Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 8-Cross Country at Celebration Park at 9:00 am
- Sept 11-Football vs. LTMS 8th Grade at Home
- Sept. 11-Football vs. Wheatridge 7th Grade Away
- Sept. 13-Volleyball vs. MTMS 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Sept. 15-Volleyball Tournament 7th Grade "A" Team
- Sept. 15-Cross Country Meet at Trail Ridge

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

Picture Day/Retake day is September 18!

Picture order forms are in the front office. If your child has not had their picture taken this year, please have them stop by and pick up one. If your child is retaking their photo, they will be giving their packet to the photographer the day of retakes. Pictures will be taken in the morning.



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.

Dear Mill Creek Families,

In response to the parent loop tragedy in Neosho, Missouri, I want to ask for your help to make sure our parent loop continues to be a safe location for our students, parents and staff. I ask that you are very observant when operating your vehicle in the car loop or waiting to pick up your children in the parking lot. I would ask that you drop the cell phones while in our loop to be fully engaged in the safety of our students and staff. Your assistance in making sure our car loop is safe every day is much appreciated. Please review our car loop procedures below. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

Josh Kindler
Principal

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Dear Parents of Car Riders,

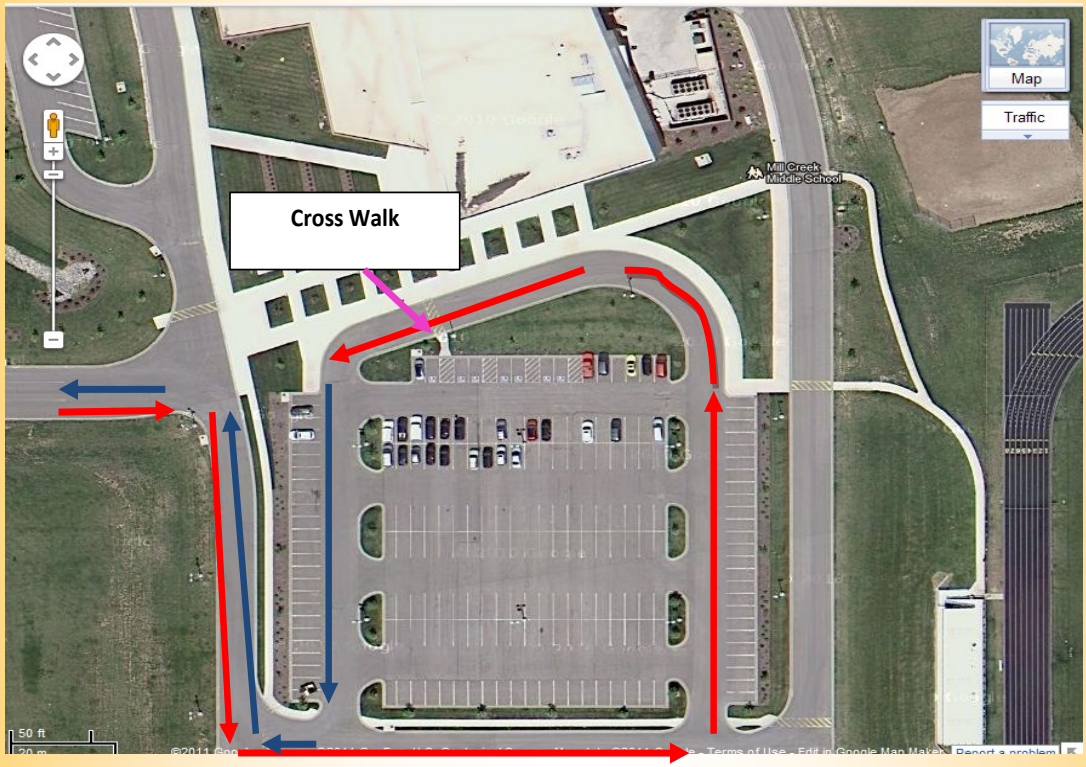
For the safety of all of our students, we are asking that you follow the following procedures when dropping off and picking up your child or children from Mill Creek Middle School.

