

# Mill Stream Messenger

March 8, 2019

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Our students will be participating in eMPowerME testing, which is our state assessment. Students in grades 3-6 will be participating.

Grades 3 and 4: March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>

Grades 5 and 6: March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Students will be participating in the following testing sessions: 2 reading, 2 math, 2 writing and language and 1 essay.

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.
- We want our students to show the rest of Maine how well they can do!

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!

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!

## 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.

**Always tell the truth.** It's how you want your child to behave, right?

**Cheer the good stuff.** When you notice your child doing something helpful or nice, let him know how you feel. It's a great way to reinforce good behavior so he's more likely to keep doing it.

Source: [www.parents.com](http://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 8, 2019	Trimester 2 ends
March 15, 2019	Report cards go home
March 18, 2019	eMPowerME assessment begins
March 21, 2019	School board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
March 22, 2019	Newsletter goes home

### Important Information

If you drop your students off in the morning, please be sure to drop off at 7:45 a.m. or after as that is when staff members are on duty.

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

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!



With a variety of upcoming events between now and the end of the year (i.e. book fair, field trips, fun day, etc.), we will be in need of volunteers. If are interested in participating and have not completed a volunteer form, please complete and return the following information and we will send a form home for you to complete.

Your Name:

Student Name:

Grade:

Teacher Name: