Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- April 2-Track Meet-HOME
- April 4-Track Meet at Tonganoxie
- April 11-Track Meet-HOME
- April 12-ALL School Assembly 2:15
- 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

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.

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8th Grade: Worlds of Fun and 8th Grade Farewell dates have been changed to **MAY 23**. Permission slips and order forms were sent home with students as well as sent in Skyward. Both are due April 6th.

If you have not already sent your 8th grader's photos in for the Farewell Slideshow, please do so as soon as possible:

ATTENTION 8th Grade PARENTS

Still need 142 families to send in pictures!

Farewell Slide Show INFO: **Pictures needed: JPEG is preferred / high resolution best / please name your photos with your child's name**

Please send 2 pictures:

* 8th grade school picture or CURRENT picture

*baby or toddler picture

Send to: SUBJECT LINE – student's name

Date Needed By:

NOW

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, please 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.

If you have any questions you can reach me at the email above.

Thank you!

Tori Murray

913-522-5558 cell

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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: April 8 & 9-during Math

7th Grade: April 10 & 11-during Math

8th Grade: 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.

SIXTH GRADE BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

The sixth grade band and choir students will have their Spring Concert on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 in the Mill Creek Gym. Band students need to report to the band room by 7:00 wearing their black band shirts and black pants. Choir students need to report to the commons between 6:45-7:00 wearing their black choir shirts and black pants/jeans. They have worked hard on their music and you will enjoy the performance! The concert should be over by 8:15.

Mythology Club Update

Parents of Mythology Muggles, we will have Mythology Club on the following dates:

April 16 and **April 30**

May 7 and **May 21**

Please mark your calendar to pick up your Muggle by 4:15 on these dates! All ride arrangements need to be made before school.

If your student has not signed up previously, but you know they would enjoy our club, it is not too late! Mythology Club is open to all MCMS students. See Mrs. Marney for a form, or have them scan the bar code on the activities and athletics bulletin board.

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Cheer Information for 2019-2020

April 12th – Student Informational Meeting during seminar

April 30th – Parent Informational Meeting 5:30 MCMS Gym

May 8th and 9th – Cheer Clinic 3:10 to 5:00 pm MCMS Commons and Gym

May 10th – Cheer Tryouts 3:10 to 5:30 MCMS Gym

We got a call from:



He said this year, all baskets will have:



Teachers everywhere cried out:



It is that time of year again, when your student (yes, yours!) needs pencils. Please be sure to send them to school every day with an ample supply so they can be successful and finish the year strong!

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Track & Field

April 2 at Home with MTMS

April 4 at Tonganoxie HS with Tonganoxie & Clark

April 11 at Home with Tonganoxie & BLMS

April 23 at Lansing with Clark & Lansing

April 25 Patton Invitational

May 1 KVL Meet at Patton



Summer Youth Police Academy

The Lenexa Police Department is now accepting applications for our Summer Youth Police Academy. There are two sessions offered. Session 1: June 10-14, Session 2: June 17-21. Applicants must be 13-17 years old at the time of the attendance. There is no cost to attend!

More information can be found at

https://lenexa.com/government/departments___divisions/police/youth_outreach/youth_police_academy

For any questions contact

Master Police Officer Derrick Pierce, dpeirce@lenexa.com, 913-825-8168

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



Allergy Season!

When the weather warms up, days are longer and the world is blooming, we all want to be outdoors more often. For students with allergies, spring also means an increase in allergy symptoms. Here are some ways you can help your student:

- **Shower after spending time outdoors.** – prevents transfer of pollen to your bedding at night and decreases symptoms. At the very least, change clothes and wash your hands and face.
- **Take your shoes off at the door.** – reduces pollen transfer to carpets and furniture.
- **Use a sinus rinse** – A neti pot or over the counter sinus wash kit can help rinse allergens from your nose. Just make sure to follow directions for safe use.
- **Consider a daily allergy medication** – Antihistamines like Claritin, Zyrtec and Allegra can be very helpful in controlling symptoms. Nasal sprays and eye drops can also be helpful.
    - Allery medication options: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/allergies/in-depth/allergy-medications/art-20047403
    - Why antihistamines work best when taken consistently: https://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/pretreatment?scrlybrkr#2
    - Save **Benadryl** (diphenhydramine) for bedtime or severe allergic reactions. It often makes students too sleepy for use during school.
- If your student is still miserable after home treatment, consider consulting with your pediatrician or an allergist. There are prescription medications and other allergy treatments that may help.

Finally, remember, ***the school health room does NOT have antihistamines for seasonal allergies***. You must treat these at home!



DESOTO FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

APRIL 1ST – 5TH

Sponsored by MCMS Student Council

Our school goal:

150 Rolls of Paper Towels

150 Canned Goods (canned meats, fruits, tomatoes)

50 Baking Mixes

50 Cleaning Supplies

Additional Items Needed:

Peanut butter, jelly, sugar, flour, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing

Students who bring at least 3 items will be entered into a daily raffle drawing

If we meet our school goal, ALL students will be given a "cool" treat





MCMS

Student Council presents

Eighties Extravaganza!