Dropping off: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to drop off. Once your child has been dropped off, please exit the loop as shown on the map. If you are planning on coming in the school building with your child or children, please park in the parking lot and walk across the painted cross walk. Do not double park in the lane.

Picking up after school: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to pick up. Please DO NOT double park on the left side of the lane. If you wait patiently, the cars in front of you will pull off. Most of our students are picked up no later than 3:15PM. We encourage you not to park in the parking lot and wait for your child to come to you. If you want to park in the parking lot, your child will need to cross at the cross with the approval of crossing guard (staff member). Please remind your students to look around while walking in the parking lot.

To protect our students from an accident occurring, we will require students/parents to follow the parking lot procedures.

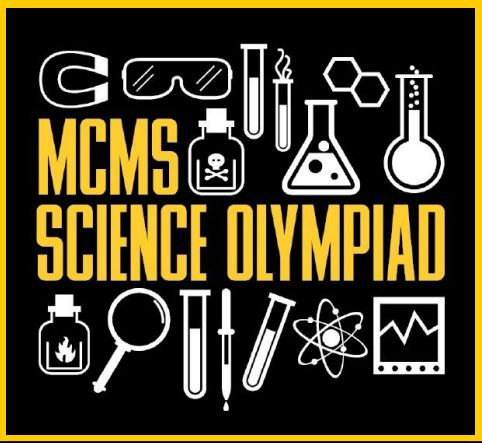
Our district has also displayed signs in the car loop that reminds parents of not using their cell phones while in the loop to help avoid accidents from occurring. We would appreciate your assistance with this as well.



Message Board

Science Olympiad

Students interested in joining the MCMS Science Olympiad team can begin signing up. There will be an informational meeting for NEW students to Sci Oly on Friday, September 14th during Seminar. Former Sci Oly students can go ahead and sign up through the link on mcmsscioly.weebly.com.



8th Grade: Next week is the halfway point of semester one!! This is a great time to check in with your 8th grader on their AR progress. The end of the quarter will come quickly.

Spirit Wear: **Delivery of spirit wear will be done by **Sept. 24th**.
If they have any questions they can contact Tori Murray at torikc@msn.com or 913.522.5558

Cookie Dough Cookie Dough pick up is Thursday, October 4. If your child had cookie dough orders, please make plans or arrangements to pick up that order after school in the commons on October 4. ****Correction to the Fundraiser Parent Letter: Checks should be made out to "MCMS PTA"** .



#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



Athletics & Activities

Cross Country

September 8 at Celebration Park at 9:00

September 15 at Trail Ridge Invitational 10:00

September 19 at Mill Creek Classic 4:00

October 2 at SMP at 4:00

October 8 at Basehor Linwood at 4:00



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Football

September 11 vs. LTMS at 4:00
8th Grade: Home

September 11 vs. Wheatridge at 4:00
7th Grade: Away

September 18 VS. Leavenworth at 4:00
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

September 25 vs Lawrence Southwest at 4:00

8th Grade ONLY-Home

October 2 vs. Monticello Trails at 4:00
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

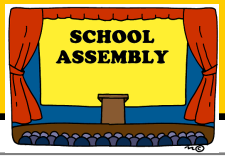
October 9 vs. Basehor-Linwood at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

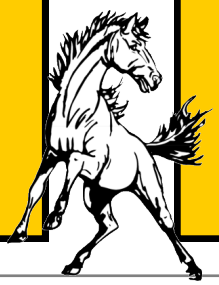
October 16 vs. Clark at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade Home



Assembly:

There is an assembly on Friday, September 21. If you plan on picking up your child at the end of the day, you might want to consider picking them up prior to 2:15. After 2:15, please expect delays as the whole school will be in an assembly. We appreciate your help with this!





