December 9th

# Mill Creek Newsletter

Home Of The Mustangs!

Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve

## 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



**Congrats!**
**GBB KVL Results:**
**7th Gr - 3rd**
**8th Gr - 1st**

**It's Great to be a Mustang!**



## 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

Dec 13 - STUCO Mtg 7:20 am
Dec. 13 - MCMS Site Council Mtg 6:00PM
Dec. 14 - MCMS PTA Mtg 6:30PM
Dec 15 - Band Concert @ DHS in the PAC
GingerSTEM 6th Grade Open House
Dec 20 - End of 2nd Qtr
Early Dismissal at 11:12 am
Jan 5 - Students Return/3rd Qtr (GOLD DAY)

**OUTSTANDING STAFF AT MCMS!**

On Monday evening at the USD232 School Board mtg, our Mill Creek Outstanding Staff Recipients, staff members Ron Peters (SPED Para & Coach) and Lynne Oyler (World Languages Teacher), were recognized for their exemplary service to the Mill Creek community. Click the link below at the 57:35 mark to watch this special recognition.
12/5/22 USD232 School Board Mtg
Thank you Mr. Peters and Ms. Oyler for all that you do for our Mill Creek students and staff!







# Athletics/Activities

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

**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.




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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## From The Library:

The second quarter book club meeting is Thursday, December 8th from 3-4 p.m. We are discussing the book *Skeleton Tree.*

The third Quarter book club meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd from 3-4 p.m. We will discuss the book *Top Elf* by Caleb Zane Huett.

The fourth quarter book club meeting will be Thursday, May 11th from 3-4 p.m. We will discuss the book *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner.

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**Parents,**
**This first semester in Pathways class we have spent a lot of time discussing and discovering our personal strengths and interests, as well as our learning styles and goals we have for the future. Second semester we will begin to apply these insights toward our career research. We will be utilizing a program called Xello to research and gain insight into the careers students are both interested in, and careers they may not have considered before.**

**In addition to the career research we do online, we like to have guest speakers of various career fields speak to our classes. We would love to have people from right here in our community speak to us about just how they found their career. What were their interests, what you like about your job, and what you had to do to get there. In short- your Pathway. The ultimate goal is for students to learn about some of the great careers we have right here in our area.**

**If you are concerned about getting time away from work, the good news is we do our career talks via Zoom so you don't have to travel to and from our school. Zoom allows us to record the presentation and share it with all other hours. If you do feel that your presentation would be best done in person, we will gladly make that arrangement. Your experience and insights would be invaluable to the students and we look forward to learning about your careers.**

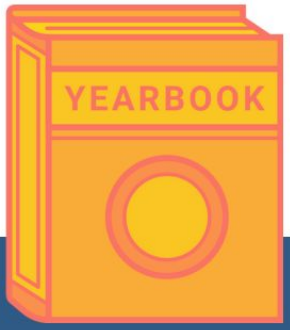
**If you would like to share, please contact your student's Pathways teacher!**

**Andrew Elliott- 6th Grade Black Hall Pathways Teacher**
**Laurie Heisel, Jordan Yancey, Sarah Katsbulas, and Jenna Kellenberger- 6thgrade Gold Hall Pathways Teachers**

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
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# 6th Grade Gingerbread Kansas City Open House



Come walk through our Gingerbread Kansas City!
Thursday, December 15th
4:30 - 6:30
6th Grade POD

**Really in need of some male singers!**

# It's Musical Time Again!

Disney Aladdin JR.

*Are you interested in theater? Curious maybe? How do I audition?*

## AUDITIONS

**Friday, December 2, 2022.** After school in Rm 111 (6th grade hall)

**Monday and Tuesday, December 5-6, 2022.** After school in Rm 111 (6th grade hall)

SignUpGenius link is found on the MCMS website or use the QR code to the right. Go to MCMS website, activities, and then theatre to sign up and access all things audition related.

## CALL BACKS

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022.** After school in the 7th grade pod.

SCAN ME

## CREW INTERVIEWS

**Monday and Tuesday, December 5-6, 2022.** After school in the Art Room

Go to MCMS website, activities, and then theatre to access all things crew related. **Please note that there are no more available interview slots.**

Disney Aladdin JR.

Music by **Alan Menken**
Lyrics by **Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin**
Book by **Chad Beguelin**

Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and directed & produced by John Musker & Ron Clements

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## 8th Gr. Mock Interviews

A big THANK YOU to all our parent volunteers that came to Mill Creek today to support our 8th grade students with mock interviews! Also a big SHOUT-OUT to Mrs. Rainbolt and Mr. Kirkpatrick for your hard work in planning this day and for doing such a great job preparing our students!







**De Soto USD 232 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM**

**TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:**

USD 232 has been an important and strong participant in the Kansas Teacher of the Year Program for many years. De Soto has had fifteen state finalists and twelve semi-finalists represented in the program since 2000.

We would like for you to nominate any teacher whom you consider to be an outstanding and effective educator **and** whom you or your child has had as a teacher. This person must have completed 5 years of teaching with at least 2 of them having been in USD 232. If there is a USD 232 educator whom you believe to be outstanding and deserving of special recognition, please fill out the nomination form at www.usd232.org/ktoy . This form needs to be completed by 4:00 PM on January 13, 2023.

Dear 7th grade parents and guardians,

During the week of December 12th your student will be receiving the Signs of Suicide (SOS) prevention program during their PE class. This program has been adopted by the De Soto School District. The program highlights the relationship between mental health and suicide, teaching that suicide is, most often, a fatal response to a treatable disorder— depression. While encouraging individual help seeking, the program uses peer-to-peer messaging that encourages students to ACT® (Acknowledge, Care, Tell) when concerned about themselves or a friend. The school counselors and school social worker will be delivering the curriculum to each 7th grade PE class. During the lesson, students will watch a video discussing signs of suicide, and then they will discuss with their peers and as a group what they have watched and their reactions. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the school counselors or school social worker.

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MindWise INNOVATIONS

# LEARN TO ACT

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SAVE A LIFE

Our school uses SOS Signs of Suicide, a national prevention program that educates students about warning signs for suicide and encourages them to ACT (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell a trusted adult) whether they have concerns about themselves or a friend. How would you respond if your child told you their friend might be thinking about suicide? **Check in with your child to:**

**Acknowledge** any concerns they have about the way a friend is talking or acting.

**Care:** Show them how much you care by listening and taking their concerns seriously.

**Tell:** Reach out to their friend's parents or contact the school for support. Never keep a secret when concerned about the safety of a child.

## TALKING TO YOUR CHILD

Take some time to start a conversation about mental health. This can be tough for families as often in our society, mental health isn't discussed openly like physical health. Feelings of depression or anxiety are often hidden because youth are confused, embarrassed, or ashamed. You can help protect your child and their friends by talking to them.

» **Ask open-ended questions.** Let your child steer the conversation to what they want to talk about.

» **Don't rush to solve their problems.** Instead, ask what they think would help a situation.

» **Be available and make sure your child knows it.** "I'm around if you want to talk later" may help.

» **Try talking on a walk.** The relaxed atmosphere makes it easier for some kids to open up.

## CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

**Take a Mental Health Screening »** https://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/sos

## NATIONAL RESOURCES

**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** call or text 988 for free 24/7 support.

**Crisis Text Line:** text 741741 for free 24/7 support.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Helpline:** 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

**SAMHSA Treatment Locator:** http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov