November 4th

Mill Creek Newsletter

Home Of The Mustangs!

Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve

Important Links

- Mill Creek Website
- Follow us on Twitter - @TheCreekMCMS
- Need to Report an Absence? Click HERE
- Black and Gold Calendar
- Contact Us

Upcoming Events

Nov 6 - FALL BACK <Daylight Savings Time>
Nov 7 - Voyager Field Trip (6th Grade)
Nov 8 - STUCO Mtg 7:20 am
Nov 9 - Late Start (GOLD Day)
Nov 10 - Voyager Field Trip (7th/8th Gr)
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Program 8:30 am
Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

DEC 6 - Choir Concert at MCMS 7 pm.
Students report at 6:15 PM

Reminders

• Doors Open at 7:35 am.
School Hours - 7:55 to 3:05 pm.
• **Cell phones & backpacks are kept in lockers.**
• If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office 913.667.3512

MCMS will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th with a program starting at 8:30 am. On the final page of this newsletter, we invite our families to fill out their Veteran's Day Hero and return to the front office. Our heroes' will be displayed in the main hallway for Veteran's Day. Please return these by **Wednesday, November 9th**. Questions can be directed to Denise Legore Seawood.



November Gratitude

MCMS Family,
Now in the month of November, I have discussed with our students and staff the virtue of gratitude and the importance of recognizing others. Each day at Mill Creek, 630 students arrive at our front doors and you entrust us with your children. On my end as an administrator, one of my favorite aspects is that not only do I get to see students learning every day but I also get to observe the teachers and behind the scenes action: the instructional lessons that are planned, the learning environments they create, the friendships they help foster, and the countless hours of preparation that goes into supporting our students at all levels. Our staff make sacrifices beyond what most outside of these walls will ever see.If your eyes could see what I see each day you would be left in awe of their dedication to our Mill Creek students.

With hearts full of gratitude, please join in me in recognizing all our classroom teachers, aides, our counselors Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Hessenflow, Deb Anson & the cafeteria staff, Jim Pasquale and our maintenance crew, Theresa Kasparek and Michelle Denney in the front office, and everyone in our entire staff here at Mill Creek. A huge **THANK YOU** for all that you do to make Mill Creek a great place for kids.

Go Mustangs!
Andrew Legler

Athletics/Activities

Athletic Competitions next week:

Tues/Thurs/Sat: GBB Sat: Wrestling

GO MUSTANGS!

Reminder to all students that your laptops are a SCHOOL Device. Damage to them or school keyboards, etc are a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and could result in a loss of the laptop privilege. Please treat your devices with respect.

Physicals need to be submitted for anyone trying out for BBB or participating in Track.



If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please be sure to plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early. Lockers take extra time!

For More Information

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Questions About MCMS?

Our website has a wealth of information on how we do business at The Creek! Stay current on events, reach teachers, etc. There is even a FAQ section on the home page! Click HERE for more info!

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Vision and Hearing screenings are being held for ALL 7th graders 11/7, 11/8 and 11/10 If you would like for your 7th grader to NOT participate, please fill out the google form link.

OPT OUT FORM

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USD 232 School Exclusion for illness 2023 School Year:

The 2023 school year will feel a lot more normal then the last two years! District exclusion listed below. Please contact your Mill Creek Middle School nurses with illness, symptoms and concerns.

- **Fever:** Classified as temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.
- **Vomiting:** Vomit free for 24 hours without the aid of medication
- **Diarrhea**: Diarrhea free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.
- **Severe cold like symptoms:** Including severe sore throat, headache, or cough, stay home until symptoms improve
- **Communicable disease**
  - **Covid-19:** Exclude from school for 5 days following onset of symptoms or test date if exposed without symptoms. Take precautions through day 10.
  - **Influenza**: If Physician diagnosed: Exclude for 5 days following onset of illness. If fever persists for more than 5 days, continue exclusion until 24 hours fever free without the use of medication
- See Health Provider or stay home for: eyes with inflammation, redness, and watery or purulent drainage.
- See Health Provider or stay home for: undiagnosed and/or untreated skin rash.

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
https://www.jocogov.org/sites/default/files/files/2022-08/exclusion-recommendations-2022.pdf

Congrats to our MCMS PE teacher, Ms. Corneliusen for being recognized as Sunflower League Volleyball Coach of the Year!



Tech Tips from Our Mill Creek Counselors

Parent Tech Tip!

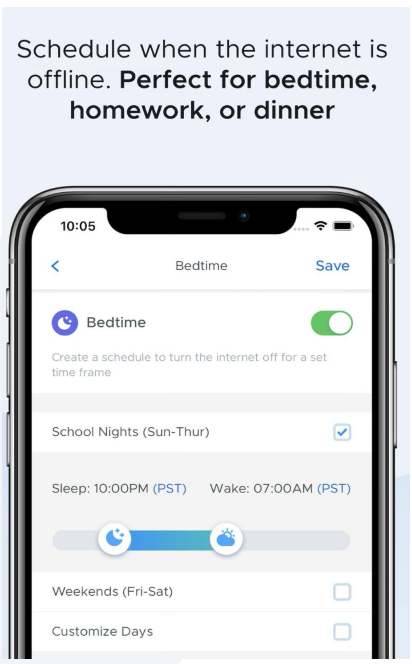
USD232 has partnered with Securly, a 24/7 web filter, to help keep kids safe online at school. The Securly Home App is available for parents and guardians to monitor school devices while at home.

