Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 29-Spelling Bee Practice in the library 3-4
- Oct. 29– Basketball vs. Pioneer Ridge
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Oct. 30-Spelling Bee in the library begins after school
- Nov. 1-Basketball vs. Piper
  7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Nov. 2-School Dance 6pm-8pm
- Nov. 3-Cheer Competition
- Nov. 3 "A" Team Girls Basketball Tourney in Shawnee Heights
- Nov. 3 KVL Wrestling Matchup

Enter to Learn
Go Forth to Serve

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913-422-9698

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Dear 7th grade parents

In honor of Red Ribbon Week our SRO officer Brad Martins, our school nurse Brenda Carroll and one of our para support members Russ Hightower will be speaking with your students on Monday, October 29th during Pathways classes. This lesson will focus on drug and alcohol awareness as well as information about vaping and the affects addiction has on family and friends. Students will get the chance to ask questions and participate in a discussion as well. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Annie Hessenflow at ahessenflow@usd232.org.





Veterans Day Assembly 2018

Dear Mill Creek Families,

We would like to welcome you to participate in our annual Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 9th, starting at 8:30 am. This is a special reception and ceremony where we acknowledge the service of our Veterans. The schedule will be as follows:

8:30 – 9:00 Reception
9:00 – 10:00 Assembly
10:00 – 10:30 Veterans are invited to visit classrooms and participate in Q & A sessions

We would like to invite family and friends who are currently or have served in any branch of the military. We request that you RSVP by Monday, November 5th at the following link: https://goo.gl/forms/7kt4pDiqQ9vpgLd23 Space is limited so please don't delay!

In addition, a slide show is being prepared for all Veterans – whether you can attend or not. Please send a picture with the following information: Name of the Veteran, Family member or student's full name and relation to the Veteran, Military Rank, Job in the Military, and how long they served. Pictures can be sent to Denise Legore Seawood at dlegoreseawood@usd232.org. Please send pictures and information by November 5th as well.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to another spectacular celebration and Happy Veterans Day!



Denise Legore Seawood
Associate Principal
Mill Creek Middle School

New Club

New Mythology Club!



WHAT IS THIS CLUB? A student-driven club where we will read and discuss mythology, including Greek, Norse, Egyptian, Native American, etc. Because of the extensive interest in Greek mythology, we will begin with that as our primary focus and move into other areas of interest as determined by students.

WHO CAN JOIN? Anyone at MCMS who is interested in reading and discussing mythology with their peers – 6th, 7th or 8th grade!

LOCATION: MCMS Room 102 - Mrs. Marney's room

PROPOSED TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning October 30. We will poll students and parents for maximum participation. Students must be picked up at 4:15 unless other arrangements have been made.

There is a QR Code for sign-up, but please have your student contact Mrs. Marney if they need a form or send an email to LMarney@usd232.org and one will be provided electronically.

October 30 is also the date of the Spelling Bee. Please encourage your student to sign up for the Spelling Bee and join us next month if they were planning to participate in The Bee! We may add a couple of meetings before our winter break if we determine that is feasible and kids want to do this.

Even if they do not sign up in advance, they can stay for the first meeting and bring contact information with them. We look forward to having a great time discussing all things Mythology!

Mill Creek Middle School students and staff
cordially invite you to attend an assembly in observance of

Veterans Day

Friday, November 9th

8:30 – 9:00 Refreshments served in the commons

9:00 – 10:00 Assembly to honor all Veterans

10:00 – 10:30 Veterans are invited to participate in Q & A sessions with classroom groups

RSVP by November 5th to:

MCMS
8001 Mize Road
Lenexa, Kansas 66227
OR
Email Denise Legore Seawood
dlegoreseawood@usd232.org
OR
Fill out the form found at
https://goo.gl/forms/cJHXVCt3dngROm4Q2



Name: _____

Relation to anyone at MCMS: _____

Branch: _____ **Rank:** _____ **Years of Service:** _____

Total Number of people attending the assembly: _____ **Would you like to participate in a Q & A following the program?** _____

Email or Contact Info: _____

USD 232 Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) Framework Factsheet

What is the Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) Integrated Framework?

The Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports Integrated Framework (MTSS) is a set of evidence-based practices implemented to meet the needs of all learners. MTSS builds a system of prevention, early intervention, and supports to ensure that all students are learning from the instruction. MTSS establishes a system that intentionally focuses on leadership, professional development, and an empowering culture and content areas of reading, mathematics, behavior, and social-emotionallearning.

Definition and Focus

MTSS is a continuum of evidence based, system-wide practices which support rapid response to academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs. Frequent data-based monitoring for instructional decision-making empowers each student to achieve high standards. The focus of MTSS Integrated Framework is system- level academic and behavioral improvements across the classroom, school, district, and state.

USD 232 Vision and Mission

Vision
Maximize each student's potential, through inspiration and discovery, challenging all students to become self-sufficient and positive contributors to society.

Mission
USD 232 will prepare all students for their future through excellent, innovative learning opportunities with caring, dedicated and passionate staff in a safe and secure environment.

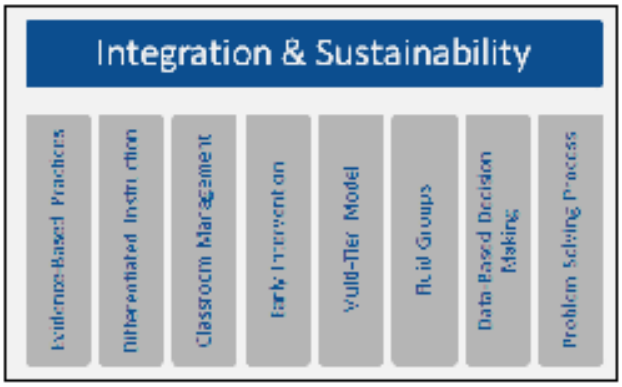
MTSS Goal and Objectives

The goal of MTSS in USD 232 is to provide an integrated systemic approach to meet the needs of every student, and for schools to use resources in ways that enable every child to be successful. This is accomplished by:

- Evaluating current practices to identify those that yield evidence of effectiveness; addressing areas that are missing; and replacing approaches with those that are supported by research.
- Being prevention oriented: knowing who needs support as early as possible, and putting necessary and appropriate supports in place.

School Improvement Process

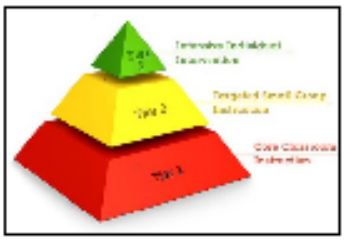
MTSS is a framework that guides schools through a process of needs assessment and decision-making that assists in not only selecting effective practices, but also creating a sustainable, aligned system. School districts use MTSS as one component of the framework in school improvement to address the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional growth and achievement of all students.



MTSS is built upon strong educational practices at the center of instruction. These basic educational practices include using evidence-based curriculum and practices to provide differentiated learning experiences that challenge all students. In addition, teachers must be effective in the delivery of instruction in order for students to attain high achievement.

Resources

The USD 232 website includes substantial information to utilize regarding the MTSS Integrated Framework. This includes overview information and other documents. For more information, please visit this portion of our website at: USD 232 MTSS



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. Besides knowing their library card number, they also need to know their pin to login to the e-learning tools on the website.

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.

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

Upcoming Dates

October 22

- 6th Grade Library Day

October 23

- After Hour 3-4

October 24

- 8th Grade Library Day

October 26

- 7th Grade Library Day

October 29

- Spelling Bee Practice 3-4 p.m.

October 30

- Spelling Bee 3-4:30 p.m.

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Athletics & Activities

Girls Basketball:

October 29 vs Pioneer Ridge

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

November 3 & 5-Tournaments:
7th & 8th Grade "A"-Shawnee Heights/Seaman

November 6 vs. Lansing
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

November 7 vs Turner
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home



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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



STUCO:

- Upcoming meetings: November 20 & December 18 at 7:15
- The fall dance will be held at MCMS on November 2, 6-8 pm. More details to follow.





Cheer Competitions:

November 3-Louisburg

November 10-Blue Valley Southwest



MCMS

Student Council presents

Red Carpet

You're the Star Attraction!

Friday, November 2

6 – 8 pm

Mill Creek Middle School Commons

$3.00 per person

Concessions available, Photo Booth, Prizes, Music & Dancing

Only MCMS Students Allowed

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 October 19



6th Grade: Aneet Kakkar & Nathan Nguyen

7th Grade: Gracie Smith & Meron Abebe

8th Grade: Analia Stevens, Parker Volski, Anthony Molinaro & Ellie Brown



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of October 26



6th Grade: Melanaie Cauthron, Brian Briones, Nikki Rattan & Kylee Norris
7th Grade: Molly Morgan & Charlie Tadlock
8th Grade: Olivia Dondzilla & Sophie Smith (Not pictured)

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 29-November 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Sticks	Cheese Quesadilla	Chicken Strips	BBQ Ribette Sandwhich	Chili Cheese Dog w/Nacho Cheese
Sausage Patties	Black Beans	Honey Wheat Roll	Baked Beans	Vegetable Medley
Roasted Potatoes	Steamed Corn	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	Mixed Veggies	Steamed Peas
Spiced Pears	Garden Bar	Steamed Green Beans	Garden Bar	Garden Bar
Garden Salad		Garden Bar		
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection

