



# Mustang Messenger

September 6, 2019

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 10th– Hawaiian Spirit Day
- Sept. 13th– Picture Retake Day
- Sept. 18th– Late Start Day

Want to know what is happening at The Creek? Visit the calendar on our webpage!

[Calendar Link](#)

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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](http://www.usd232.org)



## Late Start Dates

**Wednesday, Sept. 18th**

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**

**School will start at  
9:55 am.**

**Picture Retake Day  
Friday, September 13th  
7:15-10:15  
6th Grade POD**



## 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 can be sent to [amasilionis@usd232.org](mailto:amasilionis@usd232.org) and [thiggins@usd232.org](mailto:thiggins@usd232.org).
- This option should only be used when other arrangement can't be made. **Students should not be changing buses daily or every week.**
- The office needs to have these changes **BY 1:30**. Requests after that 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.

## Bulletin Board

**For Information on the following please click the link below:**

**Cell Phone Policy**

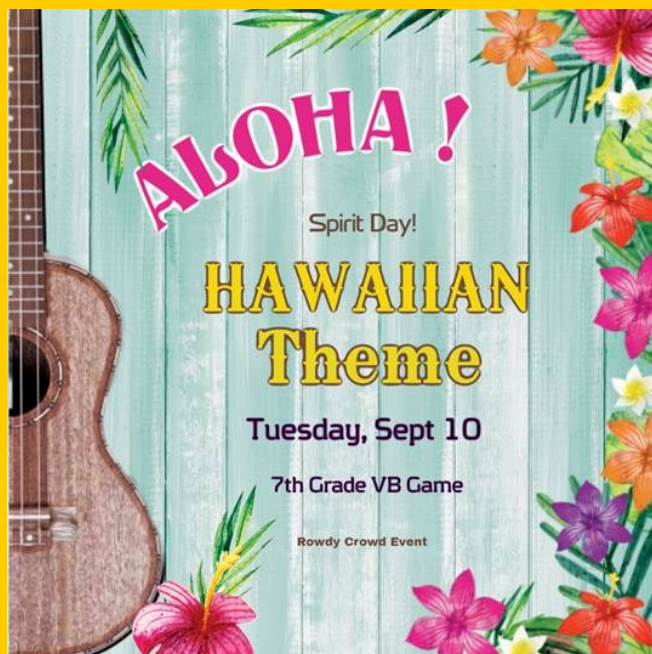
**Black and Gold Calendar**

**Lunch Menu for the Week**

**Daily Schedule**

**Athletic Information**

**MCMS Website**



### **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 parents 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. We appreciate your patience with this!



### **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.

## #GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



### After School/Event Code of Conduct

Please join us to spread some Mustang spirit at our after school events at Mill Creek Middle School. Athletic events (except cross country and track ) at Mill Creek are \$3 for adults, \$1 for school aged children and free for 59 and over.

If a student wants to stay for a game those arrangements need to be made BEFORE school. We will NO longer allow students to call home AFTER school to see if they can stay for a games, due to our bus schedule. Please make arrangements for post-game transportation BEFORE arriving at school the day of the game. Students should be picked up from game around 5:30 and should not expect to use the school phone to call home for a ride. Students who consistently fail to make previous arrangements may be required to bring a note in order to stay or not be allowed to stay for future games.

### MCMS Students expectations:

MCMS students who plan to stay for a game must report to the cafeteria at 3:05 on game days. Students may use this time after school as study hall, to talk quietly or play a game. Mandatory quiet time may be assigned at the discretion of the supervisor and they must ask for permission to leave the cafeteria for any reason. Any student who chooses to leave after school can ONLY attend the game with supervision of a parent/legal guardian. Students who stay after school are expected to follow the MCMS After School Athletic Events Code of Conduct and abide by the following guidelines:

- Stay in the building or at the football game during the entire course of the game. Any student who leaves the building or field during the game will be required to leave school grounds and will not be allowed to return.
- Be sitting in the bleachers in the student section while the game is in play. Students will be given the opportunity at all game breaks, such as quarter breaks, match breaks and half-time to get concessions and use the restroom. If a students misbehaves, engages in unsafe behavior, or displays poor sportsmanship, the student will be given an assigned seat, asked to leave or have additional school consequences.



# Message Center

## Message from the Nurse

### **Cold vs. Flu**

It's that time of the year! Unfortunately, I'm talking about cold and flu season, not pumpkin spice and everything nice.

The common cold is just that: common. It spreads easily, but you can do a lot to stop the spread of germs including regular, thorough handwashing, avoiding touching your ears, eyes, mouth and nose, sneezing into your elbow and refraining from sharing food & drinks, lip balm, etc.

The flu is a different story! People use the word "flu" to refer to many viruses including stomach related illnesses. However, the real flu (influenza) is a highly contagious and potentially serious respiratory illness that comes on suddenly and with a vengeance. If your child tests positive for influenza, please let the nurse know and plan to stay home until your child has been fever free for a full 24 hours without the aid of medication. Once they hit that milestone, he or she is no longer contagious and probably feels well enough to make it through the school day. Following the same precautions listed for avoiding a cold can help you dodge the flu, along with getting an annual flu vaccination.

To help you figure out which illness your child might have, here is a chart comparing the differences:



Influenza	Cold
Comes on suddenly	Slow onset
Fever over 100.4	Low grade or no fever
Severe body aches (back, arms, legs)	Mild / Slight body aches
Moderate to Severe headache	Mild headache, related to sinus pressure
Sore throat	Sore throat
Congestion	Runny nose, sneezing, congestion
Dry, persistent cough	Cough related to drainage
Chills and sweats	-----
Fatigue and weakness	Just generally feel unwell
Must stay home from school until fever-free for 24 hours without medication.	If no fever, can (and should) come to school. Training for adulthood!

## Reminder from the Nurse



**Don't forget to turn in shot records!**

## ***STUCO Information***

***For information on meeting dates please click the link below:***

## **Meeting Handout**



## Science Olympiad

Students who are interested in joining the MCMS Science Olympiad team can pick up an application on the Activities & Athletics bulletin board outside the gym. The team is limited to 40 participants this year. Please return your application to Mrs. Heisel by Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.



## ***Cheer Clinic***

***For more information on the De Soto High School Cheer Clinic please click the link below:***

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