Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 17-Boys basketball vs. Piper 7th grade: Home; 8th grade: Away
- Jan. 19-Boys basketball "A" Team tournament at Shawnee Heights
- Jan. 21-NO School Building closed
- Jan. 22-Boys basketball vs. Turner 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade; Away
- Jan. 23-Boys basketball "A" Team tournament at Shawnee Heights
- Jan. 24-Boys Basketball vs MTMS 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Jan. 25-School Assembly at 2:15

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

Report Cards

Report cards for Semester 1 have now been posted to family access. You will be able to find them under the "Documents" tab. Once you are in the "Documents" tab, click on "MCMS Semester 1 Report Card." If you have any questions, or find any discrepancies, please contact our office.



Restroom/Water breaks

Parents, you may have heard that Mill Creek is working on reducing the number of tardies as well as being more cautious about allowing students to leave class. This allows us to maximize teaching time and keep our students safe and accounted for. Students with medical needs that require free access to the restroom or the drinking fountain will continue to be allowed to follow their medical plan. Please reassure your student that staff are committed to meeting their needs.

Anxiety Small Group

This semester I would like to start a small group for students that struggle with anxiety. This group would be made up of 6-8 students and would meet once or twice a week for 6 sessions. During this time we would discuss anxiety in general and ways to combat anxiety. If this is something you think your student would benefit from please encourage them to use the QR code on the attached page to sign up. If you have any questions about the group please feel free to email or call me (Annie Hessenflow) at ahessenflow@usd232.org.

Anxiety Small Group for Students

- Do you have frequent or excessive worry about school, friends, following rules, or about getting the approval of teachers and parents?

- Do you have physical problems such as headaches, stomachaches, or tiredness with no physical cause?

- Do you have problems sleeping like having a hard time falling asleep, waking up throughout the night or waking up early?

- If you answered yes to one or all of these you may be suffering from anxiety. If you would like to learn more about anxiety in general and how to best deal with your anxiety this small group may be for you. Scan the QR code below to sign up or to get more information. You may also ask Mrs. Hessenflow for more information ahessenflow@usd232.org .

All responses will be confidential.

The group will start after winter break.

Bulletin Board

8th Grade: Parents – 8th Graders were given permission slips for Worlds of Fun on Tuesday. Mr. Kindler and Mrs. Legore Seawood spoke with them about expectations as well. A PDF copy of the permission slips is included at the end of the newsletter. These are not due until April 5th but you can turn in your 8th grader's money/permission slip any time between now and then.

New quarters mean new AR goals! Accelerated Reader is due in ELA on March 7th.

Eighth Graders need to have a calculator for math. TI -30 is recommended and it's about $12 at many stores and Amazon. https://smile.amazon.com/Texas-Instruments-Scientific-Calculator-Accents/dp/B00000JBNX/ref=sr_1_1?s=office-electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1542119022&sr=1-1&keywords=ti-30

News from the Vocal Music Department:

Students new to choirs may order shirts that are part of our performance uniform. They are due by January 25. The order form is attached.

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE JR rehearsals are underway for performances on March 1-2. The musical information can be found on the musical website.

https://www.usd232.org/domain/3667

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Ms. Pederson, cpederson@usd232.org



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

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 FRI. JAN. 25TH

Bulletin Board

The MCMS Annual DODGEBALL Event is in TWO WEEKS

Friday January 25th 6pm – 9pm

Come out and support your school with this FUN Fundraiser and enjoy an exciting evening of Dodgeball with family and friends. To ensure this event is a success we will need parent volunteers to help. Please check out the Sign-up Genius below and help where you can. See you January 25th!

Dodgeball Volunteers

Paraprofessional Substitutes needed!

USD 232 is in need of paraprofessional substitutes who are flexible and willing to substitute throughout the district on an as needed basis. Stay-at-home parents make great substitute paraprofessionals! The ideal candidate is caring, compassionate and dedicated to the students' success by looking for ways to support the teacher and making a positive difference in the lives of our children.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute paraprofessional for the district, please speak with your Principal or contact HR at the USD 232 District Office.

