Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 19-Girls Basketball vs. Tonganoxie
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Nov. 21-23-Thanksgiving Break-Building closed
- Nov. 26-Girls Basketball "B" Team Tournament at BLMS
- Nov. 27-Girls Basketball vs. MTMS
  7th Grade: Away; 8thGrade: Home
- Nov. 28-Wrestling Dual at MVHS
- Nov. 26-Girls Basketball "B" Team Tournament at BLMS
- Nov. 29-6th Grade Band & Choir Concert at 7:30
- Dec. 1-Wrestling-Clark Invitational

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www.usd232.org

Dear Mill Creek Families,

As we enter in to the American tradition of Thanksgiving, we want to wish you and your family an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. The purpose of this season to give thanks.

We want to take this time to thank you, our parents. We all appreciate your ongoing support, your high expectations for your children, your involvement, and your desire to make Mill Creek a great place for your children. We also want to thank the students of Mill Creek. They are the reason we are here. They work hard, are committed to excellence, bring excitement to our building and care for others. We want to thank our staff. No one cares more for the success of your children than our teachers do. They work hard every day doing their best to meet the needs of all of our learners. They take time to get to know your students and want nothing but the best for them. There are many things to give thanks for during this time of year. We hope you take the time to appreciate those that make a difference in your life.

Again, thank you, and please enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends. Safe travels.

Your Principals,
Josh Kindler
Denise Legore Seawood



Bulletin Board

8th Grade: Eighth Graders need to have a calculator for math. TI -30 is recommended and it's about $12 at many stores and Amazon. https://smile.amazon.com/Texas-Instruments-Scientific-Calculator-Accents/dp/B00000JBNX/ref=sr_1_1?s=office-electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1542119022&sr=1-1&keywords=ti-30

The long weekend is a great time to replenish pencils and grading pens!

Final AR Due dates are coming up fast. December 18th will be here quickly

Sixth Grade Choir & Band Concert

Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful music from the Mill Creek 6th Graders!

Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 pm

Report time:

Choir: 6:45 pm & Band: 7:00 pm

All Students need to wear their black band/choir t-shirts and black pants.

Mill Creek Middle School Musical News:

The school musical will be announced after Thanksgiving Break and students can sign up for audition times from November 26-December 3. Auditions will be held after school December 8-10. Directors this year are Ms. Pederson, Mrs. Brandt, and Ms. Adrienne.

YEARBOOK: The deadline to order a yearbook is December 14.

This is a hard deadline as we will be giving our final order to the printer that day.

Late orders cannot be accepted and extra yearbooks will not be ordered. If you are unsure if you ordered a yearbook, you can look on skyward under "Fee Management" .

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Higgins thiggins@usd232.org

Boys Basketball:

Boys Basketball tryouts will begin in December. If your child is planning on trying out – all athletic paperwork and athletic fees must be payed BEFORE your child will be able to participate in try-outs.

Bulletin Board

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:



6th and 8th Grade Screenings

As part of your school district's health program, all 6th and 8th grade student are receiving hearing and vision screenings at school. Screenings are performed periodically to identify those students who may have a vision disorder or hearing deficit that needs attention. If your child passes both tests and results are within normal limits, no further action will be taken. If your child did not pass one or both screenings, you will be contacted by mail with the results of your child's tests.

Screenings are not intended to diagnose conditions. If your child did not pass the screening, it means they should receive follow up care from an optometrist or ophthalmologist for vision or audiologist for hearing. Please contact the nurse's office if you have any questions.

Counselor's Corner:

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, 6thgrade will discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships, 7th grade will discuss sexual harassment and 8th grade will discuss bystander engagement. Permission slips are attached to this newsletter and can be printed and returned by Monday, November 19. 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)

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

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.**

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

November 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

During school holidays, like the upcoming Thanksgiving break, it is a great time to catch up on reading. If you are traveling, I encourage you to pick a book the whole family can enjoy and listen in the car. I'm encouraging students to have two books checked out over the break. Also, students have access to eBooks and audiobooks with the Axis 360 app. If your car has Bluetooth, the audiobooks can stream through the speakers for everyone to enjoy.

Axis 360

Every student in our building has an Axis 360 account. Students can download the app and login with their school computer username and their lunch code is the password. I can help students login if they bring their device to the library. Students can also login with their Johnson County Library card. They have access to even more books than their school account.

Scholastic Book Orders

My next order is due Thursday November 29. You can order online with my class code: L9D8J. You can search for any book on Scholastic. It doesn't have to be in the flier. If you want any books to be holiday gifts, tell me ahead of time and I can keep them secret.

Upcoming Dates

November 19

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

November 20

- No After Hour

November 21-23

- No School

November 26

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day

November 12

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day

November 29

- Book Orders Due

www.readingroberts.com

brroberts@usd232.org

@readingroberts

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 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



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

Wrestling:

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

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Student Council

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

STUDENT COUNCIL

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay





Citizens of the Week
For the Week of November 16



6th grade: Jenna Newman & Isaac Sauder
7th Grade: Bree Avery & Jayden Leyva
8th Grade: Cree Crawford, Finn Campbell, Cassidy Waite & Erin Kiewiet

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 19-23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatball Sub Caesar Salad Steamed Green Beans Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Magager's Choice Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	NO School	NO School- Happy Thanksgiving!	NO School



PTA

Happy Fall, MCMS Families!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and we are so grateful to be a part of the Mill Creek family. With your help, we'd like to bless our teachers and staff again this year with a dessert that they can take home with them to enjoy with their family on Thanksgiving.

Please sign up to bring a dessert for one family to school on Tuesday, November 20th. You might choose to bake a pie, a small cake, some yummy cookies, or your favorite pumpkin dessert.

Click here to sign up:

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0d45a5ae28aafd0-thanksgiving1

Whatever you choose to bring, it will be greatly appreciated! Thank you for blessing our amazing staff and teachers!

Many blessings,

Shannon Jensen

MCMS PTA

