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Upcoming Events

- 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

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Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66227

Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Schedule change request forms will be available in Student Services beginning Monday, December 10 and should be returned no later than Tuesday, December 18. The counselors will make their best effort to accommodate requests, however, schedule change requests cannot be guaranteed due to class sizes and other scheduling constraints. If you have specific questions regarding a schedule change, please reach out to your student's counselor:

6th Grade

Mrs. Fisher efisher@usd232.org

7th Grade

Last Names A-O: Mrs. Fisher efisher@usd232.org

Last Names P-Z: Mrs. Hessenflow ahessenflow@usd232.org

8th Grade

Mrs. Hessenflow ahessenflow@usd232.org

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



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

This is the week where things start picking up for 8th Graders. Please be sure to check with your child 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 stocking stuffers, it might be a great idea to ask Santa for…..PENCILS! They make a wonderful gift that students really, *really* need!

Signed,

Elves in Charge of Pencil Procurement Materials

The Washington D.C. Trip Information Meeting: Fall 2019 Trip

There will be three meetings for the 2019 Labor Day Weekend, Washington DC Trip.

- **Mill Creek Middle School** – Monday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 PM in Lunch Room/Commons
- **Lexington Trails Middle School** – Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM in Lunch Room
- **Monticello Trails Middle School** - Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM in Commons

This will be my 23rd year offering this trip for students and parents. There are information packets in your school office. You can also call the tour company **World Strides at 1-800-468-5899** and reference our Trip ID **98969** to add in. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Keil Hileman at keilh@usd232.org or **913-422-1100 Ext. 2363**

(Please note the trip is not an official school district activity and is voluntary opportunity.)

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

December 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

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

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

The library computer management system now has the capability of sending overdue notices through e-mail. If you get an e-mail about an overdue book, ask your student about it.

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 10

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day

December 11

- Last After Hour 3-4 p.m.

December 12

- 8th Grade Gold Team Library Day

December 14

- 7th Grade Library Day

December 17

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

December 18

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day
- No After Hour

www.readingroberts.com

brroberts@usd232.org

@readingroberts

Athletics & Activities

STUCO:

Our next Student Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:15 am in the 7th grade pod. We will be hosting a "white elephant" gift exchange. Students need to bring a wrapped gift, spending no more than $5, if they would like to participate in the exchange. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Jill Church & Katie Taylor

MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

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.

Games

January 8 vs. Patton
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

January 10 vs. Clark
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home



Science Olympiad Tournaments:

Pembroke Hill Invitational December 8

DeSoto Invitational January 19

Northeast Kansas Regional Tournament February 23

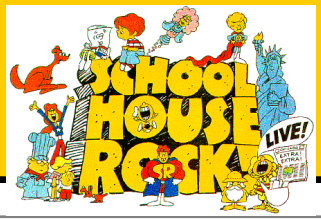
Kansas State Tournament April 6

Exploring the World of Science

Musical Auditions:

Auditions for our school musical, "Schoolhouse Rock Live", will be held December 10-12 before and after school. Students who did not turn in permission slips will not be allowed to audition. They may stay after school in the 8th grade pod and work on homework until their audition time.

Callback lists will be on Thursday, December 13. The final cast and crew list will be posted on Monday, December 17. Rehearsals will begin in January and the show dates are March 1 and 2, 2019.





Citizens of the Week

For the Week of December 7



6th grade: Shubh Patel

7th Grade: Maggie Schott, Mason Kemp, Madeline Olivier & Ben Hansen (not Pictured)

8th Grade: Colby Lovegren & Josie Foltz

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



DECEMBER

SPIRIT DAYS!

Thursday, December 13th

Ugly Christmas Sweater



Monday, December 17th

PJ PANTS Day

Tuesday, December 18th

Hat Day

Wednesday, December 19th

11:10 Dismissal

Happy Holidays from the MCMS Staff!

PosterMyWall.com

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 10-14

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Sticks	Mozzarella Cheese Sticks	Chicken Strips	Corn Dog	Pulled Pork TOT-chos
Sausage Patties	Marinara Sauce	Honey Wheat Roll	Mixed Veggies	Warm Biscuit
Roasted Potatoes	Caesar Salad	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Beans	Black Beans
Spiced Peaches	Steamed Broccoli	Green Beans	Garden Bar	Corn
Garden Salad	Garden Bar	Garden Bar		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!

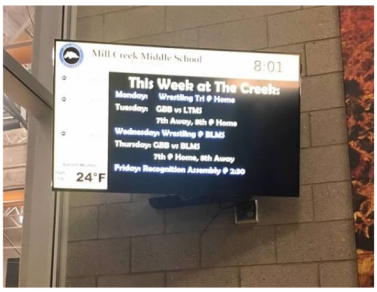
TEACHERS:
Don't forget to submit your requests for PTA Grant

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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DIRECTOR- JARED ZUCKERMAN
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