



Mustang Messenger

March 13, 2020

Upcoming Events

- Spring Break—March 16th-20th
- NO SCHOOL—March 23rd

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

Dear Mill Creek Parents,

Mill Creek has found that more students are texting parents directly asking to be picked up without seeing the nurse for being ill. In an effort to track illness and encourage students to remain in school, please ask your son or daughter to go to the health room if they are feeling sick. If the nurse believes the student needs to go home, please know that she will call you to discuss your student's care. If you choose to take your student home without utilizing the health room, please know the absence will be recorded as a parent request. Students are allowed five parent requests per year before the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Thank you for your support as we work to keep all students healthy and in the classroom.

If you should have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Josh Kindler

Principal

Spring Dance

MCMS

Student Council presents

Disney Dance Party

Friday, April 3

6 – 8 pm

Mill Creek Middle School Commons



Physical Day



USD 232 Athletic Physical Day

Saturday, May 2nd, 2020

Before students may participate in any KSHSAA-sponsored activity (including try-outs and practices), parents and students must both complete the ONLINE Athletic Participation Registration process. Students must also have a physical completed by a licensed physician. **We are pleased to provide the opportunity to complete this entire process on May 2nd. (All physicals for the 2020-21 school year MUST be dated after May 1, 2020)**

Who: Students entering grades 7–12 at DHS, MVHS, MCMS, LTMS and MTMS in the fall of 2020. Parents must either accompany their student in order to sign the paperwork or send the **signed** KSHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Form with their students.

What: The physical will be good for 2020-2021 school year activities. Doctors from the University of Kansas Health System will complete physicals in private rooms; nurses will take blood pressure; and coaches will measure height and weight.
(All physicals MUST be dated after May 1, 2020)

Physical forms MUST be completed for the following activities:

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| • Baseball | • Dance | • Swimming |
| • Basketball | • Football | • Tennis |
| • Bowling | • Golf | • Track & Field |
| • Cross Country | • Soccer | • Volleyball |
| • Cheer | • Softball | • Wrestling |

When: 8:00am - 10:00am on Saturday, May 2nd
(Patients arriving by 10:00am will be seen.)

Where: De Soto High School

Cost: \$20 (For each physical \$10 will be donated back to schools.)

Benefits:

- Complete all athletic registration in ONE location
 - Physical forms are completed by physicians
 - Online Athletic Participation Registration completes:
 - ⇒ Emergency Medical release forms (EMA)
 - ⇒ Acknowledgement of Risk form
 - ⇒ Concussion form
- Partial cost of physical is returned to the school



A Message From PTA

Openings for PTA

We need a few more positions filled on our MCMS PTA for next school year (2020-2021). Please nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good fit. Send your nominations to:

MCMSMustangsPTA@gmail.com

Where we could use some help:

- **Fundraising Coordinator** - Passionate about MCMS and the students and staff that make it what it is? Have an eye for details and enthusiasm to share? Then this is the position for you! We only participate in ONE major fundraiser each year. It's an essential part of our budget and how we get the opportunity to do ALL the amazing things the PTA does throughout the school year! This can also be a co-leader position if you're better as a team!
- **Book Fair Co-Chair** - Our amazing media specialist Mrs. Roberts heads this committee and just needs a little support in the planning details. If you love reading and love the book fairs let us know! This is a low time commitment and we always have great responses from the community for staffing the book fair!
- **Spirit Wear Coordinator** - Plan for and receive bids for next year's spirit wear designs, coordinate with our Marketing Chair to promote spirit wear on our website and in school communications. Track spirit wear orders and help with additional ordering at Enrollment.
- **School Supply Pack Coordinator** - Work with our school supply vendor in the Spring to communicate our school supply list for the following school year. Track orders and provide updates to the vendor. Help with distribution of the orders at Enrollment. Receive your student's supply pack free as a perk!
- **8th Grade Farewell Coordinator** – Plan how to send our 8th graders off to high school with fun activities during their last week at MCMS!

We would love to have you join the team!

