

Mill Stream Elementary School
Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy, happy, and safe as we continue to progress to the warmer weather of spring. I would encourage you to take the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with your children as we continue to have more weather that is conducive to outdoor activities. As always please reach out to our office staff if you have any questions as we progress through the third trimester.

Quick Hitters

- As the weather continues to warm up and students are putting away their snow gear for the year, please remember to dress your children in layers so they can be comfortable while outside. Dressing in layers will ensure they are able to remain comfortable while participating in recess, given the unpredictable temperatures occurring this time of year. Even though we are starting to put winter clothing away, please continue to send your students to school with boots, as our playground can still be quite muddy during the spring season.
- Our yearly Kindergarten Registration process has begun. The dates for this year's screening will occur on May 5th and 6th. Please call our office to make an appointment for your child if they are **NOT** currently enrolled in Mill Stream's Pre-K Program. Lastly, if you know of any other children in our community that will be 5 years old, prior to October 15, 2025 please encourage them to reach out to the school as well. Kindergarten students will not attend school on those days, as our staff will be supporting the screening process.
- If your student is missing clothing, please remind them to check our lost and found by the main stairwell. Oftentimes, clothing is left unclaimed.
- **DROP OFF REMINDER:**
 - We have opened additional guest and visitor parking spots in the drop-off and pickup lot, which has helped improve our morning and afternoon routines. During drop off, If you need to park, please use these designated spots whenever available. . Recently, we have noticed vehicles that have been parked on crosswalks or in undesignated areas, which creates safety concerns. If additional parking is needed, the library lot is available, though it may require a short walk.
 - As a reminder, during morning drop-off, students should be let out on the sidewalk in the loop whenever possible. Parking along the inside curb in the lot blocks traffic and creates unsafe conditions for students exiting vehicles.
 - Lastly, during drop off please do not leave vehicles unattended in the drop-off/pickup loop, as it disrupts traffic flow and prevents emergency access. If you need to leave your vehicle, please be sure to park in a designated spot in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping drop-off safe and efficient.

Upcoming Events

- 3/14 Teacher Workshop-No School
- 3/25 5th Grade Science Fair 5-6pm
- 4/3 Kindergarten-Grade 2 Field Trip-Waterville Opera House
- 4/14-4/18 Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/15 Learning Palooza
- 4/21-4/25 April Break
- 5/6 and 5/7 Kindergarten Registration-No School for Kindergarten Students
- 5/13 Band, Orchestra and 4th and 5th Chorus Spring Concert 5-6pm

Thank you,

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Principal Mill Stream Elementary School