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# The Pony Express

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**Yearbooks  
On Sale Now!**  
at [Balfour.com](http://Balfour.com)

IT'S THE LAST CHANCE to  
pre-order your 2016-2017  
Mill Street Yearbook!

Don't miss out on our terrific 72 page, all color, yearbook! Students really love the yearbooks and treasure looking back them year after year. Backpack "paper" orders are closed – the only way to pre-order now is online. Each yearbook is \$20.00.

Orders, by credit card, may be made online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). There will be a \$1.00 convenience fee for the total transaction. Multiple orders may be made in one transaction. **Online orders will close January 13, 2017. Don't miss out! This is the last chance to order and guarantee a yearbook for your student.** Yearbooks will be distributed in May 2017. We don't know how many extra overruns we will get from the publisher for walk-in sales and we always sell out. Please pre-order today.

*The Valentines Day Classroom Parties will be on Tuesday, February 14 from 1:45 - 2:20 PM. If you would like to help with the party in your child's classroom, but have not yet signed up to do so, please contact Dani Bourgeois ([danibourgeois@gmail.com](mailto:danibourgeois@gmail.com)) before January 17th.*

*Any parents not registered to attend will not be allowed in the building. We look forward to making the parties a fun experience for the students!*

**General Home & School meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm in the MPR**

All Mill Street parents/guardians are welcome to attend! Free pizza and wings (generously donated by Papa John's, 1220 W. Ogden Avenue) will be provided on a first come first serve basis. One of our Principals will be there to give a Mill Street update. You will also hear about what is happening within Home & School (upcoming events, activities, services, fundraising, and student enrichment).

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Mill Street Home & School is on Facebook!  
Like our page so you can follow and keep up to date with events at the school!

**LEGO® Engineering Club**

After School STEM Enrichment program – 1st through 5th grade



Bricks 4 Kidz offers hands-on curriculum that introduces students to STEM concepts and mechanics using LEGO® bricks, gears, axles and motors. This program provides students the opportunity to build motorized models using proprietary model plans and kits.

Winter Galaxy Far Away Star Wars theme session 1/23 - 3/3/17, 2:30 - 3:30 pm in the Art Room. Limited availability. Register online at [www.bricks4kidz.com/naperville](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/naperville)



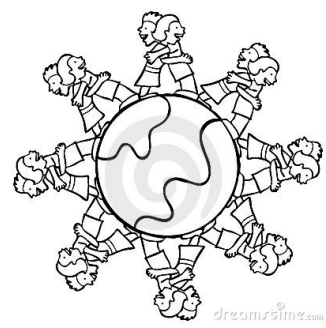
**Need a New Year's resolution?**  
Support Mill Street Night Out! Warm up with some yummy Zoup while benefiting Home & School.

Join us on Wednesday, January 25th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

At Zoup Kitchen in Warrenville.  
Healthy, vegetarian, and gluten free options offered daily.



**Inside Out Club** is where K - 2nd graders will learn empathy, collaboration, and other character building skills. They will engage in a fun mix of learning activities and mini-volunteer service projects, while supporting local area non-profits. The spring projects will benefit Phil's Friends, Literacy DuPage, and more! **Wednesdays: February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd, 2:30 to 3:30 pm** in the MPR. Please look for a permission slip in backpacks soon. For parent volunteer sign up, please contact **Corey Schmidt** at [schmidco@yahoo.com](mailto:schmidco@yahoo.com).



Let your party mood last a little longer and join us for the **Adult Social** at the Naperville Marriott on **Friday, February 3rd.**



The Adult Social is THE biggest fundraiser for Mill St Home & School. The funds raised will go towards field trips, special events, and other Mill Street amenities our children are fortunate to take part in.

Enjoy a buffet-style dinner and cash bar, while participating in Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles, Photo Booth with a Kentucky Derby theme, and other "Night At The Races" surprises!

Tickets are \$37 per person. Make your checks payable to Mill Street Home & School, and write Adult Social in the memo.

**We are looking for donations!**

You can make donations through utilizing your accrued Air Miles, Thank You Points, or OpenTable Points and turning them into Gift Cards for major retailers. Contact **Maureen Matuszewski**, [maureen0917@yahoo.com](mailto:maureen0917@yahoo.com) or **Bud Rashidian**, [rashidianb@hotmail.com](mailto:rashidianb@hotmail.com) for further information.

