

Mill Stream Elementary School

Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

I hope everybody was able to have a wonderful and restful holiday break with your families and friends. Personally, I am feeling rested and extremely excited to be back at school with our students and staff. As always, please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Quick Hitters

- For the most part, our students have arrived at school well prepared to be able to participate in outside recess. Recess is an important part of elementary school programming. The physical activity, breaks from masks, and social skills development are critical to our students' development and growth. Just as a reminder, recess will occur at MSES if the temperature is 10 degrees or higher with the wind chill. If you need support with appropriate winter apparel, please reach out to our office. We are always more than willing to help if needed. Thank you so much for all of your support with this!
- 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 year.
- If your student 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.

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.
- Pool testing will resume on Wednesday starting this week. Families can still enroll in pool testing.
- Superintendent Moody released the new guidelines this week regarding quarantining on the district's website. Please reach out with any questions.

Upcoming Events

- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/20 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 1/24-1/28 Great Kindness Challenge Week-additional information will be sent home regarding this event.
- 1/26 and 2/9 Early Release Day for Students. 11:45 am dismissal.
- 2/3 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 2/17 School Board Meeting 7pm Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria
- 2/21-2/25 Winter Break

Thank you,



Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School