

Mill Stream Elementary School

Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Dear Parents,

I trust this message finds everyone navigating through the unpredictable nature of winter in Maine, with its cancellations, early releases, and late arrivals. Your resilience is truly commendable. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for the Winter Concert in December. Witnessing the strong community support for our schools and children was truly heartening. Your presence made the event even more special. As we continue through this winter season, please remember that if there's anything you need, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you.

Quick Hitters

- We're pleased to share that our students are arriving at school well-prepared to enjoy outdoor recess. Recognizing the significance of recess in elementary school programming, we understand its role in fostering physical activity and enhancing social skills crucial to our students' development. As a friendly reminder, recess at MSES will take place if the temperature is 10 degrees or higher with wind chill. Ensuring our students are appropriately dressed for the winter weather is essential. If you find yourself in need of assistance with winter apparel, please feel free to reach out to our office. We are always more than willing to help. Thank you for your continuous support in ensuring our students have a positive and enjoyable recess experience.
- Please be sure to reach out to our teachers and office personnel as questions and concerns arise. We are here to help. When we work together, students will continue to have a successful school experience. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the office to set up meeting times. I understand that there will be pressing issues that may require immediate attention, but scheduling a time to meet is greatly appreciated. It is important to set up a time because our staff are extremely busy as we begin and end our day. Setting a time will ensure that all concerns and requests are given the appropriate time required to discuss.
- If your child is missing clothing, please remind them to check our lost and found by the main stairwell. Oftentimes, clothing is left unclaimed.
- In the last edition of the Principal Newsletter I included the "Delayed Openings and Winter Storm Cancellation" information. If you have further questions please reach out.
- Just a reminder that if you are sending in food or snacks for your child's Valentines Celebration, that those foods need to be prepackaged and store bought. We have several students with food allergies, and it is essential that we are able to double check all ingredients. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

- Thank you to all as we continue to navigate the challenges with snow removal and the parking issues it causes at MSES. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this issue.
- A friendly reminder: when we have a late arrival, as we did this past week, please note that breakfast is not served at school.

Upcoming Events

- 2/8 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 2/15 NAEP Testing Grade 4 Students
- 2/19-2/22 Winter Break
- 3/1 Trimester 2 Ends
- 3/11 Teacher Workshop

Thank you,

Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School