Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

As we move past Thanksgiving and towards the winter holidays, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all you do each and every day to support the students and staff at MSES. Your continuous flexibility and understanding is certainly appreciated by our staff and teachers at MSES. Furthermore, I want to wish you and your family a healthy and safe holiday.

Quick Hitters

- Picture Retakes will be occurring on 12/14 at MSES. A reminder was sent home on Tuesday 11/30 in your child’s folder. Please reach out if you have further questions.
- Just a reminder that we have an early release next Wednesday 12/8. Students will be released at 11:45 am.
- We had our first COVID 19 vaccination clinic on 11/29 for students ages 5-11. The second dose of the vaccination will occur on 12/20 at MSES.
- Thank you for sending your children to school well prepared for the winter weather and recess at school. As a reminder, we will go outside if the temperature is 10 degrees or warmer with the wind chill.
- Please review the Delayed Openings and Winter Storm Cancellation document that accompanies this letter.
- Band, Orchestra, and Chorus are up and running for 5th and 6th grade students. Band and Orchestra students should be bringing instruments home at this point. Please encourage them to play their instruments at home and make sure they are caring for them appropriately. Students should be playing multiple times a week and keeping track of their playing minutes. If you have questions, please reach out to Mr. Lawson (jlawson@msad54.org), our music teacher here at MSES.

COVID 19 Updates

- As you are aware, COVID 19 cases are up in our area. We will continue to implement Federal CDC guidelines and recommendations when cases are verified in our schools. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this very challenging process.
- Please be sure you are not sending your child to school if they are not feeling well.
- Please be diligent about using the district provided pre-screening tool to help reduce the number of cases and exposures in our schools.
- This week pool testing was completed on Monday 11/29 due to the Thanksgiving vacation. Pool testing will resume on Wednesday starting next week.
Upcoming Events

- 12/8 Early Release Day for Students 11:45 am dismissal.
- 12/14 Picture Retake
- 12/16 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 12/20 Covid 19 Vaccination-Dose 2 Clinic
- 12/23-12/31 Holiday Break
- 1/6 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/20 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 1/26 Early Release Day for Students. 11:45 am dismissal.

Thank you,

Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School