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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2-Boys Basketball Tournament
  "A" Team at Topeka Seaman
  Boys Basketball Tournament "B" Teams
  7th Grade: LTMS; 8th Grade: Home
- Feb. 4-Boys Basketball vs. Lansing
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Feb. 5-KVL Spelling Bee at Tongie
- Feb. 6-Boys Basketball vs. Turner
  7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Feb. 7-Boys Basketball vs. Warren
  7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

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Attendance Line
913-422-9698

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www.usd232.org

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

February 13, 2019 4:00 TO 7:30 PM
February 14, 2019 9:30 TO 8:00 PM

Conferences will be held in following locations:
6th gold individual rooms
6th black in the pod
7th gold room 205
7th black in the pod
8th grade in the Science rooms
Explo in classrooms and library

Time breakdown for each day:

Wednesday, February 13
4:00 to 7:30- Walk in conferences

Thursday, February 14
9:30am to 11:30am - Teacher Scheduled Conferences
11:30am-12:00pm - Lunch break for staff
12:00pm-4:45pm - Walk in conferences
4:45pm-5:15pm - Dinner break for staff
5:15pm-8:00 pm - Walk in conferences

Spring Conferences will have teachers working out of their classroom or the grade level pods. Parents are welcome to come during any of the "Walk in" times that work for your schedule. "Walk in" conferences require no appointments and parents may come anytime during the designated conference time frame. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email teachers to arrange a time for a phone call or visit the following week. When meeting with teachers please be respectful of time, this will allow all parents to meet with all teachers.

This school year will go by very quickly. All of us want the year to end with each child being successful. We look forward to working with you to bring the 2018-2019 school year to a successful end.

No School
Friday, February 15
Monday, February 18

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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

VOCAL MUSIC NEWS

The select men's choir will be participating in the USD 232 Men's Choir Festival on February 6 at DeSoto High School. They will rehearse all afternoon with a guest director and the men's choirs from all of the secondary schools in USD 232. Mill Creek has 28 men attending. They will present a concert at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Parents and guests are invited to attend! Permission slips are due to Ms. Pederson by Monday, February 4.

There are old choir shirts and musical shirts available for sale for $5 cash from the past several years if you are interested. New choir shirts are $12 if you did not get one first semester.

The musical rehearsals are in full swing and the cast and crew is working hard on the preparation for SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE JR! to be performed on March 1 and 2 at 7:00 p.m. at MCMS.

Dear 7th grade parents and guardians,

The week of February 4-8th your student will be receiving the Signs of Suicide (SOS) prevention program during their PE class. The program highlights the relationship between mental health and suicide, teaching that suicide is, most often, a fatal response to a treatable disorder—depression. While encouraging individual help-seeking, the program uses peer-to-peer messaging that encourages students to ACT® (Acknowledge, Care, Tell) when concerned about themselves or a friend. The school counselors and school social worker will be delivering the curriculum over two class periods to each 7th grade PE class. During the lesson students will watch a video discussing signs of suicide and then they will discuss with their peers and as a group what they have watched and their reactions. Additional resources can be found on the Counseling page on the Mill Creek Middle School website or by clicking this link. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the school counselors or school social worker.

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Testing Schedule

Kansas State Assessments will begin in March and continue in to April. We ask that you pay attention to the following dates your child will be testing in the spring. If all possible, we ask that your child be present on the days of testing. When students are absent, we will be pulling them from classes to make-up the assessment. Please help us with having your student ready by getting a good amount of sleep. Here are the dates each class and subject will be tested.

6th Grade: March 25 & 26-during ELA; April 8 & 9-during Math

7th Grade: March 20 & 21-during ELA; April 10 & 11-during Math

8th Grade: March 20 & 21-during ELA; April 10 & 11-during Math; April 16 & 17-during Science

We will have an alternate bell schedule to allow time for students to finish tests. If you need help determining when your child is testing, please contact the office.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer Service logs are due April 12th. Service Logs can be turned into Mrs. Higgins in Student Services.



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Congratulations to the following students for making the Regional Science Olympiad Team:

Alex Boresow
Caiden Dobosz
Eli LeBar
Lauren Fandre
Will Lawson
Zach Myers
Andrew Barber
Bridgit Duffin
Griffin Marschall
Myles Gragg
Nathan Anderson
Sam Vogel
Cameron Ferrell
Shubh Patel

Upcoming Science Olympiad Tournaments:
Northeast Kansas Regional Tournament February 23
Kansas State Tournament April 6

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD™
Exploring the World of Science

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February 11 vs. Pioneer Ridge 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
February 12 vs. BLMS 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
February 20, 21 & 23 KVL Tournament 7th Grade at Tonganoxie 8th Grade at BLMS



This week at the Creek









Valentine Grams

All Proceeds Benefit MCMS STUCO!

Suckers will be delivered to students Tuesday, February 12th during MELT.



$1.00

Quantities Limited!!!
Be sure to get yours today!

Questions? Contact Jill Church jchurch@usd232.org or Katie Taylor ktaylor@usd232.org

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Payment must be sent with order. Last day for orders is February 8th.

Please return to Student Services, Jill Church (Room 203) or Katie Taylor (Room 106).

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

February 4-8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Caesar Salad Veggie Medley Garden Salad Milk/Juice Selection	Philly Beef Sandwich Cheesy Cauliflower Steamed Broccoli Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Beefy Nachos Queso Blanco Sauce Black Beans Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Corn Dog Baked Beans Steamed Peas Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Orange Popcorn Chicken Brown Rice Edamame Broccoli w/Cheese Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection

