

Mill Stream Elementary School

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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 16th and 17th. Students who have attended Pre-K will be assessed on May 16th, while those that have not been enrolled in Pre-K will be assessed on May 17th. 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, 2022 please encourage them to reach out to the school as well.
- If your student is missing clothing, please remind them to check our lost and found by the main stairwell. Oftentimes, clothing is left unclaimed.
- When we have a school delay, breakfast is not served. Please plan accordingly.
- Our student leadership team is coordinating Hat Days on Fridays at MSES. Individuals can donate \$1 in order to wear their favorite hat while inside the building at MSES.
- Our Band, Orchestra, and Chorus students are working extremely hard in preparation of their May 3rd concert here at MSES. Mr. Lawson will be sending out information regarding the specifics in the near future.
- If you need to update the contact information you provided the first week of school, please notify the office. It is important that we can reach you if needed.
- Please take the time to fill out the Parent Input Form for Placement that is going home with the letter and return to the office prior to April break.

COVID 19 Updates

- MSAD 54 has moved to a mask optional policy as of March 9th. Our students and community have done a wonderful job of being kind and respectful of each individual's unique decision regarding masking. We are continuing to implement social distancing to the greatest extent possible and practicing preventative measures as we have in the past to keep our students and staff safe. However, our Pre-K program is still following masking guidelines within our school.
- We have started the process of moving forward with mixing our cohorts at MSES. For example we are permitting mixing during recess and lunch as was typically done prior to the pandemic. Additionally, we are combining groups in our educational experiences.
- Please continue to monitor your child's symptoms and reach out to our school nurse with any questions regarding student attendance at school
- Pool testing is still occurring on Wednesdays. As some are aware, if one of our pools returns positive we are required to do follow up testing the following school day to identify the positive case. If we do not identify the positive individual, we will complete testing again the following day to be certain that there was not an inaccuracy in the testing. Once individuals test negative twice, we discontinue testing for the week and will simply monitor for symptoms with those individuals.
- If your child is diagnosed with COVID 19, remember they will need to quarantine for 5 days as well as wear a mask at school on days 6-10.

Upcoming Events

- 3/30 Early Release Day for Students
- 4/14 School Board Meeting SAHS cafeteria-7pm
- 4/18-4/22 Spring Break
- 5/3 Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Concert-5:30 pm

Thank you,

Robert Rodrigue Jr.

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Principal Mill Stream Elementary School