Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 13 & 14-Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 14-18 NO School
- Feb. 20, 21 & 23-Boys Basketball KVL Tournament
  7th Grade: Tongie
  8th Grade; BLMS
- March 1 & 2-Musical 7:00 pm
- March 11-15-SPRING BREAK
- March 18-NO School-In-service Day

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Go Forth to Serve

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Lenexa, KS 66227

Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Testing Schedule

Kansas State Assessments will begin in March and continue in to April. Please pay attention to the following dates your child will be testing this spring. We would like your child to be present on the days we will be testing. Students who get a good amount of sleep and proper nutrition perform much better on assessments. The dates of the testing are indicated below. Thank you for your support with this task.

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.

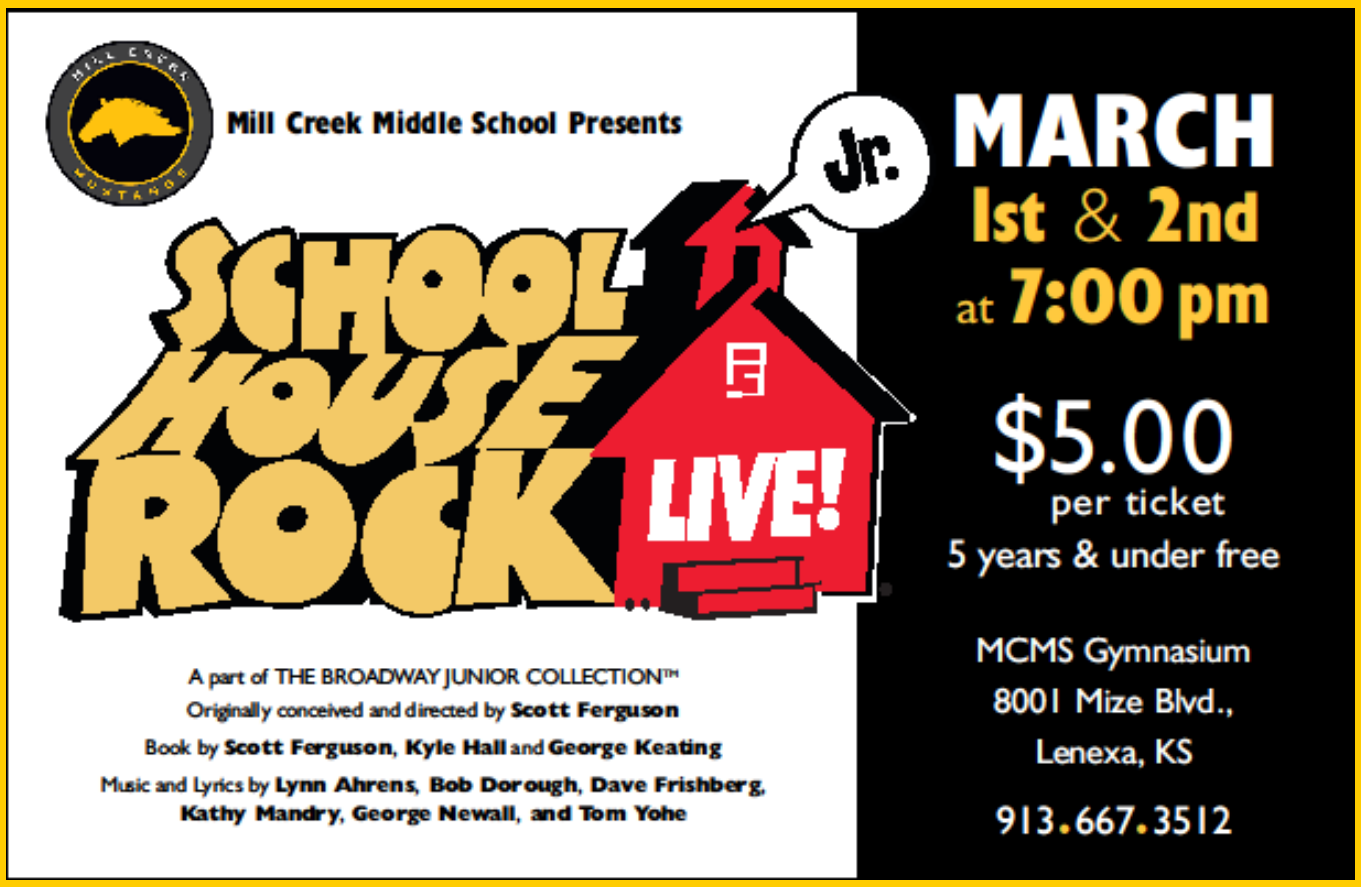
Volunteer Hours: Volunteer Service logs are due April 12th. Service Logs can be turned into Mrs. Higgins in Student Services.



Bulletin Board

8th Grade: The long weekend is an excellent time to get ahead of AR Goals. AR for the third quarter is due on March 7 – only one month left!

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



Spelling Bee





CoNgRaTuLaTiOnS! To Alex & Josie for placing 1st and 3rd in the 8th grade KVL Bee! #MCMSMustangs @TheCreekMCMS



Health Room

Student Nurse

Just like teachers, nursing students have a final semester of "student teaching" called a capstone. Mill Creek Middle School is excited to welcome Elizabeth Baxley, a senior nursing student at MidAmerica Nazarene University for her capstone experience. Liz will spend a little over a month shadowing Brenda Carroll, your MCMS Nurse.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Where will Nurse Brenda be? Student nurses work under the direction and license of the supervising nurse. Nurse Brenda will be actively supervising Liz as she participates in the care of students. In addition, clinical faculty from MNU will also be involved in supervising Liz's capstone experience.

- What about privacy? Student nurses are bound by the same privacy laws as any other medical professional and will keep your child's information confidential. In addition, she has been vetted with medical and background checks.

- How long will she be here? Liz will be at Mill Creek for a little over a month. Her capstone will begin February 4th and end March 5th.

We are excited to have Liz in our building and welcome her to the world of school nursing!

Substitute Nurses Needed!

Are you an RN with a current Kansas license?

Do you want great hours with a great group of patients?

USD 232 has openings available in the substitute nurse pool. You can specify what days, schools or even age groups (elementary, middle or high school) work best for you. No minimum work requirements and pediatric experience is not necessary. School nurses need sound clinical judgement and the ability to work independently, so if that describes you, please apply!

See the full job posting here: https://www.applitrack.com/usd232/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Health+Services&AppliTrackJobId=191&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1

Bulletin Board

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™
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Boys Basketball

February 20, 21 & 23 KVL Tournament 7th Grade at Tonganoxie 8th Grade at BLMS



#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



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 18-22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO School	Pizza Palooza Caesar Salad Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Bacon Cheeseburger Steamed Green Beans Mixed Veggies Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Mini Corn Dogs Curly Fries Baked Beans Brownie Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection

