

Mill Stream Elementary School

Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Quick Hitters

- We are still working on completing our fall NWEA with students that may have missed them.
- With the colder weather on the way, please be sure to send your children in with layers if possible. It is much easier to remove layers when you become warm. We are recommending that students have appropriate fall and winter clothing. Jackets and coats are preferred as the temperature declines.
- Please remember to check in with your child's teacher prior to sending in food items for their classrooms. We are asking that all food items be pre-packaged and store bought.
- As a reminder, please be sure to follow all traffic signs located on school property during arrival and dismissal. Please refer to the parent letter dated 9/23 for a more comprehensive description of our arrival and dismissal procedures. The information is also located on our school website for your convenience. Most of our visitors are doing a great job with this, however it has been reported that some vehicles are using excessive speed in the drop-off and pick up loop, leaving vehicles unattended to walk students into school in the loop, and exiting out our entrance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these requests.
- We have been made aware that Pandemic EBT cards have been reloaded recently. We have minimal information regarding this benefit, but wanted to share the information with families. I have attached a link below that provides more information.
 - <https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Pandemic%20EBT.pdf>.
- Halloween costumes should not be worn to school on Monday October 31st.

Upcoming Events

- 10/25 Fire Safety Program Grades Pre K-2
- 10/26 Early Release-11:45 dismissal
- 11/3 School Board Meeting at 7:00 pm SAHS Cafeteria
- 11/8 Community Voting **School is in session**
- 11/10-1st Trimester ends.
- 11/11-Veterans Day-**NO SCHOOL**
- 11/17-School Board Meeting at 7:00 pm SAHS Cafeteria
- 11/19 Craft Fair-MSES 9am-2am
- 11/21 Parent Teacher Conferences 8am-3pm and 4pm-7pm or by appointment. Teachers will be reaching out to families to set up meeting times. **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/22 Teacher Workshop-**NO SCHOOL**
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break

PTG News

- **Norridgewock Community Trunk or Treat** is Saturday, 10/29 from 5-7p in the school parking lot. All are welcome! If you'd like to host a trunk it's not too late, drop us a note at millstreamptg@gmail.com and we'll get you the details. Or, you can donate candy to the effort at MSES, Quimby Childcare Centers, Norridgewock Town Office or Skowhegan Savings Bank (Norr.) Mill Stream PTG and Quimby Childcare Centers look forward to seeing you there!!
- **Mill Stream Holiday Craft Fair** is Saturday, November 19 from 9a to 2p at the school. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and there are lots of ways you can participate:
 - Shop the day of the fair to support **50+ unique crafters from across Maine**. It's a sold out fair (75 spaces) with perennial favorites and lots of new vendors too!
 - Bring the kids to **meet the Grinch** and his "elves" and get a family photo too! He'll be there from 9a to Noon!
 - Donate baked goods or crockpot dishes to the food sale tables (a formal request to come later!)
 - Donate **Scholarship Basket Raffle** Items to help us fund our \$500 SAHS scholarship for a former Mill Stream student's continued education (more info to come!)
 - **Volunteer!** Use this link to sign up to set-up, cleanup and or work the fair booths for PTG or 5th/6th grade classes.
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c44acab2aa6fd0-2022>
 - There are opportunities on Friday afternoon/ evening and Saturday all day.
- **November PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, 11/8 at 4:00p in the Library
 - Teacher Luncheon Finalization
 - Craft Fair Finalization
 - Holiday Gift Program Kick-off
 - The Great Kindness Challenge Kick-off

Thank you,



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