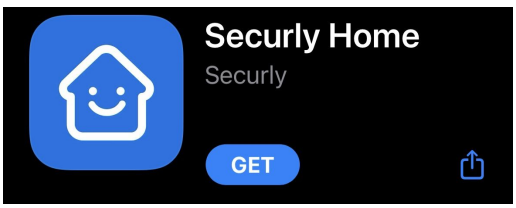
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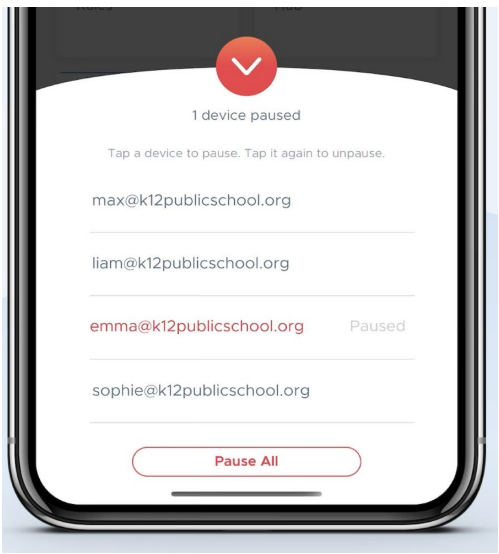
- Pause internet on school devices
- Schedule when the internet is offline-for example you can set a dinner break internet time-out and a bedtime
- Receive online activity-based push notifications-you choose the filters
- Access real-time online activity feed

The link below has directions on how to get started:

https://www.usd232.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7956



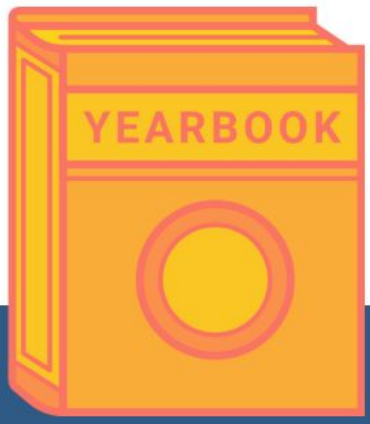




MUSTANG MEMORIES

GET YOUR 2023 YEARBOOK RESERVED NOW!

Yearbooks should be purchased through Skyward by **December 16**



Order through Skyward in the FEES MANAGEMENT portal

$32.00

CONTACT YEARBOOK ADVISER GINA MILLER WITH QUESTIONS
gmiller@usd232.org

A NOTE FROM MRS. GUTH

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (2007), 25% of students do no reading outside of school and those that do, only read for a few minutes a day. Reading is one of the best ways to build vocabulary and comprehension.

Build 15-20 minutes into your child's day for reading and watch them grow! Or better yet, read a book with your child and discuss it with them.



From Our PTA:

It's time to round up all our amazing Mill Creek Middle School (MCMS) community supporters! The Mustang Round Up is our primary fundraiser this year and is completely donation-based. There's nothing to sell! Simply ask your friends and family to donate funds online to support Mill Creek. The MCMS PTA works with teachers, students and staff to enrich the Mill Creek Middle School experience. Every community member can help make a difference in our children's educational success!

PTA funds are used to support things like school field trips, teacher or classroom grant requests, school improvement projects, meals for teachers and staff during conferences, snacks and treats for staff, etc. The possibilities are endless for what we can achieve with your support!

We've made it easy for you to donate—simply visit the Mustang Round Up webpage to contribute. After you've made your donation, be sure to share the Mustang Round Up page with all your friends and family to support Mill Creek. Your student can earn some great rewards, too!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS!

Text the word "Mustang" to (919) 626-3277 to get the link!



Mustang Round Up Prizes

Donations received before November 4, 2022 are eligible for prizes

Students who raise $25 will receive a fun custom vinyl Mustang sticker.



Students who raise $75 will receive a Front of the Lunch Line Pass good for one week!



Students who raise $100 will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win one of three amazing prizes - $50 CASH, Movie Night Out Basket, or Dinner on Us basket. Earn one raffle ticket per $100 donated.



Students who raise $200 or more will get to enjoy your lunch outside with a friend!



Students who raises $300 or more will receive Reserved Parking and Seating for their family at a school event.



The top 10 overall fundraisers in the school will get to silly string a teacher!

Top Hall!

The hall that raises the most money will get a Popcorn Party!

Prizes may be substitutued based on availability

Veteran's Day Hero

Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of the military: _____

Years served: _____

Family/Friend of _____

(Student's Name)