Friday, April 12

6 - 8 pm

Mill Creek Middle School Commons

$3.00 per person

Concessions available, Photo Booth, Prizes, Music & Dancing

DJ's - Mr. Hightower & DJ Eric

Only MCMS Students Allowed







The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week

For the Week of March 22



8th Grade: Christian Showalter

The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of March 29



6th Grade: Blake Stephens & Maura Fleming
7th Grade: Grace Cormany, Kiara Gonzalez, Callie Smith & Sireen Fraitekh
8th Grade: Kellan Flynn & Will Lawson

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



LIBRARY LOWDOWN

April 2019

Note From Mrs. Roberts

The spring book fair is the week of May 6-10. A sign-up genius will be coming soon if you would like to volunteer to run the cash register. This is the buy one get one free fair! The school library officially closes on **Friday, May 17**. Students can pick up a book or two at the book fair to get them through the last week of school and into summer. I am letting students know there are other options besides the school library for books:

- Axis 360, a free app available for students to read e-books or listen to audio books
- Students can borrow books from their classroom teachers
- Get and use a public library card
- Use the free little library

https://wawchildrensbookaward.com/6th8th-grade-reading-list

Scholastic Book Orders

My last Scholastic Book Order this year will be due

March 29th.

https://clubs.scholastic.com/

My class code is: L9D8J

Upcoming Dates

April 1

- 6th Grade

April 3

- 8th Grade Library Day

April 5

- 7th Grade

April 8

- 6th Grade

April 10

- 8th Grade

April 12

7th Grade Library Day

- WAW Voting Day

www.readingroberts.com

brroberts@usd232.org

@readingroberts

Mustang Volleyball Camp

Are you interested in trying out for the Mustang Volleyball Team in the 2018 season at Mill Creek? If so, this might be a great option for you! Camp is an opportunity to further develop fundamental skills, learn new offenses, new drills and have the opportunity to exhibit leadership on the court in a true game atmosphere. Camp fees cover insurance, camp shirts and some fun prizes for the girls. All camp sessions will take place at Mill Creek Middle School (8001 Mize Blvd, Lenexa Ks) in the gymnasium.

FOR: Girls in 7th/8th grade for the 2019 Vball season

DATES: June 17-20 (M-TH)

TIMES: 1:00-3:00 pm

CAMP ATTIRE: T-shirts or school appropriate tank tops, spandex/gym shorts, knee pads, volleyball shoes, water-bottle

FEE: $30 *(checks payable to Kristin Banuelos)*

REGISTRATION: Please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it to Coach Banuelos or the office NO LATER than **May 10th.**



Please complete the form below, cut off and return this by Friday, May 10th

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Student _____ '19-'20 Grade _____

School _____ Phone Number _____

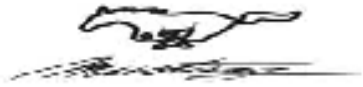
Parent/Guardian Name _____

E-Mail _____ Shirt Size _____ (adult sizes)

I understand, as the parent or legal guardian of _____, and hereby affirm that the applicant is in good health. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above player's participation in the camp. I understand that, as a condition of admittance as a camp participant, I as the applicant's parent or legal guardian hereby release Mill Creek Volleyball and Mill Creek Employees of the camp from any liability resulting in injury or illness while at the camp.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____





7th GRADE BOYS'
Mustang Summer Basketball Camp

Coaches: Justin Pickens & Bobby Rawson

Who: Incoming **7th grade** boys for the 2019-2020 school year.

What: Summer basketball camp to work on fundamentals to improve your overall basketball skills.

Dates/Times:
June 24th- 27th (Monday-Thursday)
12:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Mill Creek Middle School gymnasium

Cost: $35

Camp Philosophy:
The fundamental purpose of our summer camp is to offer students the opportunity to grow through the game of basketball. The coaching staff will focus on the basic aspects of the game such as dribbling, passing, shooting form, and defensive techniques. We feel that it is essential that in order to better themselves as basketball players they must continuously work on the basics of the game. This camp gives the athlete just that, time to work on their game and have fun doing it!

Please detach at dotted line and attach payment

Name: _____ Current School: _____

Adult T-Shirt size (please circle size) AS AM AL AXL

I understand, as the parent or legal guardian of _____do hereby affirms that the applicant is in good health. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above player's participation in this camp. I understand that, as a condition of admittance as a camp participant, I as the applicant's parent or legal guardian do hereby release Nick Pierce and all other employees of the camp from any liability resulting in injury or illness while at the camp.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Camp includes:
Camp insurance
Camp T-shirt
Prizes for camp champions
Instruction from MCMS coaches

Please Make Checks Payable to Nick Pierce

To insure you are able to get a camp T-shirt at camp, please have this form with payment turned in by May 18.

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

April 1-5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pancakes Pork Sausage Patties Roasted Potatoes Spiced Peaches Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Philly Beef Sandwich Peas & Carrots Broccoli w/Cheese Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Chicken Parmesan Garlic Breadstick Caesar Salad Vegetable Medley Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Chicken Quesadilla Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Shrimp Poppers Warm Biscuit Mixed Veggies Strawberries Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection



Day Camp



We are excited to announce that applications are open for the first ever **Garmin Engineering Day Camp** being held June 18th—20th at Garmin International Headquarters!

At the camp, high school students will get hands-on electrical, mechanical and software engineering experience, working alongside Garmin professionals and their team members to build a hovercraft. In addition to experiencing the engineering design process, students will gain valuable insight into the world of STEM opportunities.
Students must be Freshmen or Sophomores in high school during the 2019-2020 academic school year to be eligible to apply.

Interested students are requested to fill out an application for participation. Space is limited. Applications will close on Friday, May 3. Accepted applicants will be notified by Friday, May 10.

Additional Info and Application Link: https://www.garmin.com/en-US/forms/EngDayCamp/
Questions: Contact Katie Allgood at Katie.Allgood@Garmin.com