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Upcoming Events

- Aug. 10-Deadline for Athletic paperwork for Fall Sports
- Aug. 13-6th Grade Meet the Teacher 5:30-7:30
- Aug. 14-First day of School for 6th Graders 7:55-11:12
  7th & 8th Grade Meet the Teacher 5:30-7:30
- Aug. 15--First day of School for 7th and 8th Graders
- Aug. 16-Fundraiser Assembly 2:30 pm.
- Aug. 20-Fall Sports Parent info-after practices

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Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
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Website
www.usd232.org

Welcome Back

Dear Mill Creek Families,

The Mill Creek staff are gearing up for another great start to an awesome school year! We look forward seeing our 6th graders on Tuesday, August 14th. We will see all students on Wednesday, August 15th. Please know that both first days will begin with an assembly in the gym. You are welcome to take pictures if you would like of your child's first day. We ask that you take these pictures *outside* of the building. We also invite you to attend our Meet the Teacher night on August 13th for 6th grade and August 14th for 7th and 8th grade. Please be familiar with the team your child is on. We will also have an optional Parent Panel from 5:30 – 6:00 PM for any new families that want to ask questions to our parents who have had students attend Mill Creek. Our exploratory teacher open house begins at 6 PM and you are welcome to walk from room to room meeting them. We will have our core teacher rotations beginning at 6:35. We ask that you report to the room that has your last initials on the door and we will rotate in a clockwise format.

Please remember that school begins at 7:55 AM and dismisses at 3:05 PM. On the 6th grade day, students will be dismissed at 11:12 AM after their brunch.

Our theme this year is Be The One for Kids. Our goal is to make sure each child feels safe and successful at school. Please reach out to us with questions, concerns or compliments. We encourage your feedback.

Thank you again for supporting our wonderful school. We look forward serving your students this year.

Please read new cell phone policy on Page 4.

From your Principals



New Staff



From Top Left: Jon Pinker-Spanish, Andrew Elliott-6G Pathways, Debbie Landis-Social Worker
2nd Row: Regan Rainbolt-8G Pathways, Emma Carson-6B Social Studies, Katie Gray-7B Pathways
3rd Row: Aaron Burns Eng. Tech, Hailee Schmidt-SPED
4th Row: Carlita Pederson-Vocal Music, Gina Miller-Computers, Nancy Brandt-Art
5th Row: Emily Brown Foreign Language, Meredith Lenfestey-6B ELA, Cathe Frantz-SPED