Digital Safety Presentation

Monticello Trails Middle School is hosting an event for parents and Mill Creek families are invited to attend. Please see the attached flier for more information.



Digital Safety: Protecting Teens in an On-Line World

Presented by Seth Wescott, LMLP

Tuesday, January 15, 2019
6:30 pm
Monticello Trails Middle School Commons

Teenagers today face all the same challenges their parents did: making friends, dating, bullying, and just learning how to be a teenager. But today's teens have a new variable to contend with, one that no other generation before has had—social media. The role of technology has gone from a periodic luxury to a constant and required part of everyday life. Parents struggle to keep up with the latest apps, and the ever-changing vernacular of teen-speak. Protecting our teenagers has become more difficult in a world where popularity is determined by the number of followers one has, where cyber-bullying is a serious threat, and where sexting is commonplace. This presentation will inform parents of the new and existing dangers lurking within the digital world, and will provide insight into how parents can navigate the turbulent waters of adolescence with their kids.

Seth is a Licensed Master's Level Psychologist with over 16 years experience in the forensic mental health field including work in maximum security prisons for both adults and juveniles. He has served as the Chief Psychologist and Director of Mental Health at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. He is currently employed at Clinical Associates, where he has served as the Director of the Sex Offender Treatment Program since 2011.

Presented by the MTMS PTA

Mill Creek Middle School DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 25, 2019

6 - 9 pm, Mill Creek Gymnasium

Register by January 18th to play!

$10 per player

*Teams of 10 – 12 students + **1 parent coach***

No team? Come out and watch your friends and teachers play!

- Admission: $3 Adult & $1 Child
- DJ
- Food & Drink available for purchase

Proceeds benefit MCMS PTA

Packets returned to Mrs. Legore Seawood. First 14 teams with completed packets accepted!



5 D's of Dodgeball: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive, and.....DODGE!

Athletics & Activities

Boys Basketball:

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7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

January 19 "A" Team Tournament
At Seaman/Shawnee Heights

January 22 vs. Turner
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

January 24 vs. Monticello Trails
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

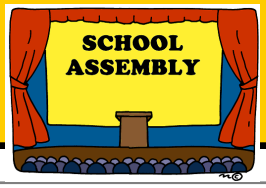
Science Olympiad Tournaments:

DeSoto Invitational January 19
Northeast Kansas Regional Tournament February 23
Kansas State Tournament April 6

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD™
Exploring the World of Science



Recognition Assembly: On Friday, January 25, there will be a recognition assembly during the final period of the day. If you are planning on signing out your child after 2:15, please expect delays in locating your child. To avoid delays, it is recommended to pick up your child before 2:15. Students will be in the assembly until dismissal time at 3:05. We appreciate your patience and assistance.



The Mustang Citizen



Citizens of the Week
For the Week of January 11



6th grade: Jonathan Purkey, Swea Bonnstetter, Thatcher Ivey, Faith Coulter
7th Grade: Ashley Makalous & Ethan Church
8th Grade: Sydney Barge, Jacob Morton & Lauren Pratt

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



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Valentine Grams

All Proceeds Benefit MCMS STUCO!

Suckers will be delivered to students Tuesday, February 12th during MELT.



$1.00

Quantities Limited!!!
Be sure to get yours today!

Questions? Contact Jill Church jchurch@usd232.org or Katie Taylor ktaylor@usd232.org

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Payment must be sent with order. Last day for orders is February 8th.

Please return to Student Services, Jill Church (Room 203) or Katie Taylor (Room 106).

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

January 14-18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Sticks	Fiestada Pizza	Popcorn Chicken Bowl	Cheese Bosco Sticks	Hot Dog
Sausage Patties	Black Beans	Warm Biscuit	Marinara Sauce	Veggie Medley
Roasted Potatoes	Mixed Veggies	Steamed Corn	Parmesan Broccoli	Steamed Green Beans
Cinnamon Apples	Garden Bar	Garden Bar	Steamed Peas	Garden Bar
Garden Salad			Garden Bar	
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection

