Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6-Volleyball Tournament
- Oct. 8-Cross Country KVL at Basehor Linwood
- Oct. 9-Football vs. BLMS
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Oct. 11-Dig PINK
- Oct12 & 15-NO School

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913-667-3512

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913-422-9698

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the quarter, please know our teachers are working hard to enter grades. I would ask that you familiarize yourselves with the codes below. They are very helpful in understanding assignments posted in Skyward-Family Access.

Before emailing your child's teacher, please confer with your child about a grade in the gradebook or a missing assignment.

Skyward & Grades:

All parents and students have a username and password to access Skyward. Grades will be up to date every 2 weeks and can be checked online in Skyward. Some common codes you may see in the Skyward gradebook:

ABS	Student was absent when the assignment was collected
LATE	Assignment was turned in late
NHI	Not handed in = Student did not hand in the assignment during collection time – **This will indicate that the assignment is missing.**
OMIT	Student does not need to complete assignment.
*	Assignment is not yet graded/entered. If you see this, the assignment is not missing; it simply has not yet been recorded.

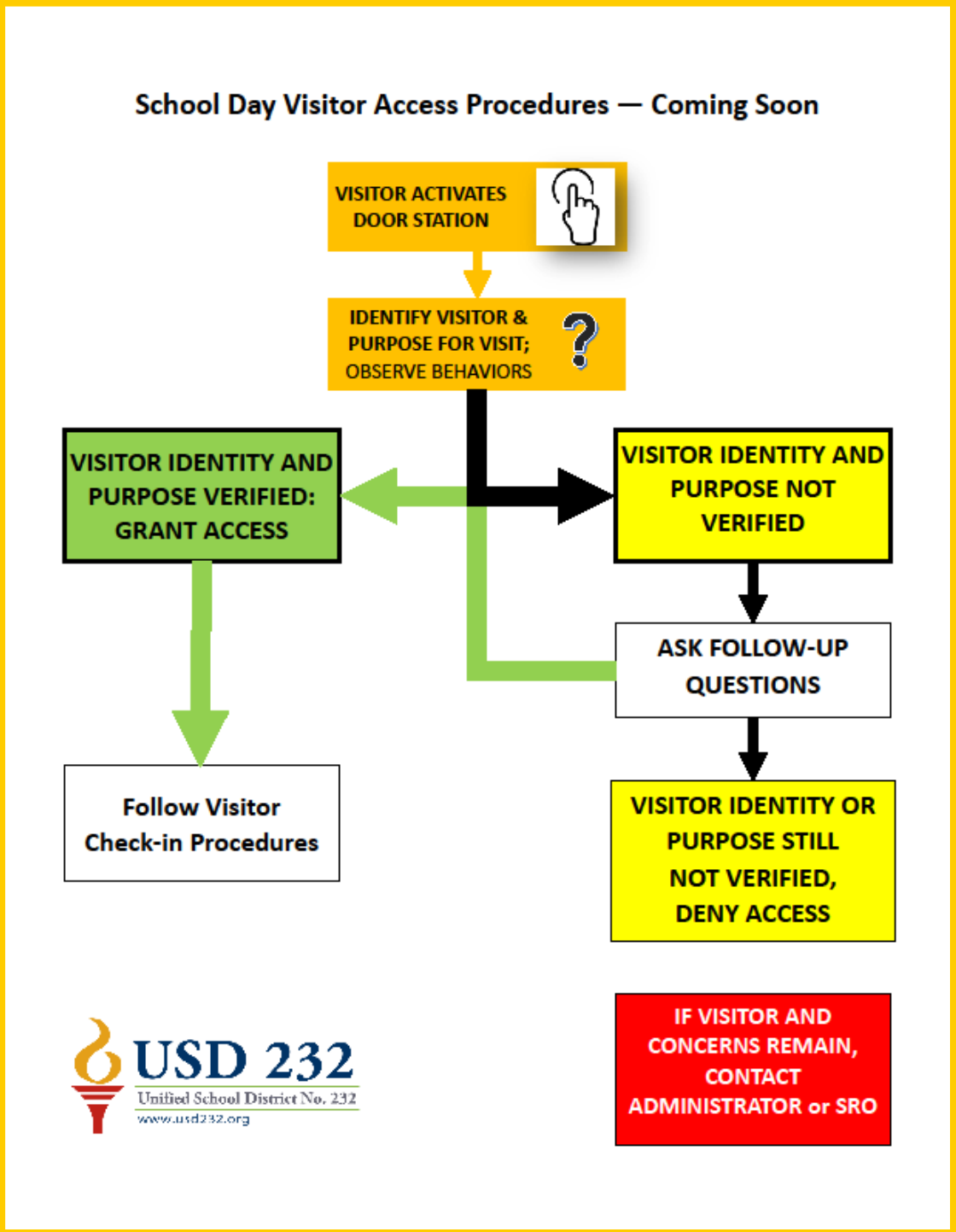
STOP SIGN



Have you seen this sign? Please help keep our students and families safe - both in cars and in busses! Please stop for ALL incoming traffic.

Coming, Tuesday, October 16-New Security Procedures

Beginning Tuesday, October 16, all schools in USD 232 will implement new visitor access control systems and procedures. The move is part of new security measures approved by the Board of Education and related to the 2018 bond issue approved by voters in May. For more information please Click here .



From the Nurses Office

Good News! Bad News! & The BEST News!

Good News: Last year, when the flu hit our city, we actually escaped the worst of it and kept our student absence numbers lower than the norm. Remember those news stories about schools being shut down by the health department to help break the cycle? Whew! We didn't make the headlines and for that we are excited!

Bad News: Another flu season is sneaking up on us from just around the corner.

The BEST News: We can help ourselves and our students to avoid illness through consistent use of these simple lifestyle habits:

- **Wash hands** frequently with soap and water. (Hand sanitizer is better than nothing if soap and water are not available.)
- **Catch coughs in the arm or elbow** instead of the hands.