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Dear Parents of Car Riders,

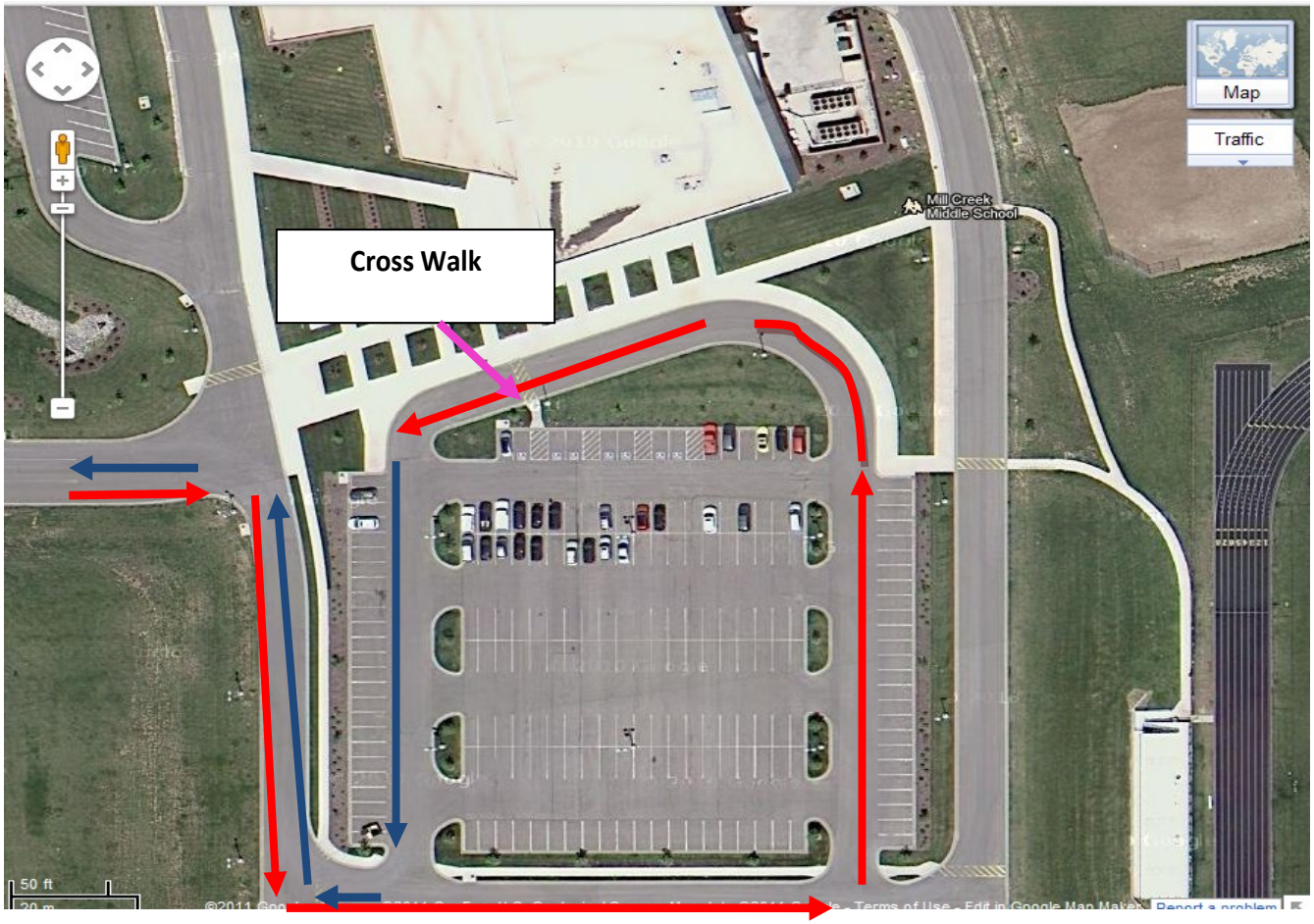
For the safety of all of our students, we are asking that you follow the following procedures when dropping off and picking up your child or children from Mill Creek Middle School.

Dropping off: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to drop off. Once your child has been dropped off, please exit the loop as shown on the map. If you are planning on coming in the school building with your child or children, please park in the parking lot and walk across the painted cross walk. Do not double park in the lane.

Picking up after school: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to pick up. Please DO NOT double park on the left side of the lane. If you wait patiently, the cars in front of you will pull off. Most of our students are picked up no later than 3:15PM. We encourage you not to park in the parking lot and wait for your child to come to you. If you want to park in the parking lot, your child will need to cross at the cross with the approval of crossing guard (staff member). Please remind your students to look around while walking in the parking lot.

To protect our students from an accident occurring, we will require students/parents to follow the parking lot procedures.

Our district has also displayed signs in the car loop that reminds parents of not using their cell phones while in the loop to help avoid accidents from occurring. We would appreciate your assistance with this as well.



Mill Creek Middle School



Monday, August 13th (6th Grade)
&
Tuesday August 14th (7th/8th Grade)

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

5:30 - 5:50 - Parent Panel
6:00 - 6:30 - Exploratory Open House
6:35 - 7:30 - Team Classroom Rotations

See You Soon!



PosterMyWall.com

Message Board

New Cell Phone Policy at Mill Creek:

All students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which you signed during enrollment online. However, we will be asking all students to keep their phones in their lockers during the day from 7:55 AM – 3:05 PM. They will not be permitted at lunch as well. Students can bring their cell phone devices to class for academic purposes with the discretion of the teacher. Please know that students may not receive a text message from you in a timely manner in that they will be in class learning. Students are still able to bring other devices to use in the classroom if they choose with teacher discretion. (Examples, not limited to: Chromebooks, iPads, Laptops, Kindles, etc.) Please know that it is not required that a student bring a device to school. Our teachers will make available district technology if needed for classroom purposes. We are encouraging students to take a break from their personal devices during school which can be a distraction from learning. If a student is caught with their cell phone out of their locker without permission, the phone will be confiscated by a staff member and brought to the office. The cell phone will be kept in the office and picked up at the end of the day. Parents may be asked to pick up the device if it is confiscated frequently. We ask that you support this policy by reminding your child about it. We will discuss this with students on the first day of school.

