Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 21, 23 & 26 -Boys Basketball KVL Tournament
  7th Grade: Tongie
  8th Grade; BLMS
- 2/25-Cheer Competition-DeSoto Showcase 8-10pm
- 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

Mill Creek Middle School
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Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Dear Mill Creek Parents,

Mill Creek has found more students are texting parents directly asking to be picked up without seeing the nurse. In an effort to track illness and encourage students to remain in school, please ask your son or daughter to go to the health room if they are feeling sick. If the nurse believes the student needs to go home, please know that she will call you to discuss your student's care.

If you choose to take your student home without utilizing the health room, please know the absence will be recorded as a parent request. Students are allowed five parent requests per year before the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Thank you for your support as we work to keep all students healthy and in the classroom.

If you should have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Josh Kindler
Principal

Student Sign Outs

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

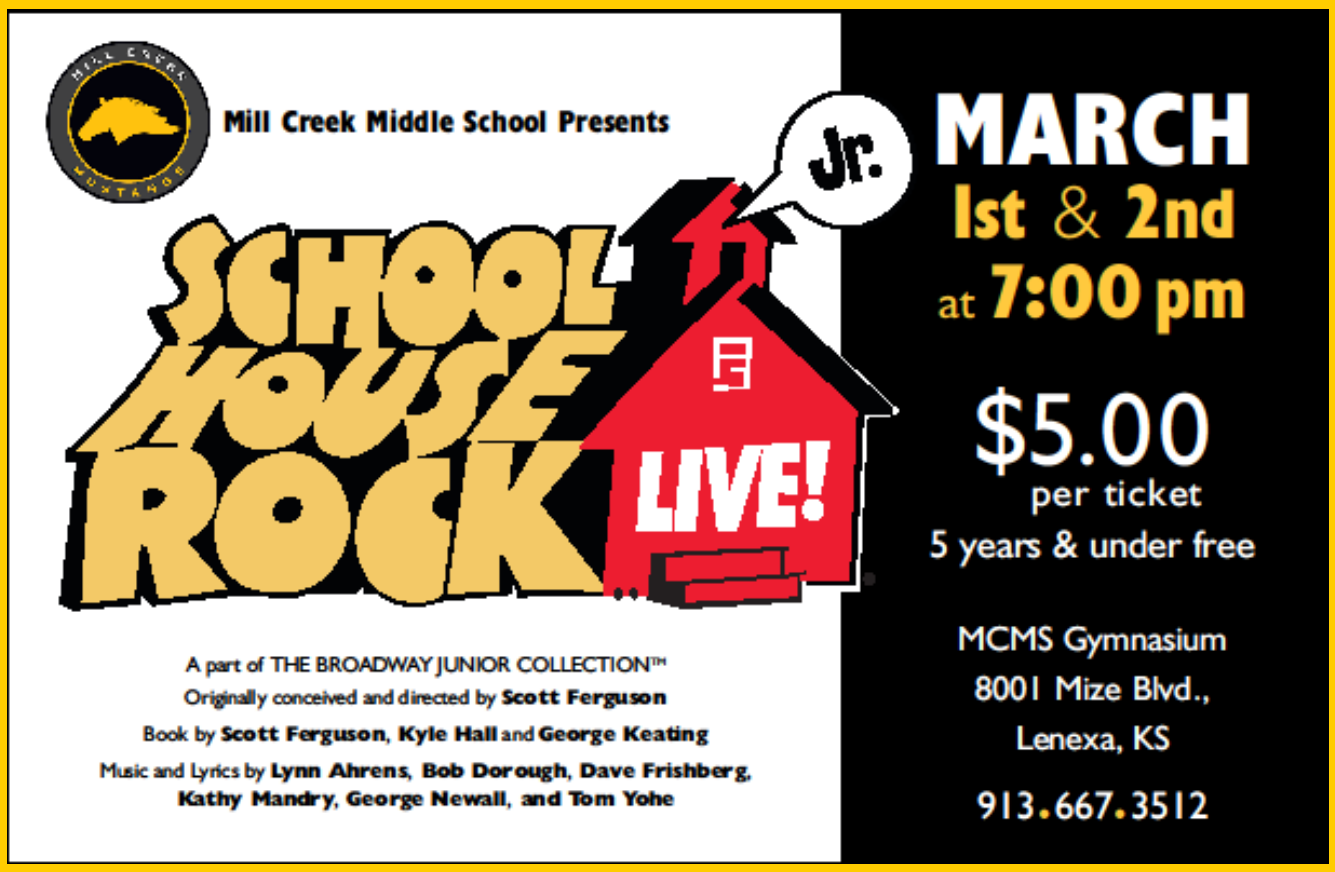
8th Grade: March 20 & 21-during ELA; April 10 & 11-during Math; April 16 & 17-during Science

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.



