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Dear Mill Stream Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the beauty of autumn. As the leaves change and the air becomes crisp, our school continues to be a vibrant hub of learning and growth for your children. October is a month of transition and excitement, and we have much to share with you.

Our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for your child's education remains unwavering. We have been working tirelessly to ensure that your child's educational journey is filled with opportunities for personal and academic development.

In this month's newsletter, you will find information on upcoming events, important updates, and highlights from our school community. As always, we encourage you to stay connected with us and be actively involved in your child's education.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our dedicated staff, parents, and students for their unwavering support, as we continue to work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Thank you for being part of the Mill Stream family. We look forward to a wonderful month ahead and invite you to explore the exciting happenings in our school community.

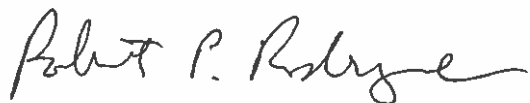
### **Quick Hitters**

- We have just completed our local and state assessments. Our students worked diligently and gave great effort on these very important assessments.
- With the colder weather on the way, please be sure to send your children in with layers if possible. It is much easier to remove layers when you become warm. We are recommending that students have appropriate fall and winter clothing. Jackets and coats are preferred as the temperature declines.
- Please remember to check in with your child's teacher prior to sending in food items for their classrooms. We are asking that all food items be pre-packaged and store bought at this time due the various food allergies that are present in our classrooms.
- Please remember that students should not be wearing their Halloween costumes to school. Please reference our communication sent home on 10/23 for any clarification.
- Breakfast begins at 7:45 am and ends at approximately 8:05 am. If you would like for your student to eat breakfast at school we kindly ask that you try to get them to school by 7:45 am or so. If for any reason they do not get to school by this time, students will still be permitted to get breakfast.

### Upcoming Events

- 10/28 Trunk or Treat-Sponsored by PTG
  - 11/4 Rescheduled Day
- 11/3 Day of Welcoming
- 11/10 Veteran's Day Observed-**NO SCHOOL**
- 11/18 Craft Fair
- 11/20 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/21 Teacher Workshop
- 11/22-11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Picture Retakes

As we bring this October newsletter to a close, I encourage you all to take advantage of the splendid weather that Maine offers during this season. It's the perfect time to spend quality moments with your children, exploring the great outdoors and creating lasting memories. Whether it's hiking in the colorful woods or enjoying a cozy evening around a bonfire, I hope you find time to relish the beauty of this season with your family. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and we look forward to a month filled with exploration and joy.



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