Mill Stream Elementary School
Sticking our necks out for kids!

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Good Afternoon Mill Stream Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we welcome the warmer days of spring. This time of year brings a renewed sense of energy to our school, and it's always great to see students enjoying time outdoors and engaging in all that this season has to offer. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to spend time outside with your children whenever possible.

As we move through the final trimester, our focus remains on supporting each student's academic progress while continuing to foster strong social-emotional growth. This is an important time of year, and we appreciate the partnership we share with families in helping students stay engaged, motivated, and successful.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions or need support. Thank you for your continued collaboration and for all that you do to support our school community.

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 11th and 12th. 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, 2026 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.
- As we move into the month of May, students will be participating in NWEA and Maine Through Year assessments. These assessments provide valuable information about your child's progress and help guide our instruction moving forward. We encourage all students to do their very best. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and arriving at school on time each day can make a big difference in helping students feel prepared and confident. While these assessments are an important part of understanding student growth, we also want students to feel supported and not stressed. Encouragement from home goes a long way in helping them approach testing with a positive mindset. If you

have any questions about testing, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support.

- As we move toward the end of the school year, attendance continues to be extremely important. Each day of instruction matters, and consistent attendance helps students stay engaged, maintain routines, and continue making progress. Missing just 2 days a month can add up to nearly 10% of the school year, which is considered chronic absenteeism and can have a significant impact on student learning. We understand that there are times when students need to be out, but whenever possible, please do your best to have your child in school each day. If your child is feeling under the weather and you're unsure whether they should attend, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our school nurse is always available to provide guidance and help you make the best decision. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child finish the year strong.

Upcoming Events

- 5/4-5/29 NWEA/MTY Assessments
- 5/5 Band, Orchestra and 4th and 5th Chorus Spring Concert 5:30 pm
- 5/6 Early Release Day for Students
- 5/11 and 5/12 Kindergarten Registration-No School for Kindergarten Students
- 5/15 Grades K-4 Windsor Fair-Dairy Expo(Grades K-4)
- 5/25 Memorial Day-No School

Thank you,

Robert P. Rodrigue

Principal Mill Stream Elementary School