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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

First and foremost, thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the uncertainties of COVID 19 in our schools and communities. As you are all well aware, this is a challenging time for both our school staff and the students and families of Mill Stream Elementary School. Our instructional staff, nurses and custodial personnel continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. Your understanding and flexibility is a key component in keeping us all safe and in school. Thank you for your continued support of MSES.

#### Quick Hitters

- Great job turning in our start of school year packets. We have received most of them. If you have yet to return this to the school, please do so. If you need additional forms or have questions regarding start of year paperwork, please reach out to our office.
- If your child is taking their electronic devices home please be certain they are charged when they return to school.

#### 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.

#### Upcoming Events

- Scholastic Book Fair is taking place this week
  - Family event is Saturday 10/2 at MSES in the gym from 9 am to 12 pm. Please remember that we are masking and distancing to the greatest extent possible when inside at MSES to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Lastly, as we continue to deal with the difficulties of COVID 19 in our school, we ask that families limit the number of family members that attend to avoid gathering in larger groups. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support with these requests.
- NWEA testing will be occurring at MSES between 10/4 and 10/29. This assessment will be the state assessment for students in grades 3-6. All other grades will be utilizing the evaluation to develop current levels of achievement and dive into our instructional practices over the course of the year.
- Next school board meeting is scheduled for 10/7 @ Skowhegan Area Middle School @ 7 pm.
- No school on 10/11-Indigenous People's Day.
- Picture Day October 26th.- More information to come.

#### PTG News

- Don't forget! It's Book Fair Week (Mon, 9/27 to Fri, 10/2) during Library time, please remember to send funds with your child if you would like them to participate. We are also hosting a Spirit Week during the Book Fair. See the flyer sent home last week or check it out on our Facebook page @msptg. Let's celebrate in the Jungle as "Reading is WILD!"
- GRANDS Family Book Fair Event please join us for the Scholastic Book Fair on Saturday, 10/2 from 9:00a to 12:00p in the MSES Gym! We'll have games, activities, prizes and of course loads of BOOKS to help you build those home libraries!! This is a great opportunity for grandparents or other special people in your child's life to spend some quality time together.
- Our next PTG Meeting is Tuesday, 10/19 at 3:30p in the Library. Can't join us? Drop us a note at millstreamptg@gmail.com and we'll add you to our communication email list so you can be in the loop on upcoming events, volunteering opportunities, etc.

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