Schedule Changes:

Any student requesting to change **Exploratory Classes** MUST fill out a pink request form. Forms can be picked up in the Student Services Office. Forms can be turned in between August 15 and August 21. **Early and late requests will not be accepted.** Requests are **not guaranteed** and is determined on class sizes and other restraints.

Forgotten Items Policy

It is each student's responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, lunch or lunch money and anything else they need at school. It is important for students to learn to handle their responsibility.

If you decide to bring forgotten items to school, leave them CLEARLY LABELED at the Students Drop-Off Table in the school office. The office will NOT interrupt classroom instruction to notify your child of a forgotten item(s). Students can pick them up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

6th Grade: Mill Creek sixth grade teachers are looking forward to a great year. Please join us, if you can, August 13 at our Meet the Teacher Night. We're excited to welcome our new kiddos to The Creek!

From the FACS Room: Welcome Back! If your student has enrolled in FACS this year they will be receiving a sewing supply list in class! If your student does not have FACS first qtr/semester it will come home at a later date. I also send home a **Food Allergy** sheet if that applies, please fill out for your student!

I had a few items on the school supply list for FACS, your student is welcome to drop those things off at the beginning of the year with their name on them and I will keep them until it is their Qtr/Semester.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns!

Mrs. Dieckhoff

Fall Sports Information

Cross Country:

Tuesday, August 14 – Uniform Check Out, Room 205, 1:00p-3:00p

August 15 – First Practice after school

Monday, August 20 – Parent Meeting 4:30 pm in the 6th Grade POD

Sign up for text messages!

Send @mcmsxc to 81010

Information can be found on the MCMS Cross Country website: https://www.usd232.org/domain/330

Contact Beth Fisher at efisher@usd232.org with any questions



Football:

Monday, August 13
7th & 8th grade 3:15- 5:00 First practice/Equipment checkout

Tuesday, August 14-Friday, August 17
Practice 3:15-5:00

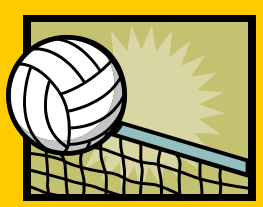
Monday, August 20
Parent Meeting (7th and 8th) 5:00 in the Gym



Volleyball:

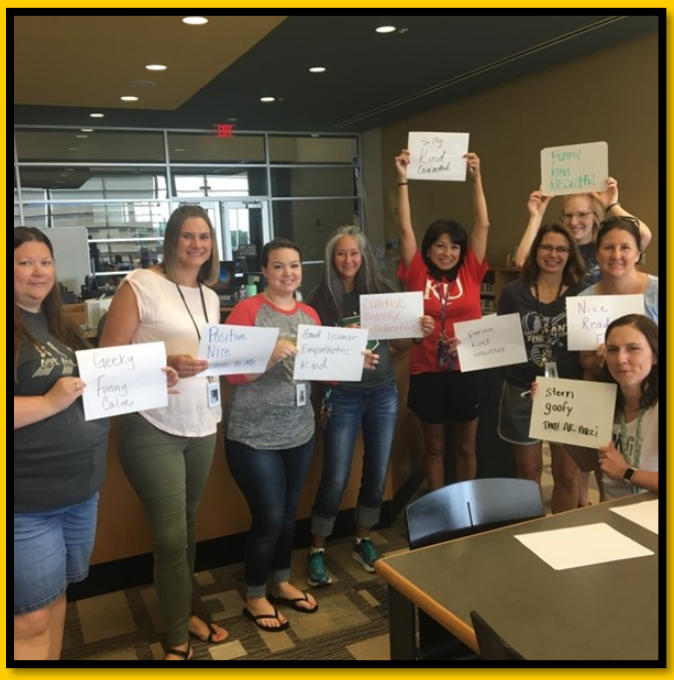
7th grade volleyball begins tryouts on Tuesday, August 14, from 3:30-5p.m. Tryouts continue on Wednesday-Friday from 3:15-5p.m. ; **Eighth** grade volleyball begins tryouts on Wednesday, August 15, from 3:15-4:45. Tryouts continue on Thursday and Friday from 6am-7:30am.