Anne Hartmann, PTA President

Bulletin Board

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 6th AND 7th GRADERS!

We're going to Boston on a STEM tour in 2021! Please join us March 31 for an informational meeting in the sixth grade pod at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Heisel will present information about the 2021 trip. Look for an invitation right after spring break so you can RSVP. Below is a link with general information.

<https://www.efexploreamerica.com/education/al-tour/stem-boston>

Questions? ktaylor@usd232.org



For information on summer camps at MCMS, visit our MCMS Website Calendar Page, found at

<https://www.usd232.org/Page/16#calendar11/20200303/month>

For information on summer camps at MVHS or DHS, please visit

<https://www.usd232.org/Domain/4075>

For Information on the following please click the link below:

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Black and Gold Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menu for the Week](#)

[Daily Schedule](#)

[MCMS Website](#)



#Recognition

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade bands for receiving an OUTSTANDING rating at the Kaw Valley League Band Festival!



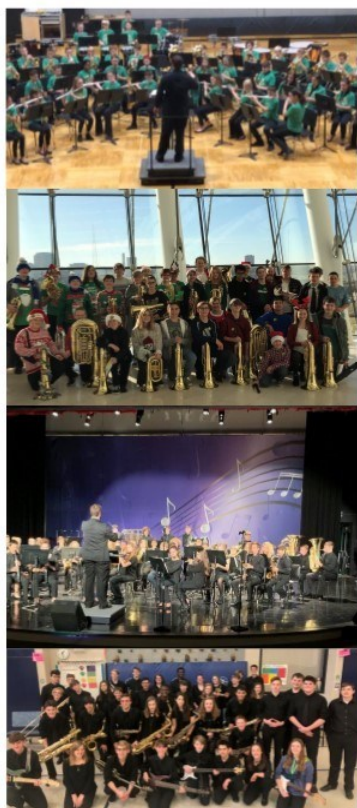
Performing at the KVL Band Festival.

The entire band the day of the competition.



Band Camp

2020 Summer Band Academy



Mill Creek Band Academy

Mission Statement

To provide students the opportunity to "stay in shape" & prepare for the next level of performing.

When

May 26-29, 2020

Where

Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Rd
Lenexa, KS 66227

(Students can enter through the band room door labeled #11 in the NE corner of the building.)

Staff

Eric Starnes - MC Band Director
Phil Kaul - DHS Assistant Band Director
TBD - Percussion Instructor

What to bring

Instrument
Instrument accessories
Current Method Book
Music for upcoming band season
Pencil

ENROLLMENT FORM

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Instrument _____

(Grade 2020-2021)

May 26-29, 2020

_____ 1st Year Academy.....\$35

_____ 2nd Year Academy.....\$35

_____ 7/8 Academy.....\$35

Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

(Checks payable to: Eric Starnes)

Return by May 15th:

Mill Creek MS - Mr. Starnes

Monticello Trails MS - Ms. Eisenbarth

Lexington Trails MS & Starside - Mr. Foster

Prairie Ridge - Ms. Huey

Mize/Belmont/Riverview/Horizon/ClearCreek - Mr. Harvey

Mill Creek Band Academy

1st Year Band Academy\$35
8:00-8:50am

This program is open to all incoming 5th and 6th graders who will begin their 1st year of band in the fall. Sessions will focus on establishing beginning fundamentals of tone, rhythm, proper performance set up, & and instrument care and maintenance.

2nd Year Band Academy\$35
9:00-9:50am

This program is open to any students who will begin their 2nd year of band in the fall. Sessions will focus on a review of beginning fundamentals, masterclasses, and the opportunity to play great music in a full concert and pep band setting.

7/8 Band Academy\$35
10:00-11:30am

This program is open to any students that will enter 7th or 8th grade band in the fall. Sessions will focus on fundamentals, offer masterclasses, Sousa band audition help sessions, and the opportunity to play great music in a full concert and pep band setting.

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay

CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

COW from February 28th



COWs from March 9th



COWs from March 13th



Thank you all for making
Mill Creek a great place
to be!

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.