Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family all doing well and finding some time to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been experiencing the past couple of weeks. Before we know it, the weather will change and there will be a distinct chill in the air. In my opinion, fall in Maine is one of the most enjoyable times of the year. Furthermore, if you have not had a chance to check out the fall foliage yet this year, I would recommend you spend some time doing so. I know that I certainly have enjoyed my drive to and from school during the last week or so, observing the various colors of the harvest season.

Quick Hitters
• NWEA testing is underway and will continue throughout the month of October.
• With the colder weather on the way, please be sure to send you children in with layers if possible. It is much easier to remove layers when you become warm.

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.
• MSES will engage in pool testing which will begin this week. Students will be tested on Wednesdays.

Upcoming Events
• 10/20 - Pool Testing begins at MSES next week for students that were signed up by their guardians. Please reference district communications regarding pool testing sent out earlier this week on the MSAD 54 website.
• 10/20-10/22- Dental Clinic
• 10/21-School Board Meeting
• 10/26 Picture Day
• 11/2-Election Day at MSES. School **WILL** be in session.
• 11/11- Veterans Day-No School

Thank you,

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