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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 10-Cheer Competition
- Nov. 12-Wrestling Tri –HOME
- Nov. 13-Girls Basketball vs. LTMS
  7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Nov. 14-Wrestling at BLMS
- Nov. 15-Girls Basketball vs. BLMS
  7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Nov. 16-Recognition Assembly 2:15-3:00
- Nov. 19-Girls Basketball vs. Tonganoxie
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Nov. 21-23-Thanksgiving Break-Building closed

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Go Forth to Serve

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Mill Creek was honored to have in our presence many service men and women for our Veterans Day Assembly. We would like to send a BIG Thank you to all our Veteran's!







Veterans Day













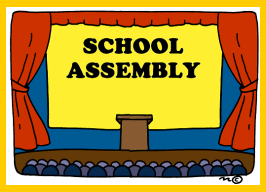
Bulletin Board

8th Grade: Now that we are finishing our 4th week of the second quarter, this is an excellent time to check in with your 8th grader and make sure all work is turned in and AR is on track!

From the Nurse: Attention: 6th Grade Parents!

The state of Kansas requires that all students have a booster shot for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (called TDaP) before starting 7th grade. This single booster shot should be given at age eleven or twelve, so please ask your pediatrician for this vaccine when you take your child for a well-child visit this year. If you don't currently have a regular doctor for your child or if a trip to the doctor is a scheduling challenge, you can also get this vaccination at many local pharmacies or the Johnson County Health Department. After the shot, please submit proof of vaccination to your school nurse. Thank you for your help in keeping all Mill Creek students healthy and safe.

Recognition Assembly: On Friday, November 16, there will be a recognition assembly during the final period of the day. If you are planning on signing out your child after 2:15, please expect delays in locating your child. To avoid delays, it is recommended to pick up your child before 2:15. Students will be in the assembly until dismissal time at 3:05. We appreciate your patience and assistance.



Counselor's Corner

Dear parents/guardians,

During PE classes on November 19th and 20th your students will be hearing from a guest speaker from the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA). There will be two speakers coming, one speaker will talk with the boys and one speaker will talk with the girls. Each grade level will discuss a different topics, 6th grade will discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships, 7th grade will discuss sexual harassment and 8th grade will discuss bystander engagement. Students will be receiving a permission slip from their PE teachers on Monday to bring home to be signed and returned by Friday November 16th. Permission slips will also be attached to this newsletter and can be printed and returned as well. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Annie Hessenflow at ahessenflow@usd232.org or Beth Fisher at efisher@usd232.org.

Unified School District 232

Dear 6th grade Parent/Guardian:

Your child will have the opportunity to participate with his/her class in a Guest Speaker experience. This opportunity has been approved by the school principal and is considered a learning experience pertaining to a present unit of study or culminating activity.

Name of Class: Guidance Curriculum

Unit of Study: Responsible Decision Making & Problem Solving

Supervising Teacher: Jennifer Barnhart, Justin Pickens, Beth Fisher & Annie Hessenflow

Name of Presentation: Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships

Guest Speaker: Will be from the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA). The speaker will present in 6th grade P.E. classes. Students will learn the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships by taking a closer look at personal relationships. Communication, respect, abuse, and boundaries are discussed.

Your signature below will indicate your willingness for your child to participate. If for some reason you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the classroom teacher and an alternate assignment will be provided.

☐Yes, I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

☐No, my child will not participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Date)

*** Students please return this signed form to your social studies teachers by Friday November 16th.**

Unified School District 232

Dear 7th grade Parent/Guardian:

Your child will have the opportunity to participate with his/her class in a Guest Speaker experience. This opportunity has been approved by the school principal and is considered a learning experience pertaining to a present unit of study or culminating activity.

Name of Class: Guidance Curriculum

Unit of Study: Responsible Decision Making & Problem Solving

Supervising Teacher: Jennifer Barnhart, Justin Pickens, Beth Fisher & Annie Hessenflow

Name of Presentation: Sexual Harassment

Guest Speaker: Will be from the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) The speaker will present in 7th grade P.E. classes. Students will learn about the types of sexual harassment, the difference between flirting and sexual harassment, and what to do if sexual harassment happens. Students also learn about internet harassment, cyberbullying and sexting.

