

Mill Stream Elementary School
Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Dear MSES Families,

I trust this message finds everyone navigating through the unpredictable nature of winter in Maine, with its cancellations, early releases, and late arrivals. Your resilience is truly commendable. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for the Winter Concert in December. Witnessing the strong community support for our schools and children was truly heartening. Your presence made the event even more special. As we continue through this winter season, please remember that if there's anything you need, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you.

Quick Hitters

- I wanted to share a couple of important reminders regarding drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff:
 - Parking Lot Entrances:
 - We've noticed a few vehicles using the crosswalk opening to enter and exit the parking lot. Please remember there are only two designated entrances/exits to the drop-off and pick-up loop, both located at the end of the loop near the main road.
 - Pickup Traffic and Cones:
 - During pickup, we place cones on the crosswalk to temporarily stop traffic as we dismiss close to 100 students in a short period. For the safety of everyone, all vehicles in the loop will need to wait patiently until students and staff have safely cleared the area.
- Please be sure to reach out to our teachers and office personnel as questions and concerns arise. We are here to help. When we work together, students will continue to have a successful school experience. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the office to set up meeting times if needed. I understand that there will be pressing issues that may require immediate attention, but scheduling a time to meet is greatly appreciated. It is important to set up a time because our staff are extremely busy as we begin and end our day. Setting a time will ensure that all concerns and requests are given the appropriate time required to discuss.
- If your child is missing clothing, please remind them to check our lost and found by the main stairwell. Often, clothing is left unclaimed.

- In the last edition of the Principal Newsletter I included the “Delayed Openings and Winter Storm Cancellation information. If you have further questions please reach out. A friendly reminder: when we have a late arrival, please note that breakfast is not served at school.
- Just a reminder that if you are sending in food or snacks for your child’s Valentines Celebration, that those foods need to be prepackaged and store bought. We have several students with food allergies, and it is essential that we are able to double check all ingredients. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- If you need to change your child’s pickup plans, please contact our office prior to 1:30 PM. This ensures we have enough time to communicate the changes to all necessary staff and make the transition smooth for your child. Thank you for your attention to this important reminder. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and organized dismissal process for everyone.
- The Superintendent of Schools is searching for parents to participate in the district’s Parent Advisory Committee. Established in 2020, this committee provides a platform for meaningful dialogue between the Superintendent, parents, and community stakeholders. Meetings are structured with an agenda and always include opportunities for questions, discussions, and follow-ups on topics that matter to parents. If you are interested in joining this important committee, please email Tracey Foster at tfoster@msad54.org. for more information. We look forward to your participation in helping shape our district’s future!

Upcoming Events

- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- 1/29 Early Release Day
- 2/5 MIYHS Survey 5th Grade Students
- 2/17-2/21 Winter Break

Thank you,

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