- **Avoid touching the face** (especially your eyes) to reduce the chance of unwanted germs having a direct line into the body.
- **Practice daily healthy choices** that build and protect the immune system like *exercise*, adequate *sleep*, *eating fruits & veggie*s, and *drinking lots of water*!
- **Consider a flu shot** if recommended by your physician. The flu virus infects the cells of the respiratory tract and spreads easily in close quarters (like when kids are working in their classrooms.) More information concerning the prevalence of flu is on the CDC website https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm.

In Other News:
What if a doctor diagnoses your child with the flu? Current recommendations from the JOCO Health Department, KDHE, & USD 232 are exclusion from school for diagnosed influenza for **7 days** following the onset of symptoms (so, that's from the day when symptoms began…not the day the doctor gave the diagnosis.) Taking steps to avoid the flu will hopefully help to make your flu season better than ever and will lead to less days being home from illness overall. Nobody has time for the flu! Let's work together to keep our school as well as possible!

To aid county wide influenza tracking, please give details about your student's illness. If your student has flu-like symptoms or has been diagnosed with flu, please be prepared to provide:

Date symptoms started (and date of diagnosis if different)

Date of flu shot

Type of flu (Influenza A, Influenza B, Influenza AB or type unknown)

What if it's not the flu? How do you know when to keep your child home from school?
The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests answering these three quick questions about YOUR sick child:
1. **Does your child have a fever?** District policy states that children with a temp of 100 degrees or above should remain home (until fever free for 24 hours)
2. **Is your child well enough to engage in class?** If your ill child seems too run down to get much out of school, keep them home.
3. **Do you think your child has a contagious illness, such as the flu, cold, rash or pinkeye?** If so, keep them at home until they are no longer infectious, have received recommended treatment, and/or a physician has cleared them to return.

For further district exclusion information, Click Here.
If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the school nurse.

Message Board

STUCO:

- Upcoming meetings: October 16, November 20 & December 18 at 7:15
- October is right around the corner. Look for information soon about SOCKtober, a sock drive for the Salvation Army.
- The fall dance will be held at MCMS on November 2, 6-8 pm. More details to follow.

8th Grade: We've been sending reminders each week about AR and we are now in the last week! All AR for this quarter must be completed by the end of the school day on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

News From the Vocal Music Department:

All of the choir classes will be singing at the MCMS Veteran's Day Assembly on November 9. The 6th grade choir will have their concert on November 29 and the 7th, 8th grade choirs and MELT classes will have their concert on December 4. Shirt orders are due by October 10. The order form is attached.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Ms. Pederson, cpederson@usd232.org

From the MCMS PTA:

Thank you for submitting in Box Tops for Education! Please continue to drop off your clipped and bagged Box Tops in the labeled box in the Mill Creek front office.

We appreciate your support!

The PTA Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to last week's staff dinner for parent teacher conferences. We appreciate your generosity! Also, a special thanks goes out to Angie Martin and Ashley Boehm for all their help with the dinner!

MCMS CHOIR shirt order form

Student: _____ Choir Class: _____

Email: _____

Any Questions contact Tori Murray - torikc@msn.com or 813.522.5558



Mrs. Pederson has sample shirts for sizing - for both Students and Parent shirts

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STUDENT SHIRT : BLACK ANVIL Lightweight t-shirt - 4.5 oz preshrunk 100% combed ringpun cotton

YM ____ YL ____ AS ____ AM ____ AL ____ AXL ____ $12.00 each _____

PARENT SHIRT : BLACK Next Level TRIBLEND shirt - 4.2 oz 50/25/25 polyester/combed ringspun cotton/ rayon, 32 singles = super soft

ADULT Crew Neck AS ____ AM ____ AL ____ AXL ____ $15.00 each _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____ $17.50 each _____

LADIES Crew Neck AS ____ AM ____ AL ____ AXL ____ $15.00 each _____

2XL _____ $17.50 each _____

ADULT V-NECK AS ____ AM ____ AL ____ AXL ____ $15.00 each _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____ $17.50 each _____

All Sales are FINAL.
No exchanges or refunds.

Make Checks Payable to:
ELITE IMPRESSIONS

Grand Total : _____

ORDERS DUE WED. OCT 10TH

Parents! Please stop by the

MCMS Dig Pink Silent Auction

Oct. 11 @ 3:00

BBQ!

Gym memberships!

Sporting Event Tickets!

Gift cards

Themed baskets

Pedicures

Spirit Days


Mill Creek Spirit Day
Tuesday,
October 9th
NEON
Day
Wear your brightest & support your Football team!


PINK OUT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
Wear Pink and support your teams!

Athletics & Activities

Cross Country

October 8 at Basehor Linwood at 4:00



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

Football

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

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



Girls Basketball:

Tryouts:

7th Grade:

October 8, 9 & 10 -3:15-5:00

October 11- 6:00am-7:30am

8th Grade:

October 8, 9 & 10-6:00am-7:30am





Volleyball

October 6 KVL League Tournament
7th Grade: Clark
8th Grade: Lansing

October 11-DIG PINK 3:30-5:30





Every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This October, MCMS & Kid President need your help to prove that even the smallest acts of love ❤ like donating a pair of socks, can make a BIG difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless!

WHO?	MCMS Students, Staff & Parents
WHAT?	STUCO is sponsoring a SOCK DRIVE
WHERE?	Collection boxes will be placed in each POD. Hallways will compete & the winning hallway will receive a prize!!
WHEN?	October 8 – 19th
WHY?	The time to be AWESOME is NOW!!

All types of socks welcome – infants, children & adults! New socks only please!

Donations will be delivered to:
Salvation Army Family Lodge in Olathe

Questions? Jill Church or Katie Taylor/STUCO
MCMS – Enter To Learn, Go Forth To Serve

OFFICIAL SEAL
Socktober

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

October 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Popcorn Chicken	Cheddar Filled Pretzell	Chicken Parmesan	Manager's Choice	**NO School**
Warm Biscuit	Nacho Cheese	Garlic Toast		
Baked Curly Fries	Mixed Veggies	Caesar Salad		
Baked Beans	Roasted Cauliflower	Steamed Green Beans		
Garden Bar	Garden Bar			
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	

