Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1-Wrestling-Clark Invitational
- Dec. 3, 5 & 6-Girls Basketball KVL tournament
- Dec. 4-7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert
- Dec. 13-7th & 8th Grade Band Concert
- Dec. 19-Last day of Semester dismissal at 11:10
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4-Winter Break
- Jan. 7-School Resumes

Enter to Learn
Go Forth to Serve

Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66227

Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Dear Parents,

We want to keep you up to speed on the dangers that are involved with children using Electronic Cigarettes and other illegal substances. Here is an article about a dangerous situation in Florida. https://www.foxnews.com/health/5-middle-school-students-hospitalized-after-eating-thc-laced-candies-during-gym

We continue to appreciate your support in discussing these things with your children.

Mr. Kindler

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



MOCSA Information:

Last week one of the MOCSA presenters was not able to make it at the last minute so we have had to rescheduled the lessons. The students that didn't get to see the presentation are 6th and 7th grade boys that have P.E. on black days. The lessons have been rescheduled for Thursday December 6th during P.E. for those students. Please feel free to contact Annie Hessenflow at ahessenflow@usd232.org if you have any questions.

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

As we head into December, please be sure to check with your 8th grader about any end of the semester projects.

Subject	Due Dates
ELA	Quarter Final 12/17 ;Notebook Check 12/14 ; AR due 12/19
Math	Final 12/17; Compact Math Final 12/13-14
Pathways	Documentaries due 11/27; Genius Hour due 12/3 Career Cruising activities due 12/19
Science	Science Notebooks 12/12; Final 12/14
Social Studies	Final 12/18

Parents and Students,

When thinking about stuffers, it might be a great idea to ask Santa for…..PENCILS! They make a wonderful gift that students really, *really* need!

Signed,

The Pencil Elves

"MHED Substitute Teacher Staffing Solutions is looking for Substitute Teachers for all schools in the De Soto School District!

If you enjoy working with children, getting paid every week and having the freedom to choose your own schedule, this is a terrific opportunity for you.

Check out the requirements to become a substitute teacher with MHED, or call 866.923.6433 to get more information."

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

November 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

I will host two more After Hours before the winter break. The next After Hour will be Tuesday, December 4. There are no sports events that day, so students will need a ride home at 4 p.m. The last After Hour will be Tuesday, December 11. Again there are no sports events that day.

I will be gone from school the week we get back from winter break, January 7-11. I will have a substitute teacher covering the library and her name is Kathy Bunner. Her e-mail address is kbunner@usd232.org

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

I'm not ordering anymore Scholastic books until after the winter break. The next order will be in January.

Upcoming Dates

December 3

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

December 4

- After Hour 3-4 p.m.

December 5

- 8th Grade Black Team Library Day

December 7

- 7th Grade Library Day

December 10

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day

December 11

- After Hour 3-4 p.m.

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:

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



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.



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

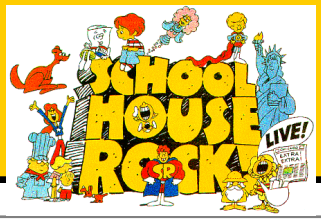
Science Olympiad Tournaments:

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

Musical Auditions:

Auditions for our school musical, "Schoolhouse Rock Live", will be held December 10-12 after school. Permission slips must be turned in before students audition. Deadline to sign up is December 6.





Citizens of the Week
For the Week of November 2





6th grade: Brady Lum & Jordan Johnson
7th Grade: Austin Leiker, Lauren Owens, Ella Edwards & AJ Lauer
8th Grade: Zach Myers



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of November 30



6th grade: Madalyn Klover, Charlie Woleben, Leah Blom & Connor Bohon
7th Grade: Anna Guest & Kaylee Meyer
8th Grade: Lauren Fandres & Greta Butcher

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

December 3-7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Popcorn Chicken	Pizza-Palooza!	Macaroni & Cheese	Soft Chicken Taco	Bacon Cheeseburger
Warm Biscuit	Caesar Salad	Soft Pretzel	Steamed Corn	Steamed Green Beans
Baked Beans	Green Beans	Parmesan Broccoli	Black Beans	Vegetable Medley
Peas & Carrots	Garden Bar	Steamed Peas	Garden Bar	Garden Bar
Garden Salad		Garden Bar		
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection



MCMS PTA Update

There's SO much to be Thankful for with Parents and Teachers Like you!

- We are Thankful for your Dedication to our Students
- We are Thankful for your Time
- We are Thankful for your Financial Participation
- We are Thankful for your ongoing Support

Please consider volunteering for a PTA Committee or attend meetings to vote on important topics!

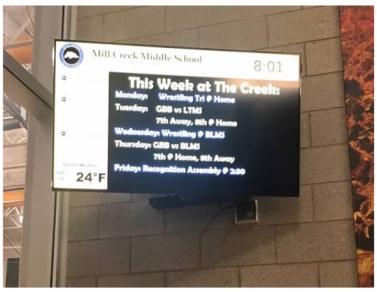
TEACHERS:
Don't forget to submit your requests for PTA Grant

Be on the look out for ways to participate!

DodgeBall Fund Raiser prep, next fundraiser selection voting, etc.

Look around at all YOU have done

Your involvement = Benefit to MCMS Students and Teachers



Flat Screen TV Monitor





Gymnasium/Hall Signs



Water Bottle Refill Stations

mcmsmustangspta@gmail.com

Council Achievement PTA Award 2018

Masters in PTA Award 2018

Early Bird PTA Award 2018





HAPPY LEARNING

2019 SUNFLOWER SPEECH & DEBATE CAMP

Your student will receive the best instruction, coaching, and lectures to prepare for the upcoming debate season. This dynamic camp experience provides a tremendous value. Every debater will be given a starter set of research materials and opportunities to complete practice debates over the course.

Happy Learning

Session A

June 24-28

$300

Session A/B

June 24-July 5

$600

Early Discount

Save $25/week

Deposit by 3/15

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ZUCKERMAN.JARED@GMAIL.COM

CAMP LOCATION/TIME

Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church
10101 England Drive
Overland Park, KS 66212

9am-5pm, half day on July 4