Musical



The Mill Creek Musical cast/crew will have daytime performances for students. Please plan accordingly if you are going to be signing out your child during those times.

Matinee performances:

7th & 8th Grade at 9:30 am

6th Grade at 1:30

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8th Grade: As we head into the final two weeks of the third quarter, please be sure to check with your 8th grader about any missing work.

AR deadlines are rapidly approaching! AR is due on March 7.

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

Track & Field: First day of practice is Tuesday, March 19 after school.

Parent Meeting: Thursday, March 21 at 5:00 pm in the Mill Creek Middle School Gym

Check out more information on the MCMS Track Website: https://www.usd232.org/domain/336

8th Grade Course Selection Due Dates & MVHS Parent Night

The Mill Valley Freshman Parent Night is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm. Course selection forms for Mill Valley students can be submitted at Parent Night or to MCMS by Friday, March 1.

De Soto High School course selection forms are due to MCMS no later than Wednesday, February 27.

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

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Boys Basketball

February 21, 23 & 26 KVL Tournament: 7th Grade at Tonganoxie 8th Grade at BLMS



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

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.

The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of February 22



6th grade: Brian Briones, Jackson Fisher, Garrett Dykes & Phoenix Thompson
7th Grade: Olivia Maddox & Tucker Strain
8th Grade: Evan Rhodelander & Julie Steeb

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 25-March 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Dog on Bun Steamed Broccoli Cheesy Cauliflower Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Fiestada Pizza Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Green Beans Garden Bar Honey Wheat Roll Milk/Juice Selection	Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Veggie Medley Peas & Carrots Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	French Toast Sticks Sausage Patties Roasted Potatoes Cinnamon Apples Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection



PTA Announcements

We are looking for someone passionate about helping out MCMS Library to lead this year's Spring Book Fair!! We have a list of people ready to help out and we just need someone to take the lead! The book fair will run 4/26 - 5/3. If you are interested please send an email to the PTA and we will get you more details! Emails can be sent to: MCMSMustangsPTA@gmail.com

We are also getting ready to submit the next round of Box Tops! Please send your box tops in by the end of the month to help earn $$$ for MCMS! Put your child's name and homeroom on a baggie and drop them in the box located in the office!!

Thank you for all your support with the teacher's dinner during parent/teacher conferences!! It was a great meal and very much appreciated!!

MCMS PTA

Speech & Leadership Clinic

The Mill Valley Debate/Forensics team is proud to offer a Speech & Leadership Clinic on April 10th from 4-6pm. This clinic is open to any student in grades 5th-8th, and will provide instruction in theatre, speech, debate, and oral advocacy. During the clinic, students will be divided based on interest, and will receive instruction from the Mill Valley Debate and Forensics coaching staff, as well as a small group of varsity competitors. At 7pm, students will provide a showcase for parents to see everything they have learned. Cost is $25 per student. This clinic is a great choice for students who want to explore the world of debate and forensics, or for those who just want to work on their speaking and argumentation skills.

Please find more info on the attached flyer. Parents interested can sign their student up here: https://goo.gl/forms/swdML2kQHE625JxI2

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Annie Goodson Starnes

Head of Debate and Forensics

Mill Valley High School

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Website: https://www.usd232.org/Page/5098

CALLING FUTURE POLITICIANS

DO YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING? MAYBE YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ARGUING. DO YOU ENJOY ACTING OR HAVE A COMPETITIVE SIDE?

Then come join the MV Speech Dept. for a one day Speech Leadership Camp! Learn the ins and outs of high school speaking, be involved in critical thinking, build relationships, discuss hot topics, and voice your opinion with MV alumni and varsity speech competitors!

https://goo.gl/forms/swdML2kQHE625Jxl2

April 10th 4 - 6 pm (performance at 7)
Grades 5th-8th Welcome
CONTACT AGOODSON•USD232.ORG