Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Oct12 & 15-NO School
- Oct. 16-Football vs. Clark
  7th grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

Enter to Learn
Go Forth to Serve

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Website
www.usd232.org

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.

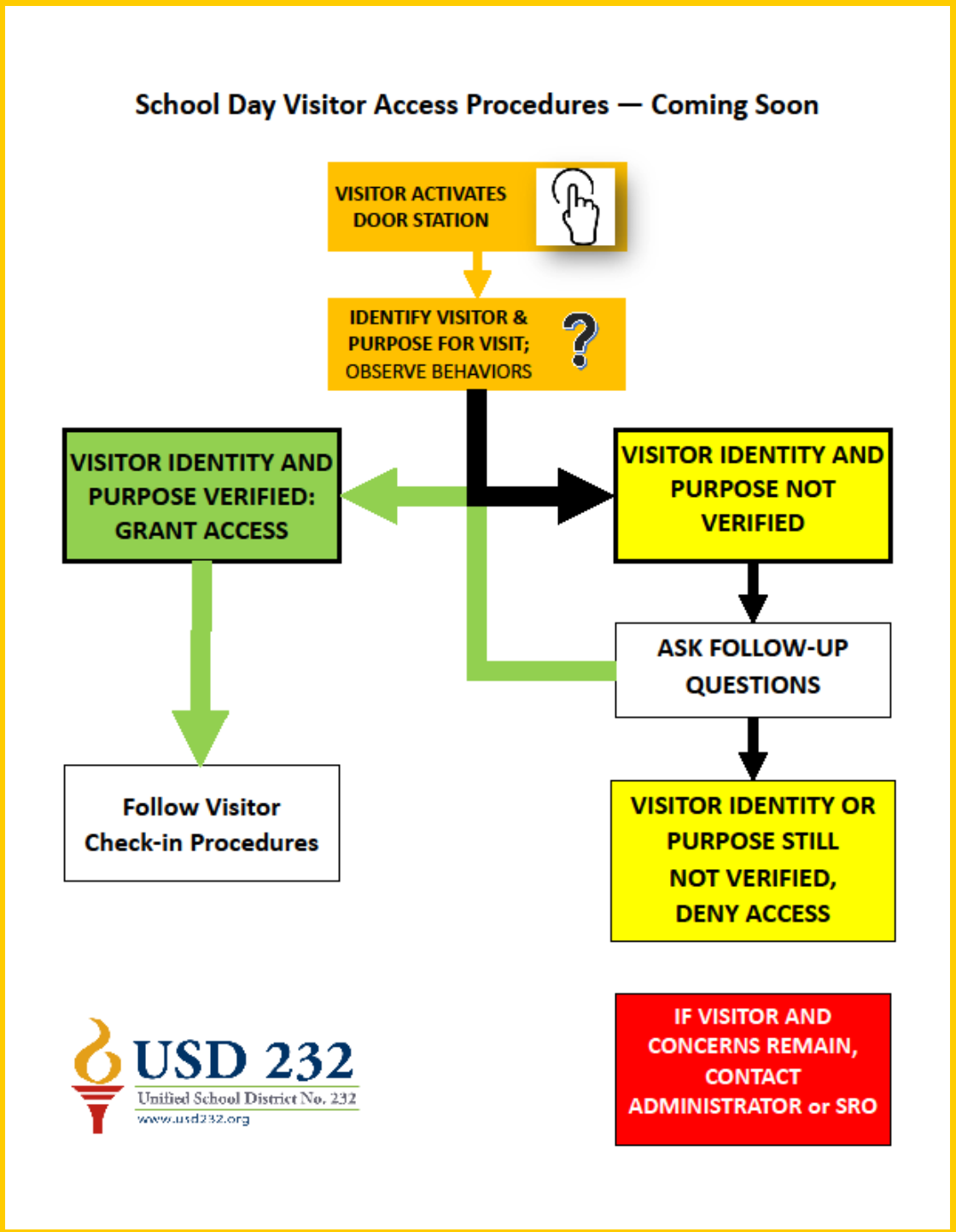
Skyward & Grades:

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.

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 .



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: The first quarter is in the books!! This is an excellent time to check in with your 8th grader to see how they are doing on supplies. Pencils seem to be in short supply for many of our 8th graders! Enjoy the long weekend!

6th Grade: Please do not forget that we are going to Timber Ridge next week. Gold Hall will go on Wednesday (10/17) and Black Hall will go on Thursday (10/18). Please be sure your student has all forms completed and turned in as soon as possible.

Also, if you would be interested in being a parent chaperone/volunteer, there are still several open slots in both halls. It is a fun day outside and very little is required of chaperones during this day – you simply get to enjoy the kids building relationships that will last a lifetime, and you spend the day in the beautiful outdoors!

WE NEED YOU!



From the Nurses Office

When Should My Student Stay Home?

School or Home?

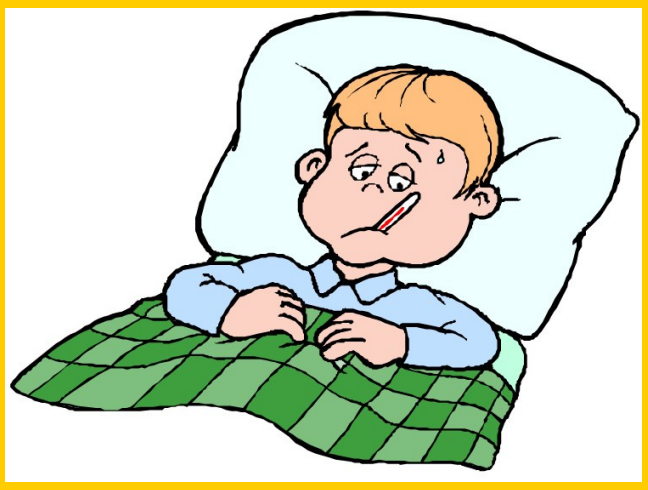
GO TO SCHOOL!

An important part of middle and high school is practicing skills for adulthood, like attending school when you have mild symptoms. Students need to develop the ability to successfully push through minor discomforts. This builds confidence in their ability to conquer hardships and prepares them for future employment with limited sick days.

STAY HOME!

If your child has vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours, please keep them home until they have been free of these symptoms for a FULL 24 hours without the aid of medication. The same goes for fever. If your child's temperature has been 100 degrees or higher, they must be fever free without ibuprofen or Tylenol for a FULL 24 hours. When you send them back too early, you are choosing to expose others and risk prolonging your child's recovery.





Fighting Influenza



Fighting Influenza starts with 2 simple steps:

1. **Vaccinate**
The FLU shot is recommended for anyone 6 months of age and older.

2. **Prevention with healthy habits:**
Handwashing and *staying home when ill*, as well as adequate sleep, exercise, healthy diet, and drinking plenty of water.

To help control the spread of illness in our school, USD 232 will be following the exclusion recommendations from Johnson County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which means:

Students and staff diagnosed with Influenza will be excluded from school for 7 days following the onset of symptoms.

To see our district's exclusion policy, https://www.usd232.org/Page/3196, which will also lead you to Johnson County's Health and Environment's recommendations.

LIBRARY LOWDOWN

October2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

I will start teaching lessons for the Pathways teachers during second quarter. I'm going to show the students some really good resources offered by Johnson County Library. If your student doesn't have a Johnson County Library card, now would be a good time to get one.

After Hour

Every Tuesday students can come to the library after school from 3 -4 p.m. They can work on homework, use the computers and iPads, and use maker space supplies. Usually there's a sporting event that they can go to at 4 p.m. if they need to be picked up later. We have been averaging about 20 students each week!

Spelling Bee—October 30th

This year we are doing the school spelling bee in the fall. All grade levels are invited to participate. The practice bee will be held on Monday October, 29th. The official spelling bee will be on **Tuesday October, 30th**. Please have your student contact their ELA teacher for more information or see me in the library.

Scholastic Book Orders

My next order is due October 31st. You can order online with my class code: L9D8J

Upcoming Dates

October 15

- No School

October 16

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day
- After Hour 3-4

October 17

- 8th Grade Black Team Library Day

October 18

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

Sept. 19

- 7th Grade Library Day

October 30

- Spelling Bee 3 p.m.

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The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of October 5



6th Grade: James Haase, Quinn Carpenter, Kira Lynch & Ayden Brown
7th Grade: Riley Martin & Cameron McCollum
8th Grade: Ethan Frick

The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of October 11



6th Grade: Makylie Sexton & Jack Redden
7th Grade: Nathan Anderson, Katelyn Blaesing, Anna Zwahlen & Anthony Chau
8th Grade: Kaitlyn Tjiptogarsono

Athletics & Activities

Girls Basketball:

October 22 vs. Patton
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

October 23 vs Warren
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

October 25 vs Clark
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

October 29 vs Pioneer Ridge
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home

November 1 vs Piper
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home



Football

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



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

Wrestling:

November 3-KVL Match-up at Patton
November 8-Home QUAD
November 12-Home TRI
November 14-Basehor Linwood
November 28-MTMS Double Dual
December 1-Clark Invitational





Cheer Competitions:

November 3-Louisburg
November 10-Blue Valley Southwest





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 15-19

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO School	Pizza Palooza! Caesar Salad Green Beans Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Chicken Teriyaki Steamed Brown Rice Broccoli w/Cheese Steamed Edamame Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Brownie Milk/Juice Selection	Beefy Nachos Queso Blanco Sauce Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection



Free Self Defense Class



Hear Carrie Mugridge, a Lawrence woman and survivor of an attempted abduction tell her story and what she did to save her life. Participants will practice and learn basic self- defense tips and tricks that you can use to feel more confident in your ability to protect yourself!

When? Thursday, November 15th 4-6 p.m.

Where? Mill Valley High School Commons

Who? Middle and High School students of the Desoto School District (families are welcome as well!)

How? If you are under 18, grab a parent permission form from the office at your school and bring it to the event!

The class is free; however, donations are appreciated! All donations will go to endthebacklog.com, an organization working toward research and funding to end the backlog of thousands of untested rape kits.

Contact Lexi Knappen for questions. lexiknappen@gmail.com OR 913-636-3394

PERSONAL ANALYSIS
CHILD

Date: _____

Student Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____ M F

Student Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____ M F

Student Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____ M F

Guardian _____ Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____

Guardian _____ Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____ / _____

How did you hear about us? _____

In considering my attendance and participation in this academy's martial art training, I, the student/parent, acknowledge the existence of certain inherent risks in this type of training and hereby agree to assume all risks. I further relieve the academy, its management, assigned staff, and fellow students, from any liability resulting from personal injury or loss of personal belongings. I also hereby state that the students named above are physically fit to take the prescribed course of instruction and do so of their own free will for an agreed upon fee. I understand there is a no refunds policy on any monies I will pay to this academy.

Signature _____ Date _____

For School Use Only

What would you like to accomplish in our martial arts program?

_____

Other Activities _____

Medical Concerns _____

Please label each column in order of importance, 1 to 4.

Self Confidence	Physical Fitness	Self Discipline	Self Defense
_____	_____	_____	_____