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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 19-Last day of Semester dismissal at 11:10
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4-Winter Break
- Jan. 7-School Resumes
- Jan. 8-Boys basketball vs. Patton 7th grade: Home; 8th grade: Away
- Jan. 10-Boys basketball vs. Clark 7th grade: Away; 8th grade: Home

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Bus Passes for December 19

On **Wednesday, December 19th,** if your child is enrolled as a bus rider and needs to ride home on the bus with another student, the office will need the request via email or note by from **BOTH** parents involved giving permission. All requests need to be made by **1:30 on Tuesday, December 18**. A confirmation email will be sent to you. If you do not receive confirmation, please call the office to double check. At times emails may go to SPAM folders.

(Emails sent to stennis@usd232.org)

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 for their bus pass. Dismissal is at 11:10.

Bus Drivers are NOT part of the approval process. All communications need to be with the office.

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

Science Olympiad

We competed in a tough tournament at Pembroke Hill on Saturday. 33 schools were in attendance – sooooo many kids! We placed 7th overall and came home with 5 placements. Congratulate the kids when you see them!

2nd Place – Mystery Architecture – Will Lawson & Lauren Fandre

2nd Place – Roller coaster – Myles Gragg

3rd Place – Fossils – Zach Myers & Alex Boresow

5th Place – Solar System – Nathan Anderson & Andrew Barber

6th Place – Elastic Launched Glider – Christian & Stella Showalter











Bulletin Board

8th Grade: It's the most wonderful time of the year….FINALS!! This week, students have ELA, Social Studies and Math 8 finals. Science and Compact Math have already been completed. AR is also due this week!

Subject	Due Dates
ELA	Quarter Final 12/17 ;~~Notebook Check 12/14~~ ; AR due 12/19
Math	Final 12/17; Compact Math 12/17 & 12/18
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

'Tis the season for new pencils! Many Eighth Graders have used their pencil supply.

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

Dismissal time for Wednesday, December 19 is 11:10. No lunch will be served this day. Winter break is December 20-January 4. School Resumes on Monday, January 7.



Lost and Found

Mill Creek's lost and found is located in the northeast corner of the commons in the doorway leading to the Custodian's office. Lost & forgotten valuables are kept in the front office. If your child is missing something, they need to be checking there before the end of the semester. On December 20, any items left in the lost and found will be donated.

From the Nurse

Can My Student Carry Medication?

This is a great question and can be confusing! District policy says students in grades 6-12 ONLY may carry and take medication under certain conditions:

1) Students may **NEVER** carry controlled substances like ADHD medication or prescription pain medication. These meds MUST be kept in the nurse's office in a locked cabinet.

2) Prescriptions MUST be in the original pharmacy bottle with a pharmacy label attached that includes the student's name, the medication and directions.
    - The nurse should be informed: What medication and what is it for?
    - Doctor's signature **MUST** be on the permission form and form must be on file.

3) Common over the counter medications like Advil or Tylenol may be carried **IF**:
    - Parent permission form is on file! (No doctor signature necessary, just parent signature) ks02213215.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/KS02213215/Centricity/Domain/68/Permission%20to%20Self%20Administer%20Form.pdf
    - The medication is in the original container with a label.
    - The bottle contains only enough medication for one day (4 to 6 pills MAX)

4) Your student should be able to answer the following questions:
    - What is the name of the medication?
    - What dose do you take?
    - How often are you supposed to take it?
    - Can you share this with other students? (The correct answer is always NO!)

Please understand that even if your student meets the criteria listed above, the principal will have final authority to revoke medication privileges. This also means you have agreed (by signing the permission form) that the school is not liable for any injury related to self-administration. Please be certain your middle school student is mature enough to handle this responsibility.

To see the full policy: https://ks02213215.schoolwires.net/Page/3200

GingerSTEM Project



6th grade science classes have been building a Gingerbread Kansas City as part of the Global Gingerbread STEM project. This project was started 6 years ago by a few teachers in Andover, Kansas, and it has spread globally. This is the first year we have joined this awesome project, and we think our kids have done a phenomenal job! Projects will be on display in the 6th grade POD through December 19th.









GingerSTEM Project









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

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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

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Boys Basketball:

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

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

January 17 vs. Piper
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

January 19 "A" Team Tournament
At Seaman/Shawnee Heights

January 22 vs. Turner
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

January 24 vs. Monticello Trails
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

Science Olympiad Tournaments:

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", were held December 10-13 before and after school. We had over 120 students who interviewed and auditioned. Thank you for everyone who showed interest in the show.

The final cast and crew list will be posted on Monday, December 17. Students will be notified and parents will be emailed if chosen for the show. Rehearsals will begin in January and the show dates are March 1 and 2, 2019.



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of December 14



6th grade: Kailey Scott, Kelsey O'Donnell & Caleb Riddle
7th Grade: Rylon Brotherton & Gabby Anderson
8th Grade: Raquel Wilson, Tierney Fields & Sonny Pentola



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of December 7



7th Grade: Ben Hanson

#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 17-21

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Manager's Choice Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Manager's Choice Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Half Day (11:10) NO lunch served	Winter Break	Winter Break

