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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, healthy, and well. It is hard to believe that we are already two weeks into our first week of school. As a new principal in the building and new to the community, I have been amazed by how welcoming and wonderful the Mill Stream community truly is. Thank you in advance for your support and patience as we work out procedures and schedules over the first couple of weeks. If you need anything from us please do not hesitate to reach out.

Quick Hitters

- Students that ride bicycles to school should park them over by the cafeteria in the bike racks.
- I reminded students that hats are not permitted to be worn at MSES while inside.
- The arrival procedures are starting to work more efficiently. Students attending grades K-6 should enter through the lobby between 7:45-8:15, while Pre K students should enter through the cafeteria starting at 8 am.
- If you need to change your child's transportation method at dismissal time, please attempt to contact the office prior to 1:30.
- Please return all 1st day packets ASAP. If you need additional copies, reach out to our front office.
- If possible, please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle. Due to COVID 19 precautions we are only utilizing our new fill up stations.

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 school.

Upcoming Events

- Early Release for students on 9/22. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 am.
- 10/1 1st trimester progress reports will be sent home.
- No school on 10/11-Indingineous People's Day.

PTG News

- **Next PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, 9/14 at 3:30p (playground weather permitting, cafeteria otherwise. Can't join us? Drop us a note at millstreamptg@gmail.com and we'll add you to our mailing list -- never miss out on volunteer opportunities, fundraising news or upcoming events!
- **Fall Scholastic Book Fair:** The fair will be open Monday, 9/27 thru Friday, 10/1 during class library times. **New this YEAR!** We have added a special *Family Event* on Saturday, 10/2 from 9:00a to Noon in the gymnasium. More details to come!
- **Square1Art Fundraiser:** Back by popular demand and just in time for Holiday Gift Giving! Mrs. Hayden will help each student produce an original artwork during upcoming art classes. Families will then receive a personalized catalog featuring their child's art in which to purchase keepsakes.
- **Reminder:** All volunteers must complete the District's Background Check paperwork and attend one PTG meeting prior to becoming a school/ event volunteer. Mrs. Lang can provide the forms if you stop by the main office and I will have copies at our next PTG meeting too.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Rodrigue Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School

