

Mill Stream Elementary School  
Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Dear MSES Families,

As we step into the end of November and move into December, the season of gratitude and togetherness is upon us. The holidays are a wonderful time to reflect on the things we value most—our families, friends, and the strong sense of community we share here at MSES.

This month, we have many exciting events and activities planned to keep our students engaged and growing. As the holidays approach, let's all take a moment to express appreciation for the small and big things that make our school such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a season filled with warmth and joy!

#### Quick Hitters

- As the colder months approach, we want to share a few seasonal reminders to help keep our students safe and healthy. With winter weather setting in, please make sure your child comes to school dressed warmly for outdoor recess. This includes a coat, hat, gloves or mittens, and snow boots and pants when necessary. Outdoor play is an important part of the day, and we want all students to stay comfortable while enjoying the fresh air. To help prevent lost items, we also encourage families to label winter clothing with your child's name.
- With flu season upon us, it's also a great time to remind students to practice good hygiene, like washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if they're feeling unwell. These small actions go a long way in keeping our school community healthy.
- As icy and snowy conditions become more frequent, we ask that everyone exercise extra caution during drop-off and pickup times. Allowing a little extra time can help ensure safety for all. Be sure to check our communication channels for any weather-related updates or delays, and make sure your contact information is current with the school office.
- As we prepare for the winter months, please take a moment to review the **Delayed Openings and Winter Storm Cancellations** letter attached to this newsletter. This document outlines important details about what to expect if school is delayed or canceled due to inclement weather.
- If your child's pickup plans change, please be sure to inform our office as soon as possible, but no later than **1:30 PM**. This ensures we have enough time to communicate the changes and get your child to the correct location safely.

**Upcoming Events**

- 11/23 Craft Fair 9 am-12 pm
- 11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/14 Holiday Stroll 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
- 12/17 Winter Concert
- 12/18 Grinch Night PreK 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- 12/23-12/31 Holiday Break
- 1/1 New Year's Day

Thank you,

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Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School