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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

I hope this most recent edition of the Principal Newsletter finds you healthy and safe and enjoying the warmer weather we have been experiencing. As we approach the end of the school year I wanted to reach out and share with you all of the exciting events and activities we have planned for our students. It is hard for me to believe that the last day of school is almost here.

### **Quick Hitters**

- State assessments will continue through to May 27th. Please encourage your children to do the best they can on these tests.
- We have started our Bikes for Books Program at MSES. In short, students are reading books, filling out tickets, and turning in to their classroom teachers for a chance to win a new bike in an assembly on June 1st.
- Just as a reminder, student dropoff is at 7:45 am. Prior to that time adult supervision is not available. Please make sure your children are supervised prior to 7:45am in order to keep everyone safe.
- Just as a reminder that 5th and 6th grade students will be participating in 5th and 6th Grade Promotion Night and Field Trip. Information has been sent home regarding expectations. Please reach out to Ms. Leonard, Mrs. Fissette, Mrs. Lightboyd, or Mrs. McBreairty with any questions.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 5/2-5/27 State Assessment Window
- 5/29 Memorial Day-No School
- 6/1 Bikes for Books Assembly
- 6/7 5th Grade Promotion Night 5:30pm
- 6/8 5th/6th Grade Field Trip
- 6/9 MSES Field Day
- 6/14 6th Grade Promotion Night 5:30
- 6/15 K-6 Last Day of School-11:45 dismissal
  - End of Year Award Assembly
  - Step Up Day for students K-5
    - 5th and 6th students visited SAMS on 6/6

## PTG News

- Field Day is Friday, June 9th rain or shine! Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up. We will be contacting you shortly with additional information about the day. We have some fun, new surprises in store!
- This spring has been a successful fundraising period for PTG and we cannot express our appreciation to Mill Stream students and families for their continued support. We have already begun putting those funds to work for students, staff and our beloved library!
  - Square1Art has become an annual favorite with its unique art keepsakes that allow families to track their student's growth. Mrs. Hayden facilitates the artwork and we are so thankful for her time, energy and leadership each year.
  - Read-A-Thon was a new endeavor, and boy did it knock our socks off. It's our largest, single fundraiser ever! Not only that, it encouraged students across the school to READ, in excess of 100K minutes in two weeks! We look forward to executing this wonderful program in the next school year.
  - Book Fair allowed us to make a large donation of new books to Mill Stream's Library to fill in popular book series and bring lots of new titles into circulation! We also were able to support our Title 1 Department, classrooms and students with free books too.

Thank you,



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