

Mill Stream Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This spring, we will be making decisions for the best classroom placement for your child's next year of school. We encourage you to send us your thoughts on your child's learning style and academic and social needs. **Your input is due by Friday, April 16.** Your thoughtful input will be considered in the placement of your student. Due to the unknown placement of teachers and to vacancies, specific request by teacher name cannot be a factor.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, April 6, and on Tuesday, April 13 if needed. Please phone the school for an appointment (634-3121). All children who reach **age five by October 15, 2010**, are eligible for kindergarten. Please advise friends and neighbors who have young children to also phone the school. Registration includes assessments in motor, speech, language and concepts. Data collected from these assessments will help us best prepare for your child's needs in the fall.

Rising Star

Again this year, we are offering our grade 4 students a special program called "Rising Star". This is a two day set of events. The first day was on Friday, March 19 and the next day in April 2. On the first day, the girls participated in career activities and the boys were involved in good character education. On the second day, these roles will be reversed. Both of these activities take place at the Skowhegan Recreation Canter and at the Bloomfield School in Skowhegan. Students will need a bag lunch or they may get a bag lunch from our school cafeteria at whatever price they usually pay.

Special events

Please set your calendar for Friday, May 7, and join us at a parent/child school dance from 6:00-7:00. This activity is sponsored by our very active PTG (parent teacher group). The group just finished a three-week after school project which was highly successful. Activities offered included crafts, basketball, chess, computer, study buddies, and drama for grades 4-6. Crafts, basketball, paper and paint, and dance were offered to grades K-3. These parents also contributed time and supplies to help build new hands-on math fact kits for grades 1 and 2 students. Please contact me if you wish to join the PTG.

A musical concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, at 6:00 performed by Mrs. Eldridge's band and chorus students. The theme of this year's concert is music from The Sound of Music. To prepare, Mr. Ranger showed the grades 5 and 6 students the Musical and did related activities.

The Chorus will sing a medley of songs from the musical. The band will be performing music from the musical as well, along with instrumental solos and a dance. Many of the performers will be in costumes.

Please expect my next newsletter on Friday, April 30.

Sincerely,

Cecile J. Tobey

Important Dates

Friday, April 2 – ranks close; Friday, April 9 – report cards issued
Tuesday, April 6 and possibly 13 – Kindergarten registration
Tuesday, April 7 – Band performance at SAHS for grades 5,6
Friday, April 2 – Rising Star for grade 4
April 19-23 – no school, spring vacation
Monday, April 26 – classes resume
Fun Fridays - April 2 – Sports Day April 9 – USA Day April 16 – School Spirit Day (school mascot is the eagle and school colors are blue and gold)
Thursday, April 29 – Spring concert with grades 5,6 students