Volleyball

September 8: Pioneer Ridge Tournament for 7th Grade "B"
Shawnee Heights for 8th Grade "A"
DHS for 8th Grade "B"

September 13 VS. Monticello Trails at 4:00
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

September 15-Tournament:
7th Grade "A": Prairie Trail Middle School

September 17 vs. Warren at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

September 18 vs. Lexington Trails at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

September 20 vs. Patton at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

September 22: Chisholm Trail tournament
7th Grade "A" at 9:00 am



LIBRARY LOWDOWN

September 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

The first Library After Hour was great! We had 13 students sign into the library on Tuesday. Students had fun playing with Littlebits and a 3D pen! Check out my IG feed for pictures.

Book Fair—September 21-27

The book fair will be open in the evenings during parent-teacher conferences. Students will get to shop during their ELA class the week of conferences.

6th Grade—Monday September 24th

7th Grade—Tuesday September 25th

8th Grade—Wednesday September 26th

Upcoming Dates

September 10

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

September 11

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

September 12

- 8th Grade Gold Team Library Day

September 14

- 7th Grade Library Day

Sept. 24-27

- Book Fair

Sept. 27-28

- No School

Connect With The Library Media Center www.readingroberts.com brroberts@usd232.org

@readingroberts

September 5, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

Local award-winning author, Robert Krenzel (http://robertkrenzel.com), will speak to our 8th grade students on **Thursday October 4, 2018** during their Social Studies class.

Mr. Krenzel writes the *Gideon Hawke Series:* Young Adult Historical Fiction novels set during the American Revolution. His presentation will support our 8th grade Social Studies curriculum, as Mr. Krenzel discusses his research into the Revolution, describes his writing process, and answers your students' questions.

Mr. Krenzel has also agreed to autograph books for students who pre-purchase. Please check your choice at the bottom of this page and return by **Monday September 10, 2018**. Students may turn in the form to their Social Studies teacher or to Mrs. Roberts in the library. (Book descriptions on reverse)

Please contact Mrs. Roberts, the library media specialist, if you have question.

brroberts@usd232.org or 913-667-3512

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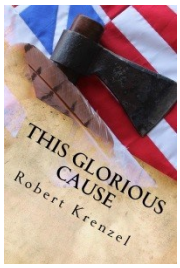
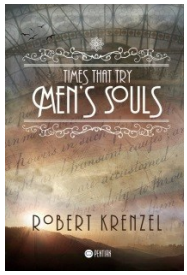
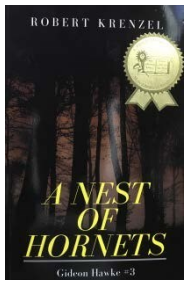
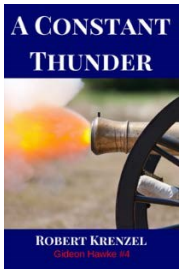
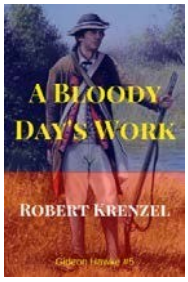
☐ I am not interested in purchasing a book

I would like to purchase:

☐	*This Glorious Cause* (Gideon Hawke #1)	$7.00
☐	*Times That Try Men's Souls* (Gideon Hawke #2)	$7.00
☐	*A Nest of Hornets* (Gideon Hawke #3)	$7.00
☐	*A Constant Thunder* (Gideon Hawke #4)	$7.00
☐	*A Bloody Day's Work* (Gideon Hawke #5) **PRE-ORDER**	$7.00