Your signature below will indicate your willingness for your child to participate. If for some reason you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the classroom teacher and an alternate assignment will be provided.

☐Yes, I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

☐No, my child will not participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Date)

***Students please return this signed form to your social studies teachers by Friday November 16th.**

Unified School District 232

Dear 8th grade Parent/Guardian:

Your child will have the opportunity to participate with his/her class in a Guest Speaker experience. This opportunity has been approved by the school principal and is considered a learning experience pertaining to a present unit of study or culminating activity.

Name of Class: Guidance Curriculum

Unit of Study: Responsible Decision Making & Problem Solving

Supervising Teacher: Jennifer Barnhart, Justin Pickens, Beth Fisher & Annie Hessenflow

Name of Presentation: Bystander Engagement

Guest Speaker: Will be from the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA). The speaker will present in 8th grade P.E. classes. Students will learn about the importance of bystanders in situations that lead to violence and bullying. Prevention and intervention tips, victim support, and reporting abuse are discussed.

Your signature below will indicate your willingness for your child to participate. If for some reason you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the classroom teacher and an alternate assignment will be provided.

☐Yes, I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

☐No, my child will not participate in the presentation given by the Guest Speaker.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Date)

*** Students please return this signed form to your science teachers by Friday November 16th.**

Parents,

We realize just how much you pay for water bottles and appreciate you sending them so that your student can stay hydrated throughout the day without having to leave the classroom. However, if you had any idea of how many of these water bottles accumulate in classrooms, you might be shocked! Protect your "investment" by using a Sharpie and putting your student's name on the bottle before it comes to school. When (not if) they leave it in class, we will at least know who it belongs to and can return it to your home, rather than Goodwill or the Salvation Army donation bins.

Current Lost & Found (not including several that were on the ground because the table is full), which will grow to dozens by winter break when we clear them out:



Student Drop off Table

It is each student's responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, band instruments, 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). Tell your child that they can pick up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Science Olympiad

The MCMS Science Olympiad competed in their first tournament on Saturday 11/3.
The team scored 11th out of 21 schools

Placements:
1st place – Mystery Architecture – Lauren Fandre & Will Lawson
2nd place – Battery Buggy – Will Lawson & Ella Lawson
3rd place – Fossils – Zach Myers & Alex Boresow
3rd place – Roller Coaster – Myles Gragg
5th place – Boomilever – Bridgit Duffin & Jenna Graber
5th place – Circuit Lab – Caiden Doboz













Cheer Competition

The Mill Creek Cheer Team received an outstanding rating from the judges this past weekend at the Louisburg Competition. Congratulations!

Good luck to the Cheer team at their next competition on November 10 at Blue Valley Southwest!



Name: _____ School: _____ Extension/Email: _____

The Creek Card Collections

As part of a MELT class at Mill Creek Middle School, students in the special education classroom have teamed up with "Friends-in-Learning" from all three grades. The Friends-in-Learning come to class daily to assist students with the many steps required to make these beautiful greeting cards. From tearing, sorting and blending scraps of paper to create the card, punching out fun designs and constructing/designing the actual card, the business is completely student-lead. Even the name was created by the students in the classroom! The money is used to pay for class trips into the community to extend student learning.

There will be no guarantee the exact design of the greeting card.
Below are some examples of the types of cards available currently.

