

Mill Stream Messenger

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Principal's Pen

Happy New Year, Mill Stream families! It is hard to believe a new decade has begun! Time truly goes by so quickly.

Please keep in mind that our school day begins at 7:45 a.m. This is also when adult supervision begins at Mill Stream. To ensure the safety of our students, please be sure students are not dropped off prior to 7:45 a.m.

If you drop off your child/children in the morning, please be sure they make their way directly to the playground. This is a valuable social time of the day for our students.

Throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact teachers, Mrs. Lovell or myself with questions or concerns that may arise. When we work together, students will have a great year!

Dates to Remember . . .

January 10 th	Newsletter Goes Home
January 20 th	No School
January 23 rd	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
January 24 th	Newsletter Goes Home

Cold Weather Reminder

Please be sure your child is prepared to play outside on cold days as students go outside if the temperature is 10 degrees or warmer with the wind chill. Thank you!

PTG News

Mark your calendars, our next PTG Meeting is Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the library. We are always looking for new voices so please join us. (Kids are welcome too!) We will be discussing the Spring Event Calendar and a new PTG Classroom Helpers program opportunity.

Social Media Safety

On the back of this week's newsletter you will find information about the fifteen top apps that our students may be accessing. As a mom of three, I wish folks had shared this information with me. I hope you find the information to be helpful.

MeetMe: A dating social media app that connects people based on location. Users are encouraged to meet in person.

WhatsApp: A messaging app that allows texts, video calls, photo sharing and voicemails with users worldwide.

Bumble: Similar to Tinder but requires women to make the first contact. Law enforcement says kids and teens can create fake accounts and falsify their age.

Live.Me: A live-streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos. The sheriff's office said users can earn "coins" to "pay" minors for photos.

Ask.FM: The sheriff's office said this app lets users ask anonymous questions and is known for cyberbullying.

Grindr: A dating app geared toward the LGBTQ community based on user location.

TikTok: A new app popular with kids lets users create and share short videos. Law enforcement said the app has "very limited privacy controls" and users can be exposed to cyberbullying and explicit content.

Snapchat: One of the most popular social media apps in the world, Snapchat lets users take and share photos and videos. The app also lets people see your location.

Holla: This self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app lets users meet people in seconds. Law enforcement said users have seen racial slurs and explicit content.

Calculator+: Police say this is one of several apps that are used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

Skout: A location-based dating app that is supposed to prohibit people under 17 from sharing private photos. However, police say kids can easily create an account with a different age.

Badoo: A dating and social media app where users can chat and share photos and videos based on location. Police say the app is supposed to be for adults only, but they've seen teens create accounts.

Kik: Police say kids can bypass traditional text messaging features using this app. Kik "gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime," the sheriff's office said.

Whisper: An anonymous social network that lets users share secrets with strangers. Police say it also shows users' location so people can meet up.

Hot or Not: The app lets users rate profiles, check out people in their area and chat with strangers. Police say the goal of the app is to hook up.