Total Enclosed: ☐

Make checks payable to Robert Krenzel

	***This Glorious Cause*** **(Gideon Hawke #1)**: Gideon Hawke is coming of age in Colonial Massachusetts, trying to decide where to steer his life. On the morning of April 19th, 1775, British troops march into his hometown of Lexington, and nothing will ever be the same. Soon Gideon is fighting in desperate battles: fighting for his life, for his freedom, and for a Glorious Cause.
	***Times That Try Men's Souls*** **(Gideon Hawke #2)**: It is 1776 and the American War of Independence is going badly. Reeling from defeat after defeat, Gideon Hawke and his fellow soldiers have suffered from cold, hunger, thirst, and fatigue while watching their once mighty army nearly melt away. When George Washington launches a desperate attack to save American fortunes, Gideon will risk all for his friends, his love, and his cause.
	***A Nest of Hornets*** **(Gideon Hawke #3)**: Winter, 1777. The British and their Hessian allies have withdrawn to a few overcrowded positions in Northeastern New Jersey. In order to feed their men and horses the British must venture into the countryside to seize supplies, but the Continental troops and Jersey Militia will challenge every foray. Not only must Gideon Hawke and Ruth Munroe battle the British and Hessians, but it appears that someone in the American camp is feeding information to the British. Will they find the enemy spy before his efforts cost Gideon and his men their lives? ***A Nest of Hornets*** **was named a 2017 Kansas Notable Book by the Kansas State Library!**
	***A Constant Thunder*** **(Gideon Hawke #4)**: It is the summer of 1777, and the future of the young United States hangs in the balance! As one British force sails to attack Philadelphia, another army, reinforced by the Crown's Native American allies, sweeps down the Hudson Valley to cut the fledgling nation in two. Gideon Hawke has joined Morgan's Rifle Corps, and soon this elite force marches northwards to help stem the enemy tide. On this campaign, Gideon's love, Ruth Munroe, is never far from his side. Destiny awaits them both near Saratoga!
	***A Bloody Day's Work*** **(Gideon Hawke #5)**: Winter, 1778. The British have seized Philadelphia, and Washington's Army has withdrawn to Valley Forge. Gideon Hawke finds himself commanding a company in the 9th Pennsylvania Regiment, and he and Ruth do their best to keep his men alive through the bitter winter, while preparing them to face the enemy. Their efforts will be put to the test near a place called Monmouth Courthouse. ***(Available for Pre-Order!)***

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)

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

Student Drop off Table

It is each student's responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, band instruments, lunch or lunch money and anything else they need at school. It is important for students to learn to handle their responsibility.

If you decide to bring forgotten items to school, leave them CLEARLY LABELED at the Students Drop-Off Table in the school office. The office will **NOT** interrupt classroom instruction to notify your child of a forgotten item(s). Tell your child that they can pick up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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

September 10-14

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mozzarella Cheese Sticks	Corn Dog/Pizza Palooza!	Pulled Pork TOT-Chos	Hot Italian Sub	Orange Popcorn Chicken
Marinara Sauce	Caesar Salad	Warm Biscuit	Caesar Salad	Brown Rice
Parmesan Broccoli	Green Beans	Black Beans	Steamed Peas	Broccoli w/Cheese
Steamed Green Beans	Garden Bar	Steamed Corn	Garden Bar	Steamed Edamame
Garden Salad		Garden Bar		Garden Bar
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection



PTA

Please join us at the General PTA meetings for Mill Creek Middle School Parent Teacher's Association (PTA). We hold three general meetings a year.

The meetings are held on Thursdays, start at 6:30, and are held in the Library.

PTA Meetings:

9/13 - Board

10/11 - Board

11/8 - Board

No meeting in December

1/10 - Board - General

2/7 (due to Valentine's Day) Board

3/7 (due to Spring Break) - Board

4/11 - Board

5/9 - General (voting on Board members for next year)

Committee Volunteers

Please sign up to volunteer for a committee! We have lots of choices and many without much commitment, so please take a look at the survey form and sign up to help. Sign up for Committees here: https://goo.gl/forms/6G7AWzKcVAhvWdRH3

Sign up to be a PTA Member

You can support your PTA here: http://mcmsmustangspta.wixsite.com/home. Membership is $10 per person and we use funds to support teacher grants for supplies, technology, and tools that MCMS wouldn't have otherwise been able to fund. The PTA also provides funding for MCMS field trips so all grade levels can attend special activities outside of the school.

Please also support our MCMS PTA Fundraiser by helping your son or daughter sell cookie dough. If that's not your thing - please you are more than welcome to make a donation to the PTA and we will have that go toward our teacher grants, school improvement items (this year's is new flexible furniture in the library), and field trips.

Please contact the PTA if you have any questions!

MCMSMustangsPTA@gmail.com

or

Dani Dion, MCMS PTA President

librarian.dani.dion@gmail.com