



Mustang Messenger

August 9, 2019

Upcoming Events

- August 12th– 6th grade Meet the Teacher night 6:00-7:30
- August 13th– 7th and 8th grade Meet the Teacher night 6:00-7:30
- August 14– First day of school for 6th graders 7:55-11:12
- August 15th– First full day of school for all students
- **August 16– Deadline for athletic paperwork for Fall Sports**

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Mill Creek Middle School

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Lenexa, KS 66227**

**Main Number
913-667-3512**

**Attendance Line
913-422-9698**

**Website
www.usd232.org**

WELCOME BACK

Dear Mill Creek Families,

The Mill Creek staff are gearing up for another great start to an awesome school year! We look forward to seeing our 6th graders on Wednesday, August 14th. We will see all students on Thursday, August 15th. Please know that both first days will begin with an assembly in the gym. You are welcome to take pictures if you would like of your child's first day. We ask that you take these pictures outside of the building. We also invite you to attend our Meet the Teacher night on August 12th for 6th graders and August 13th for 7th and 8th graders. Please be familiar with what team your child is on. The exploratory teacher open house begins at 6 PM and you are welcome to walk from room to room meeting them. We will have our core teacher rotations beginning at 6:35. We ask that you report to the room that has your last initials on the door and we will rotate in a clockwise format.

Please remember that school begins at 7:55 AM and dismisses at 3:05 PM. On August 14th the 6th graders will be dismissed at 11:12 AM after their brunch.

Our theme this year is *Grow Together*. Our goal is to make sure each child feels safe and successful at school. Please reach out to us with questions, concerns or compliments. We encourage your feedback.

Thank you again for supporting our wonderful school. We look forward to serving your students this year.

From your Principals



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For Information on the following please click the link below:



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Schedule Changes

Any student requesting to change **Exploratory Classes** MUST fill out a pink request form. Forms can be picked up in the Student Services Office and can be turned in between August 15th and August 21st. **Early and late requests will not be accepted.** Requests are **not guaranteed** and are determined by class sizes and other restraints.

Attendance

Report an Absence:

A 24 hour voicemail phone line (422-9698) is available to report an absence. If you need to speak with someone in person, our office opens at 7:30 am. We ask that you call on the day of the absence or before if possible.

Please include the following information:

- Leave your name, relationship
- Student's name
- Date and hours missed
- Reason for absence

Students are expected to attend school and to be present and punctual for all classes each day that school is in session from 7:55 am - 3:05 pm. Regular attendance is basic to the educational process.

Excused Absence:

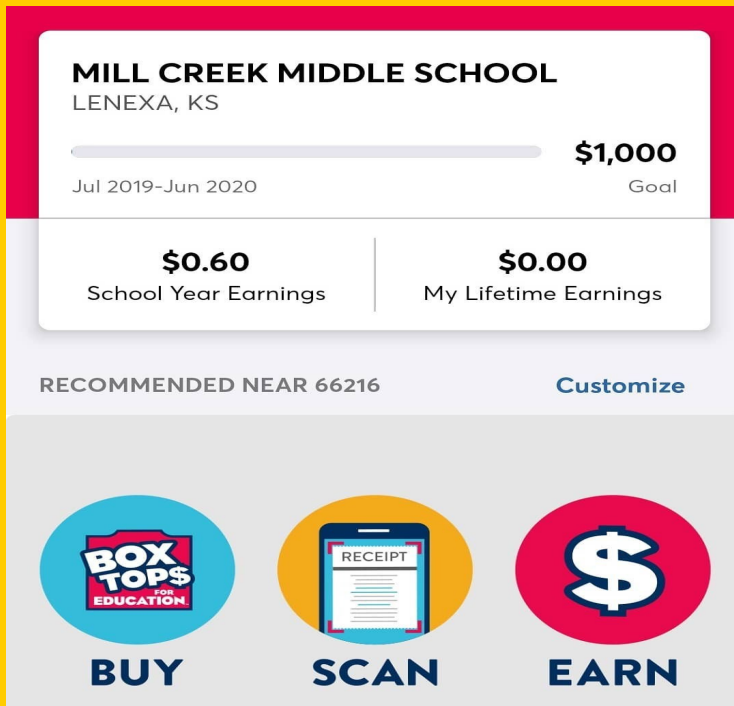
The only acceptable reasons for absence or tardies are: illness, medical/dental appointments, court appearance, family emergencies (funerals, critical illness), religious holidays, and school sponsored events.

Tardies:

The purpose of the MCMS Tardy Policy is to maximize classroom attendance, academic excellence, and student accountability, and to minimize classroom disruptions. Students arriving after 7:55 am must report to the office to sign-in and receive a pass before reporting to class. If buses are late students will be excused without reporting to the office. Students who walk to school or rely on other transportation will not be excused unless a parent/guardian calls to explain the extraordinary circumstance of the late arrival. Student are not excused for "oversleeping" or "running late".

The administration will address "late to school" tardies, and a consequence will be assigned by an administrator on the third tardy, pre class per quarter. This adheres to the USD 232 Middle School Tardy Policy. Passes are not issued by the office for tardies between classes. Teacher keep a record of tardies and assess consequences for this behavior. It is expected that all students report to class on time. Parents will be notified of excessive tardiness.

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Hey Parents! Help us raise money for Mill Creek through box tops! All you have to do is download the Box Tops app, and scan in your receipt. That's it!! When you set up the app, please choose Mill Creek Middle School!

Fall Sports Information

Fall Sports Practices begin on Monday, August 19th, 2019

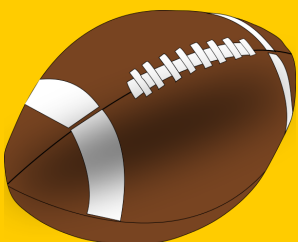
August 26th is Parent Night

- Cross country will be in the 7th grade POD at 4:30
- Volleyball will be in the 6th grade POD at 4:30
- Football will be in the commons at 5:00

To be completed:

Athletic Registration: Students and parents both need to complete their portion of the Athletic Participation Registration process within Skyward and have a physical completed by a licensed physician on file with the Athletic Department before students may participate in try-outs, practices, and/or competitions. 2019-20 physicals must be dated post May 1st. All athletic paperwork must be completed by Friday, August 16, 2019. **NO PHYSICAL- NO PRACTICE**

- Please check the school website under athletics for practice schedules for individual sports



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Forgotten Items Policy

It is each students responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, lunch, lunch money and anything else they need at school. It is important for students to learn how to handle their responsibilities. If you decide to bring forgotten items to school, please leave them CLEARLY LABELED at the Students Drop-Off Table in the front office. The office will NOT interrupt classroom instruction to notify your child of a forgotten item(s). Students can pick up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school. Thank you for your cooperation!



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 visitors 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.



Student Dress Code

The school environment must be conducive to learning. If a student's appearance becomes disruptive, the student will be sent to the office. An administrator or administrative designee will ask the student to make any necessary changes with his/her appearance, and/or they will be given MCMS apparel to wear the rest day.

Depending on the circumstances, disciplinary action can result.

Disruptive appearance includes - but is not limited - to the following:

- clothing or appearance which is vulgar, indecent, obscene or insulting
- promotes or encourages behaviors such as smoking, drinking, drug use, physical or sexual violence or the use of illegal substances
- outdoor clothing including headgear, sunglasses, gloves, coats, etc. should be removed upon entering the building and stored in the locker or other designate areas
- blankets are not allowed at school
- shirts that expose the midriff
- clothing with excessive holes that are suggestive or distasteful
- clothing which exposes undergarments
- short shorts and short skirts.
- excessively baggy pants or shorts worn below the waistline.
- spaghetti straps (less than one-inch width strap), halter-tops, low-cut tops or muscle shirts or shirts with long armholes
- roller skate tennis shoes

This list is not to be considered exhaustive - school administrators reserve the right to make judgments on attire. Repeated violations can result in disciplinary action.

Welcome New Staff

New Staff

From the top, left to right:

1. Kirstin Moerike – School Psychologist
2. Ryan Thies – Engineering Technology
3. Shaunna Ruder – 6th Grade Resource teacher
4. Alexa Masilionis – Front Office Secretary
5. Kelly Robinson – School Improvement Specialist
6. Jenna Kellenberger – 6th Grade Gold Hall ELA
7. Trent Hoefler – 7th Grade Black Hall Math
8. Sahra Go – 8th Grade Resource teacher



News from your MCMS PTA!

We are excited for a great year ahead! If you haven't had a chance to check out our brand new website we hope you will visit it soon! www.mcmspta.com. A HUGE thank you to Cindy Akehurst who designed - it looks amazing! You can find all things PTA here and even order your spirit wear!

We are still looking for a few great parents to help us this year. Please be sure to put our first meeting on your calendar and plan to join us Thursday, August 29th at 6:30 pm in the MCMS Library!!

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Welcome Breakfast for our MCMS Staff!! It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!!