

Mill Stream Messenger

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Our students will be participating in eMPowerME testing, which is our state assessment. Grades 3-4 will be testing from 3/27-4/3 for approximately seventy minutes per day.

Just a few reminders...

- Please be sure your child receives plenty of rest throughout the week of testing.
- Please be sure your child has breakfast each morning.
- Please be sure your child arrives promptly to school.
- This assessment needs to be taken very seriously. We expect students to give their best effort.

If you have any questions surrounding the assessment please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support. Together we can make a difference!

Parenting Tips

Over the next few newsletters, I will be sharing parenting tips that I recently found and wish I had early on when my own kiddos were small. I am hopeful you will find these to be helpful.

Be the role model your children deserve. Kids learn by watching their parents. Modeling appropriate, respectful, good behavior works much better than telling them what to do.

Fess up when you mess up. This is the best way to show your child how and when she should apologize.

Source: www.parents.com

PTG (Parent/Teacher Group) News

Please consider joining us on the first Wednesday evening of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the school library as we plan activities and events to be held throughout the school year. We always welcome new members and new ideas!

Dates to Remember . . .

March 4, 2019	Town voting at Mill Stream
March 6, 2019	PTG meeting at 6:00 p.m.
March 8, 2019	Trimester 2 ends
March 18, 2019	eMPowerME assessment begins
March 21, 2019	School board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Important Information

Please keep in mind that our teachers are working with students right up until 2:15 p.m. each day. We understand that life happens, but we would love to have our students in class as long as we are able to each day. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

As our families and communities enter our school building, it is important to note that they need to check into our office. We need to ensure student and staff safety at all times.

Attendance Fact

The Maine Department of Education is asking districts to now look at chronic absenteeism outside of just truancy. A child is considered to be chronically absent when both of their excused and unexcused absences have reached 10% of the days we have been in school. Attendance reports are run throughout the school year, so please do not be alarmed if you receive a letter. The intent of the letter is informational and is a way for the school to connect with you to see if there is anything we can do to support you with getting your child to school. If you would like further information about chronic absenteeism, please feel free to reach out.

Did You Know...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school