Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- March 1 & 2-Musical 7:00 pm
- March 11-15-SPRING BREAK
- March 18-NO School-In-service Day
- March 19: First day of Track Practice 3:05-4:45
- March 21-Track-Parent Info Night at 5:00 pm
- April 12-School Dance

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

Dear Mill Creek Parents,

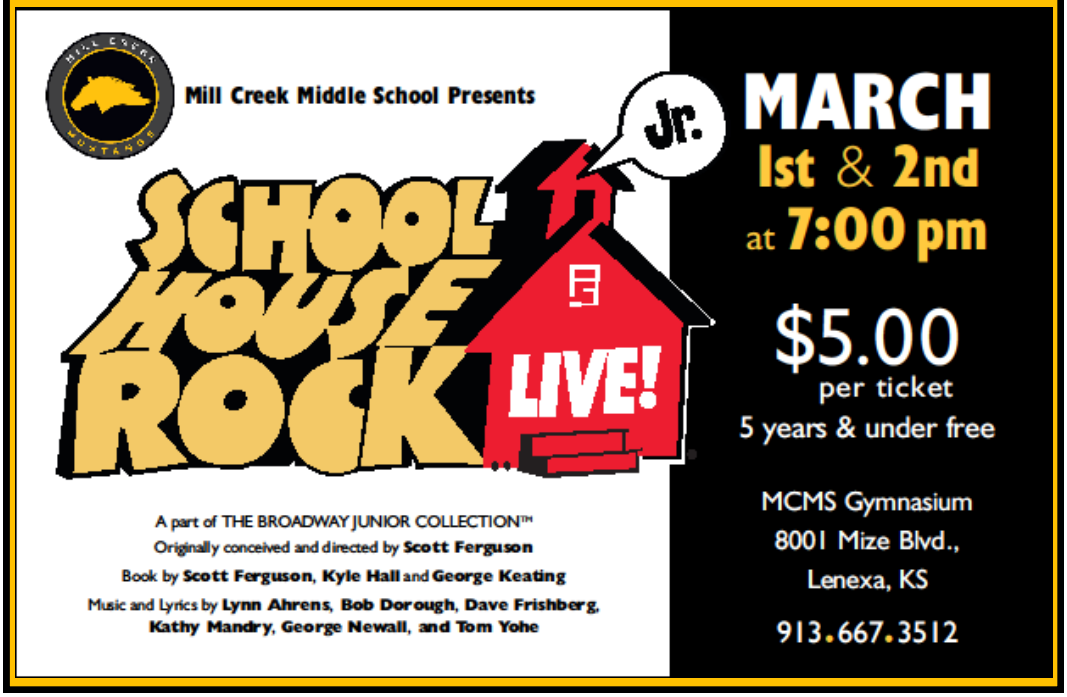
Mill Creek has found more students are texting parents directly asking to be picked up without seeing the nurse. In an effort to track illness and encourage students to remain in school, please ask your son or daughter to go to the health room if they are feeling sick. If the nurse believes the student 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



Bulletin Board

8th Grade: Incoming Freshman Night for Mill Valley has been rescheduled to TUESDAY, March 19th from 6:30 to 8:00

8th Grade Farewell Slide Show INFO:

Pictures needed: JPEG is preferred / high resolution best / please name your photos with your child's name

*8th grade school picture

*baby or toddler picture

Send to: SUBJECT LINE – student's name

mcms2023@hotmail.com

Date Needed By:

March 27th , 2018

If you can keep the pictures at a higher resolution, then it will reproduce on the bigger screen more clearly and less grainy. This means you might have to send me multiple emails with 1 picture per email. If scanning the pictures yourself, try and scan to at least a 300 dpi for the same reasons. **Please only send 2 pictures**. To make things easier, **please name your picture file the name of your child**. For example, if a picture is img_332001.png – rename the file to be janedoe8th.png or janedoebaby.png so it is easier to identify who is in the photo.

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



Bulletin Board

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.

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



Science Olympiad

We placed 9th overall out of 28 schools. We have 7 event placements. Congratulate the kids when you see them!

2nd place - Fossils - Alex Boresow & Zach Myers
3rd place - Road Scholar - Eli LeBar
4th place - Density Lab - Alex Boresow & Griffin Marschall
5th place - Game On - Nathan Anderson & Andrew Barber
5th place - Roller Coaster - Myles Gragg
5th place - Solar System - Nathan Anderson & Andrew Barber
6th place - Glider - Eli LeBar





Boys Basketball

Congratulations to our Boy's Basketball teams!

8th Grade "A" Team finished 2nd at the KVL tournament! (photo credits to Meg Jahnke)



7th Grade "A" Team finished 1st at the KVL Tournament! They were undefeated all season! (photo credits to Sheri Tennis)



MCMS Publications 2019-2020

There will be an informational meeting for 7th graders interested in applying for Publications 2019-20 on

Wednesday, March 6

during MELT/Seminar time 4th hour in computer lab 404.

Application & Project Packets will be available during the meeting from Mrs. Miller in lab 404.

Publications is a year-long elective for 8th grade students interested in learning how to:

- Plan, design, & create publications like yearbooks & print media (news articles)
- Take clear, well-framed photos of subjects and events for use in print media
- Learn the basic components of digital media/storytelling through videos, slideshows, etc.
- Work collaboratively with a team of others to meet deadlines & goals for the team

Health Room

Vaccination requirements are changing for the 2019-2020 school year!

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the new requirement states:

> Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y): Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years).

6th grade parents: Since this is a new vaccination requirement, **ALL** students currently in 6th grade will need to provide proof of one dose of meningococcal vaccine to start 7th grade in the fall of 2019. The second dose should be administered before your student starts 11th grade. This vaccine helps protect your student against bacterial meningitis.

Your shot record might say MCV, MCV4, MCV40, MCV4P, Meneveo or Menactra. All of these will meet the new requirement.

In addition, **ALL** incoming 7th graders still need to have a TDaP booster shot.

Vaccinations can be obtained at your child's doctor's office, most pharmacies (like CVS and Walgreens) as well as the Johnson County Health Department.

If your student has already had these vaccines, *please get those records to your nurse ASAP*. Nurses will have a significant amount of data entry with the new requirements so the sooner we can get started, the better. Thank you for your help!

If you have any questions, please contact school nurse Brenda Carroll at bcarroll@usd232.org or 913-667-3512.

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 March 1



6th grade: Isabel Cherrito & Ellie Upp
7th Grade: Camron Hoffman, Leah Dresvyannikov, Evan Bertram & Faith Parker
8th Grade: Henry Barney & Caden Retter

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

March 4-8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Popcorn Chicken	BBQ Ribette Sandwich	Macaroni & Cheese	General Tso's Chicken	Cheese Quesadilla
Warm Biscuit	Baked Beans	Soft Pretzel Bites	Brown Rice	Black Beans
Veggie Medley	Green Beans	Caesar Salad	Steamed Edamame	Corn
Peas & Carrots	Garden Bar	Mixed Veggies	Broccoli w/Cheese	Garden Bar
Garden Bar		Garden Bar	Garden Bar	
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	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

Twitter: @MVHS_Speech

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

KC JAGS

JAG BASKETBALL

YOUTH BASKETBALL 3RD - 8TH GRADES
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

MAR 6TH, 2019 - 7PM
MILL VALLEY HS - MAIN GYM

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