Monday, August 20-Parent Meeting 5:00pm in the 7th Grade POD



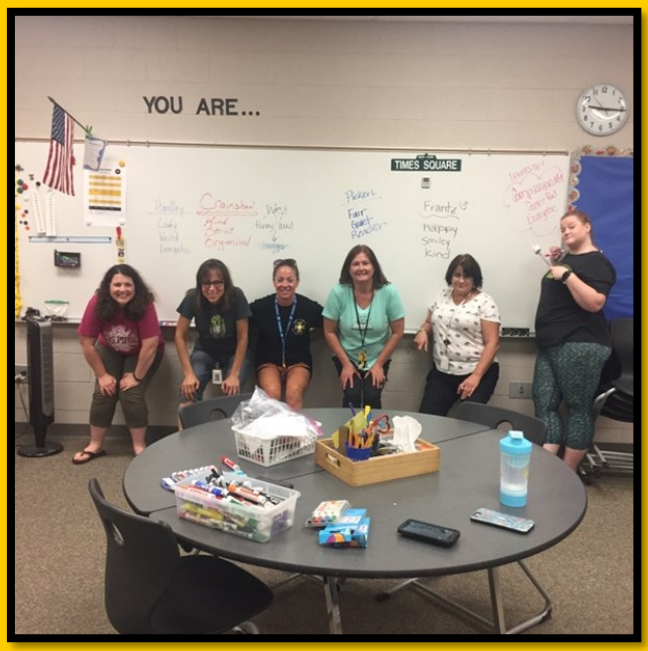
This week at the Creek

Mill Creek Staff participating in some team building!



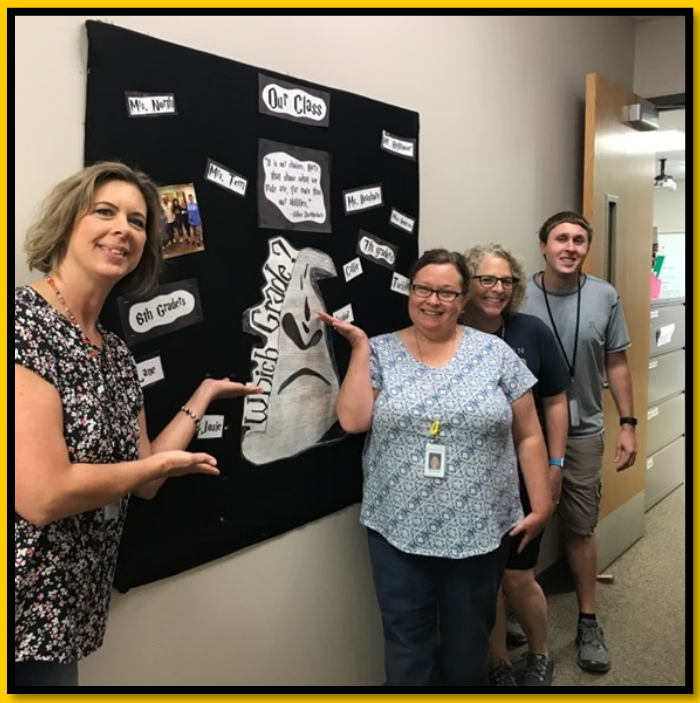


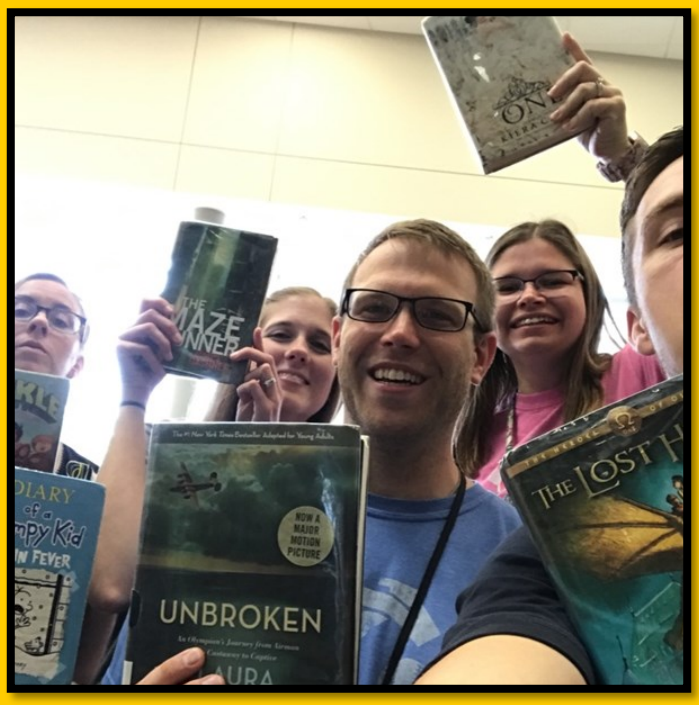




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Thanks so much to MCMS PTA Parents (over 25 different families!) who brought food for the back to school 2018-19 teacher breakfast! It was a wonderful way to welcome the teachers back to school and also thank them for their hard work. PTA also gave the teachers party favors to start their day just right! Thanks MCMS parents for all you do to help support the school!





LIBRARY LOWDOWN

August 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

I wanted to let families know that I'll be at "Meet The Teacher Night" both evenings. If your student is with you, they are welcome to come check out a book those nights.

I do Scholastic Book Orders each month. Students can pick up a flyer in the library. Parents may order online with my class code, or students can bring checks to pay for the books. My first order will be Friday August 31st.

https://clubs.scholastic.com/ Class Code: L9D8J

Check Out Policy

Students may check out two books for two weeks. Also, students can renew those books two times. If students need nonfiction books for school projects, those don't count against their two book limit. There are no late fines charged at our library. However, if books are lost or damaged, then a replacement fine is charged for that book.

Library After Hour

During the fall semester, the library will stay open after school on Thursdays unless otherwise posted. This day usually coincides with a home sporting event. Students can come to the library from 3-4 p.m. to work on homework, use computers, read, draw, use maker space supplies, and play games. We will have the coffee shop open for students to purchase drinks. The coffee shop only accepts cash and prices range from $2-$3.

Upcoming Dates

August 13

- 6th Grade Meet The Teacher Night

August 14

- 7th and 8th Grade Meet The Teacher Night

August 15

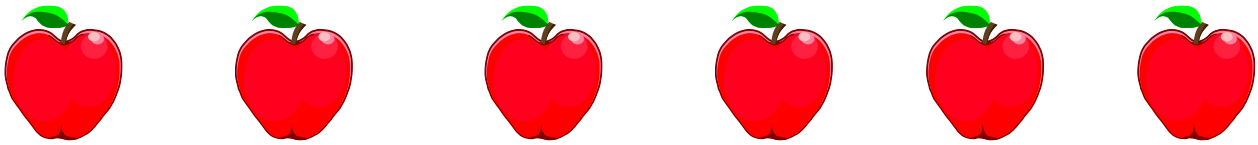
- First Day of School

August 17

- Library Day for 7th Grade

Connect With The Library Media Center www.readingroberts.com brroberts@usd232.org

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KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The De Soto School District has been an important and strong participant in the Kansas Teacher of the Year Program for many years. De Soto has had fourteen state finalists and twelve semi-finalists represented in the program since 2000. Two of our very own teachers were chosen as The Kansas Teacher of the Year; Keil Hileman in 2004 and Jeri Powers in 2008. This is truly un-precedented! Kaitlen North (MCMS) and Megan Clark (CE) will be representing our district in the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year program. The 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year will be announced in November in Wichita.

We would like for you to nominate any teacher whom you consider to be an outstanding and effective educator **and** whom you or your child has had as a teacher. This person must be a tenured employee of USD 232. If there is a De Soto educator whom you believe to be outstanding and deserving of special recognition, please fill out the form below. This form needs to be returned to your building principal by noon on September 28, 2018.

I would like to nominate _____

who is presently teaching at _____ for the

2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year Program. I believe that he/she is an outstanding

teacher, deserving of special recognition because:

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(name)

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR BUILDING PRINCIPAL BY noon on Sept 28, 2018.

Online nominations at:

https://www.usd232.org/ktoy

Lunch Information

Parents, grandparents and/or other legal guardians are welcome to join their students for lunch. In addition to specific building procedures, all visitors must respect the following guidelines established to maintain a safe and orderly cafeteria:

- All visitors must check-in at the office and wear a visitor's badge.
- Once in the cafeteria, visitors must check in with one of the lunch room supervisors.
- Staff cannot pre-arrange or guarantee specific students to be seated together.
- At the conclusion of lunch, visitors should check-out in the office.



Lunch Menu for the Week of

August 13-17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO School	Welcome 6th Graders!	Popcorn Chicken Warm Biscuit Steamed Green Beans Curly Fries Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Garlic French Bread Pizza w/Marinara Sauce Caesar Salad Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Milk/Juice Selection	Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection

