sup>.

Contact MaryAnn Willing  
([msmare2002@yahoo.com](mailto:msmare2002@yahoo.com)) or  
Eunice Chaney  
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for any questions or if you are  
interested in volunteering.

**MILL STREET'S 1ST  
NIGHT OUT  
OCT 11TH!**



Portillo's on Ogden in Naperville will donate 20% to Home & School from 5-8pm on Wednesday October 11th!

Hope to see you all at the first night out of the year!

**CLASS PARTIES!!**



Please mark your calendar for the following classroom party dates;  
**Halloween 10/31/17,**  
**Winter 12/21/17**  
**Valentine's Day 02/14/18**

Parties are typically held during the last hour of the school day. We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate games and crafts during the parties. For each classroom party, there will be one head parent, and 4 additional volunteers to lead the students in various activities. Sign Up Genius will be the tool used to manage volunteer requests, and will be emailed out approximately 6 weeks prior to the party date.



If you are interested in volunteering for the Halloween Party, be on the look-out for a Sign Up Genius email the week of September 17th. Your support, creativity and enthusiasm is what makes our class parties an annual success!

Please contact Coyanne Inglis at [Inglis05@me.com](mailto:Inglis05@me.com) with any questions.

**WATCH D.O.G.S TO  
START JANUARY  
2018**



Watch D.O.G.S. will have a delayed start in an effort to support Mill Street's numerous changes for the '17 school year as we welcome new Principal Salness, 22 new staff and the new Social/Emotional curriculum.

More details to come prior to the Winter Break.

You may contact Mark Coyle for questions at: [mccoyle4@yahoo.com](mailto:mccoyle4@yahoo.com)

**We are the Mustangs!**



Gallop towards  
Growth-  
Stampeding into  
the Future!

## INFORMATION ABOUT RUN CLUB FROM MR. HOFF.....JOIN NOW!!!



### What is Run Club?

Our mission is to promote running in children of all ages and abilities. To organize activities that demonstrate self-esteem, while building opportunities that encourage independent running. We run because we can!

### How are the children supervised?

Most activities begin with dynamic stretches. These activities are led by upperclassmen (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders). Run activities will follow and games will occur once a week. These activities allow children to interact and become more comfortable with school. I will oversee all activities from 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Any parents who feel compelled to help are welcome to stay.

### All Ages Welcome...meet on Playground/Blacktop area start 7:30 a.m.

September 5, 6, 7, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

September 12, 13, 14, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

September 19, 20, 21, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

### Extra Running Days for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ONLY @ 7:15 a.m.

Friday, September 1 (Location TBA)

Friday, September 8 (Location TBA)

Friday, September 15 (Location TBA)

Friday, September 22 (Location TBA)

### Fall Crosstown Classic Tuesday, September 26 (Starts 3:45 p.m.)



Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and is ready for another great year of learning! Band registration letters were sent home with all 4th and 5th graders during the first day of school. If you did not receive a registration letter and your 4th or 5th grade child would like to participate in band, please contact me.

All band students met for an initial meeting during the last week of August. They should have received an informational packet, including information on instrument rental. If you have any questions regarding instrument rental or supplies, again, please contact me.

What's next? All band students will begin lessons shortly. A temporary lesson schedule will be sent home and posted around the school. Please keep an eye out for the schedule and remind your child to bring their instrument and supplies on the correct day!

As many of you may know, I am currently out on maternity leave following the birth of our second son! Mrs. Robin Green, a retired D203 band director, is my sub during my leave. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either Mrs. Green or myself during these first few weeks. I will be returning to school near the end of September.

Again, welcome to all new and returning band musicians and parents! I am looking forward to a wonderful, music filled year together. Thank you for your support of your child's music education!

# CROSTOWN CLASSIC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



100% of all Crosstown Classic t-shirt sales will be donated to Special Olympics Illinois. Special Olympics Illinois provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Look for the order form in your child's backpack. Forms due by **September 8th.**

A promotional advertisement for Papa John's. It features several images of pizzas with different toppings. At the top left is the Papa John's logo with the slogan "BETTER INGREDIENTS. BETTER PIZZA." and a circular seal that says "A PAPA JOHN'S ORIGINAL". The main text reads "\$2 PIZZA SLICES OR GET A LARGE ONE-TOPPING PIZZA FOR \$15". Below this, it says "A portion of the proceeds benefiting" followed by the Special Olympics Illinois logo. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> FROM 4PM TO 6PM" and "MILL STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • 1300 N MILL ST." with a small "CASH ONLY | WHILE SUPPLIES LAST" note at the very bottom.



# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SALNESS!



Dear Mill Street Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year. As the new principal at Mill Street, I couldn't be more excited to begin this year and share with you how we will make this school year the best yet for our students and community! There are many exciting changes that have occurred over the summer at Mill Street, the most exciting of which is that we welcome many new teachers and support staff to our building.

Through a District 203 Board of Education initiative to support identified schools in closing achievement gaps through additional resources, we welcome 22 certified and several support staff this year. The addition of new staff enables us to not only provide additional classrooms and thus smaller class sizes, but expanded expertise and support in providing differentiated and high impact instruction to ensure all students are achieving to their fullest potential.

The building itself has undergone upgrades to the Learning Commons space to support instruction and a greater capability to support a Maker's Space area in which students explore and create using a variety of STEM and technology based resources. The building hallways have been painted with an updated color pallet and our structured learning staff and students will enjoy a new state of the art classroom to support their learning. We also have new spaces for our English Language Learners, Honors and PI students, band students, our students with academic learning needs and for teachers to plan, learn and collaborate with one another.

I look forward to seeing you at the first general Home and School meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and the Ice Cream Social on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Please access the weekly communications coming to you via Talk 203 from our Home & School, visit the Mill Street website and Principal Communicate page on Face Book, look for tweets under the hashtags *mustangsmatter* and *millstreetmustangs* on Twitter and the various communications from classroom teachers via Canvas/See Saw and emails to keep you up to date on all events and information throughout the year.

Our building theme for the year is~

We are the Mustangs! Galloping towards Growth- Stampeding into the Future!

It is my honor and privilege to lead our work this year at Mill Street and to be part of this wonderful community. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership in making Mill Street the best possible place for our students to learn and grow!

Mrs. Salness

Dear Mill Street Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Mill Street! The Home & School Exec Board is excited for the year ahead! As parents of Mill Street students, you are automatically members of the Home & School Association. Home & School is an open invitation to get involved at whatever level you can! We host events for Mill Street families, raise money for our school, sponsor extra-curricular activities for our students, and support our teachers, students, and families. We hold General Home & School meetings during the day and in the evenings throughout the year so all parents/guardians have the opportunity to attend.

Our H&S has a variety of parent committees which support all of our activities. We hope you'll become as involved as your schedule and energy allow. We have opportunities to volunteer at school during the day, as well as evenings. We also have committees whose members do most of their work at home when it's convenient for them. There are committees that are busy throughout the year, and others that are active only for short periods of time. Whatever your schedule, there's something here that will fit into it!

If you have any questions about volunteer sign up or anything Home & School related, please don't hesitate to contact one of us! Good luck this school year, it's going to be a great one! We hope to see you at our first General Home & School Meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 am in the MPR.

The Mill Street Home & School Executive Board

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## **General Home & School Meetings for 2017-2018**

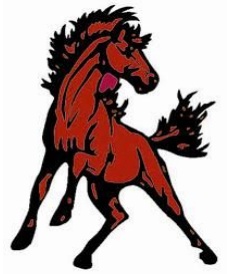
Tuesday, September 5, 9:00 am in the MPR

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



Mill Street's **largest fundraiser** of the year kicks off on August 31 and we need your help! Your student will have the opportunity to sell giftwrap, kitchen, and home goods from our partner Charleston Wrap. Your support is critical; we earn 40-50% profit on each item sold. Proceeds are used to fund many activities for our children including field trips, assemblies, new library books....plus much more!

**Please be on the lookout for your student's sales packet on Thursday August 31.** The envelope includes a letter with information on how to sell products through catalogs and online. If you cannot participate in this fundraiser, instead please consider a monetary donation to our school. All checks should be written to "Mill Street Home & School."

**\*\*\*New this year! All students who place an order online or turn in an order form for at least 1 item by September 18 will be entered into a raffle drawing for prizes such as movie tickets, sack lunch with the principal, reading the morning announcements, a pass to wear a hat at school, or having their name on the marquee for the day.\*\*\***

Step 1	SELL ITEMS FROM CATALOGS AND ONLINE	August 31- September 18
Step 2	ORDER FORMS & MONEY ARE DUE	September 18
Step 3	PRODUCT PICK UP	Wednesday, November 8 4:30pm - 6:30pm <i>Please note: all items sold must be picked up at the school during this timeframe. Mark your calendars now!</i>

Questions? Please email or call Chairpersons:

Kristie Coyle kradowski@yahoo.com 312-399-0640 or Sarah Dunne sarahbeezy@yahoo.com 630-267-6568

Mill Street Home & School Association is a not-for-profit organization and the amount of your Charleston Wrap purchase that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to 50% of the total.

## DONATIONS NEEDED:



## FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Mill Street Home & School Hospitality committee provides meals for various activities throughout the year to show our appreciation to the wonderful teachers and school staff. We are asking for donations for the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 5-6. A separate note through Sign-Up Genius will be sent with the needed items as the date approaches. Please be on the lookout! We thank you in advance for your support!

If you would like more information on donation opportunities, please contact, Lauren Ferguson, lferguson@hotmail.com; Heather Wolf, hparrilli@yahoo.com; Suzan Czochara, susanczochara@yahoo.com or Jessica Kelly, jfsmithkelly@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Mill Street

**Fun Fair is coming in November!**

**GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN AT THE**

**CARNIVAL!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**MILL STREET SCHOOL**

**This is a great Fundraising event for our school!**

**There will be awesome games and raffle items at the Fun Fair!**



# SEPTEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 4th/5th Grade Extra RUN CLUB 7:15 A.M.	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY HOLIDAY!! 	5 RUN CLUB 7:30 A.M. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 CogAT Testing 3rd Gr. HOME & SCHOOL MTG 9 A.M in MPR COMMITTEE CHAIR MTG 10 A.M.	6 RUN CLUB 7:30 A.M. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 CogAT Testing 3rd Gr	7 RUN CLUB 7:30 A.M. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 CogAT Testing 3rd Gr ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5:30-7:30 P.M. 	8 4th/5th Grade Extra RUN CLUB 7:15 A.M. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 CogAT Testing 3rd Gr SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS DUE  CROSS TOWN CLASSIC T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS DUE.	9
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24	25	26 CROSS TOWN CLASSIC 3:45 P.M.  Papa John's Pizza Special Olympics Fundraiser @ Mill Street 4P.M.-6P.M	27	28	29	30