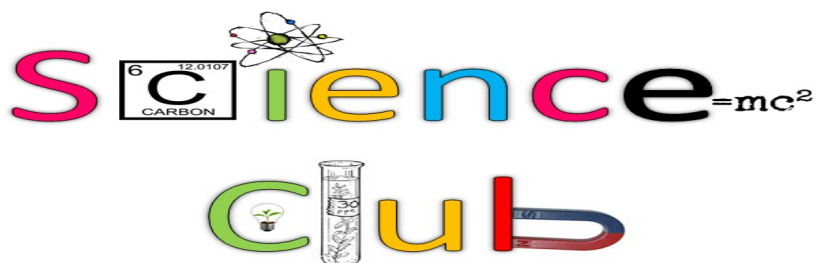


Calling All DOGS,

Well, we called and the DOGS came running. We have filled every available DOG day through the end of the year!

Thank you to all the DOGS for making this program such a success!





Science Club students enjoyed learning about structures and engineering in November! Students built “feast tables” out of five sheets of office paper, and learned if built correctly, could hold up to 36 books! A special “THANKS!” to the LRC for letting us use cookbooks to test our tables!

Science Club runs with the support of our wonderful, parent volunteers! Thank you to the following:

**Abby Van Horn**  
**Carrie Hess**

**Mary Beth Nagai**  
**Hunter Drendel**

**Tonya Schmidt**  
**Marina Mendoza**

### **Science Club’s next meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Don’t forget to send a permission slip to your child's teacher to explain the change in transportation plans. **Pls. contact teachers directly if you forgot to send note on the day of the meeting.**

We are in need of volunteers for each of the Science Club Meetings 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays –**January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa8ab2fa1fd0-science>

Beth Bava, Linda Cook, & Sarah Gibson Hoag  
Science Club Co-chairs

*Science Club is funded by Mill Street Home & School*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## BOOK FAIR



### **GET WILD WITH BOOKS**



*February 23-24 2017*

*During Parent Teacher Conferences*



### Mini Courses will be **Friday, April 28, 2017!**

This program allows students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades an opportunity to learn a new skill or interest. It is something that the children look forward to every year. Last year, many of our classes were led by Mill Street parents and received fantastic feedback from the students! This year we are looking to add some new classes. It doesn't need to be super-fancy or complicated. For example, it could be a really good craft or activity you have done with Girl or Boy Scouts, at a birthday party, seen on Pinterest or done with your own children at home. The date is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Please think about what type of class you would like to lead and contact Rebecca Palfenier ([rkuber2003@yahoo.com](mailto:rkuber2003@yahoo.com)) or Sarah Dunne ([sarahbeezy@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahbeezy@yahoo.com)).

If you are unable to lead a class, don't worry – we still need your help!! Please reserve the afternoon to join us and assist in other ways! Thank you!



# Thank You!

The School Family Community Partnership (SFCP) wants to thank the parent volunteers, teachers, students and families for their strong support of Candy Cane Caring. Thanks to your support we raised \$1175 for Mill Street families with economic needs! Candy Cane Caring funds will be used throughout the year for the special needs that arise in our Mill Street community. Thank you for your support!!



Mill Street SFCP and Home and School would like to thank the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial for their generosity and kindness to Mill Street families through the Mill Street Cares Backpacks. Through their generous help, and the help of Darla Driggs, Tonya and Corey Schmidt and Julie Lovick, 26 Mill Street families received extra nutritional assistance at the Thanksgiving and Holiday breaks.

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<b>NO SCHOOL!!</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL!!</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK!!</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Classes Resume				Half Day of School 11:35 a.m. Dismissal	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No School! MILK Day	7:00 p.m. General Home & School meeting. All parents welcome!	2:30-3:30 p.m. Science Club (gr. 3-5)		7:15-8:00 a.m. Student Council (gr. 3-5)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	2nd Grade Field Trip to Naper Settlement		7:30-8:00 a.m. Env. Club (gr. 3-5) Mill Street Night Out at Zoupi!	6-8 p.m. Mill Street Open House		
29	30	31	Notes: Feb. 1: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Inside Out Club			

# HOME & SCHOOL

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