$1.00 each



Birthday Balloons
Quantity: _____



All Occasion Flower
Quantity: _____



Thank-You Simple Square
Quantity: _____



Christmas-
Holiday Tree
Quantity: _____



Holiday-
Snowflake
Quantity: _____



Christmas-
Paint Chip Trees
Quantity: _____

☐ I wish to have a custom card made. Please circle from the choices below:

Congratulations- Baby Boy	Quantity _____
Congratulations- Baby Girl	Quantity _____
Congratulations	Quantity _____
Thinking of you	Quantity _____
Wedding	Quantity _____
OTHER: _____	Quantity _____

Payment include: Cash amount_____ Check amount _____ (Make checks payable to Kaitlen North)

Contact Kaitlen North @ MCMS (knorth@usd232.org) until end of September, otherwise contact Kaitlen's long-term sub, Kelly Roberts @ MCMS until Winter Break. (Kroberts@usd232.org)

Athletics & Activities

Girls Basketball:

November 13 vs. LTMS
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

November 15 vs. Basehor-Linwood
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

November 19 vs. Tonganoxie
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

November 26 & 28 BLMS "B" Team Tournament
7th & 8th Grade "B" Teams; Away

November 27 vs. Monticello Trails
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

December 3, 5 & 6-KVL Tournament
7th Grade "A" Team: LTMS
8th Grade "A" Team: HOME



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Wrestling:

November 12-Home TRI

November 14-Basehor Linwood

November 28-MTMS Double Dual

December 1-Clark Invitational



Science Olympiad Tournaments:

Pembroke Hill Invitational December 8

DeSoto Invitational January 19

Northeast Kansas Regional Tournament February 23

Kansas State Tournament April 6

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD™

Exploring the World of Science



Student Council

Next Student Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:15am in the 7th grade POD





Citizens of the Week
For the Week of October 26



6th grade: Melanie Cauthron, Brian Briones, Nikki Rattan & Kylee Norris
7th Grade: Molly Morgan & Charlie Tadlock
8th Grade: Olivia Dondzilla

Procedures

Student Sign out Procedure

Students will not be called out of class until the parent or person picking them up comes into the office to sign them out. If a parent is sending another adult or older sibling to pick up a student, the parent must notify the office that this person has permission to pick up the student. Please make sure you are allowing yourself enough time to wait for your student to be called out of class. If they are in PE, lunch or between classes, it could take a few minutes longer. If you are taking your child after morning practice, the office needs to be notified of the absence.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Reporting an Absence

A 24-hour voicemail phone line is available to report an absence (including appointments). If you need to speak with someone in person, our office opens at 7:30 a.m. We ask that you call on the day of the absence or before if possible. If you are notifying your child's teacher about an absence, the office needs to be included on this as well. All absences are recorded by the office, not teachers.

Please include the following information: your name, relationship to the student, student's name, date & hours missed and the reason for absence. If the absence is due to illness, please leave your child's symptoms.

Students are expected to attend school and to be present and punctual for all classes each day that school is in session. Regular attendance is basic to the educational process. Students are required to be in attendance each school day from 7:55 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Excused Absence

The only acceptable reasons for absence or tardies are: illness, medical/dental appointments, court appearance, family emergencies (funerals, critical illness), religious holidays, and school sponsored events.

ATTENDANCE LINE: (913) 422-9698

Bus Pass:

If you are enrolled as a bus rider and you need to ride home on the bus with another student the office needs the following…

- A note/email from **BOTH** parents involved giving permission along with bus and phone information. Emails sent to stennis@usd232.org and thiggins@usd232.org.
- This option should only be used when other arrangements **can't** be made. **Students should not be changing buses daily or every week.**
- The office needs to have these changes **BY 1:30**. Request after 1:30 will be denied.
- We will do our best to accommodate all requests but some may not be able to be filled.
- Please have your student check in with the office at the end of the day if they have not received their bus pass for the day.
- If your student needs to change a bus for more than one occasion, please contact First Student at (913) 422-8501.
- Bus Drivers are NOT part of the approval process. All communications need to be with the office.

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

November 12-16

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pancakes	Pizza Palooza!	Thanksgiving Feast	Fiestada Pizza	Hot Ham & Cheese on
Pork Sausage Patties	Caesar Salad	Garden Bar	Steamed Corn	Pretzel Bun
Hash Brown Rounds	Steamed Green Beans		Black Beans	Baked Tater Tots
Spiced Peaches	Garden Bar		Garden Bar	Vegetable Medley
Garden Salad				Garden Bar
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection

