



Mustang Messenger

December 6th, 2019

Upcoming Events

- December 10th at 6:00 p.m.-
6th Grade Choir Concert
- December 10th at 7:30 p.m.-
7th/8th Grade Choir Concert

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

8001 Mize Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66227

Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Important Announcement

We will be conducting testing on
Wednesday, December 11th.
Students need to come to school
with a full-charged laptop and
earbuds.

MCMS Pathways Career Survey

Parents,

Below is a link to a career survey for our pathways classes. This will help guide us in locating and scheduling guest speakers for our school during the second semester. It also helps us know who we have in the community and what careers parents want their students to hear about. If you would like to speak to a class, please indicate so in question 3. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

[Career Survey](#)

Bulletin Board

For Information on the following please click the link below:

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[MCMS Website](#)



Avid Program DHS

A new program will start next year at DHS, called AVID. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, and is a national program offered in several Johnson County schools designed to support students toward high academic achievement, and college readiness. Next year, De Soto High School plans to begin the program, which includes the AVID Elective, with a group of freshmen students selected from those that apply. If you are interested in learning more about AVID, a parent meeting will take place at the locations below:

MCMS: Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 6:00 pm

LTMS: Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6:00 pm

If you have questions, please contact DHS Counselor - Lindsay Hothan at lhothan@usd232.org.

PTA Announcement

It's that time of year! It's time to show our appreciation to the wonderful staff at MCMS by giving them gift cards to use over the holidays. Please have it delivered to the office no later than Monday, December 16th.

[\\$10 Gift Cards for MCMS Staff](#)



Yearbook Reminder

To reserve a 2019-2020 yearbook for your student(s), you may pay for the book through the Skyward portal before the deadline on Friday, December 13th.

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay

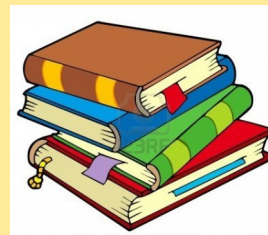


Library Announcements

1. Parents, I'm placing a Scholastic Book Order on December 9th. The books should arrive in time for the winter break.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/> Class Code is L9D8J

2. The next after hour is Wednesday December 11th from 3-5 p.m. If your student wants to make a chunky knit blanket with us, they need to bring 5 skeins of chunky yarn that day.



12 Days of Giving

#12DaysOfGiving232



The USD 232 Education Foundation is getting geared up for our FIRST end of year giving campaign, lovingly named **12 Days of Giving**, in honor of our 12 schools in the district. Every dollar raised as part of this campaign will be used to support educational excellence for the students of USD 232, through teacher grants and school programs. Now is the time for our community to come together to imagine the possibilities these contributions can have in our district! Learn more www.usd232.org/educationfoundation or at follow us on Facebook or Twitter @USD232EF.

Donate now >> <https://gkccf.kimbia.com/usdt00> or thru PayPal <http://bitly.com/2sDVrTZ>

#USD232EF #12daysofgiving232 #232imagine

Choir Concerts

6th Grade Choir Concert

December 10--6:00 pm

Choir students need to report to the band and choir rooms at 5:45.

The concert will be over by 6:30 and we will need you to leave as soon as possible to empty the gym and parking lot since the 7th/8th grade choir concert starts at 7:30.

Please wear your turquoise choir shirts and dark pants or nice jeans. (No shorts, leggings, or ripped jeans.).

Absolutely no phones with students during the performance.

7th/8th Grade Choir Concert

December 10—7:30 pm

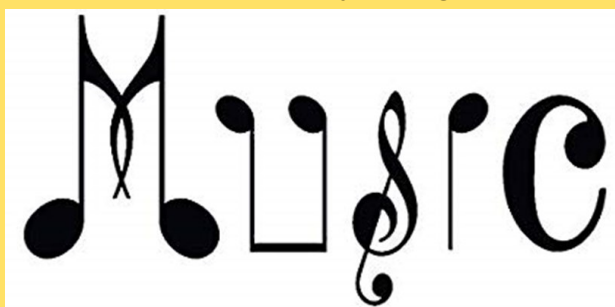
Choir students need to report to the band and choir rooms at 7:15.

The concert will be over by 8:30 and we will have a fundraiser gathering in the commons immediately following the concert.

Please wear your turquoise choir shirts and dark pants or nice jeans. (No shorts, leggings, or ripped jeans.).

Absolutely no phones with students during the performance.

Attendance and appropriate concert etiquette at this performance is required for your grade.



Choir Fundraiser

COOKIES, COCOA, AND COFFEE

Parent and Student Gathering Fundraiser for Mill Creek Choirs

Tuesday, December 10
Following the 7th/8th Grade Choir Concert



Please bring baked items individually packaged.
We will take free will donations.

Please bring non-perishable food for the DeSoto Food
Pantry. Let's give back to the community.

Questions? Contact:

Ashley Mills aamills1967@gmail.com
Kerry O'Keefe-Owens 73kdoo@gmail.com

School Procedures

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.

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 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**. 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 but 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.

Forgotten Items Policy

It is each student's 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!

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 game, 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 student 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.