March 24, 2023

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

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

Mar 27/28 - ELA State Assessments

Apr 10/11 - Math State Assessments

Apr 12 - 2 hour Late Start (doors open 9:35)



STUCO Members creating posters for our food drive. Please help out!

Mill Creek PTA

Would you like to provide snacks for the MCMS staff during the last few months of the school year? MCMS PTA is still looking for sponsors for April and May! This is a great way to advertise your business while you support the Mill Creek Middle School staff! A monthly sponsorship would provide a variety of snacks and drinks. Please see the sign up for more information."

Sign up here:
MCMS: MCMS monthly staff snacks signup (signupgenius.com)



Mill Creek Family,
You have heard the phrase, “This is a marathon, not a race!” applied in many different arenas. While it is hard to believe that it is already 4th quarter, it is a good reminder for all of us that we must work just as hard in this final stretch as we did at the beginning of the race back in August. Thank you for your continued support in checking that your child’s homework and projects are completed and studying for tests is happening. Thank you also for the informal discussions on kindness and respect, and for having those sometimes difficult conversations about appropriate use of phones & devices. All these efforts help shape our students into the great leaders of tomorrow. We couldn't’ do it without you!

Go Mustangs!
-Mr. Legler

Athletics/Activities

Track - April 4th (Patton) April 11th (JV @ MCMS)

Summer Camp Opportunities are starting to roll in. Below is the calendar for camps at MCMS. Be sure to check the WEBSITE for camps at MCMS, DHS and MVHS. Check back often!

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!

More Information

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From The Library:

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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State Assessments begin next week



Please review the list below to prepared students to take the assessments.

- Students should bring their fully-charged MacBook
- Students should bring a set of earbuds or headphones to use during each test. Per district decision, Airpods are not allowed during testing sessions.
- On test days, make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

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We will offer a middle school strength and conditioning program starting Monday, March 27, from 4-5 pm in the Mill Valley weight room. Sessions will be every Monday and Wednesday from 4-5 pm. All current 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend, if they are not out for a spring sport. Participation in spring sports is highly encouraged, please do not substitute this for participating in a spring sport. If you are interested, please register at the following link: https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/jaguarfootballcamps. Athletes must register to attend.

These sessions are free. The sessions are offered to provide a strength and speed development program. This program is designed to increase your speed, strength, agility and flexibility. It has a proven track record that involves strength training, form running, agility, plyometrics and flexibility training. Your athlete can and should expect improvement in each of these areas and in overall conditioning.

In the case of inclement weather, we will send information via an email/text message if we need to cancel. High school athletes will take priority if they need to come inside from spring sports due to inclement weather. Thank you.

Coach Applebee

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Job Opportunities

USD 232 is looking for interested persons to apply for bus driver positions within the DeSoto school district. Job includes building trusted relationships with students, lots of smiles and laughter, and starting pay of $20.50/hr. For more information, please visit the district website at: https://www.usd232.org/Page/4947. Thank you!



We have lots of Student Nutrition openings at MCMS and in the district. Part time hours and a school calendar - please visit the district webpage for more information.







Mark your calendar and plan to join Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center and Johnson County Community College for a FREE screening of the documentary, *Angst*, on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m.

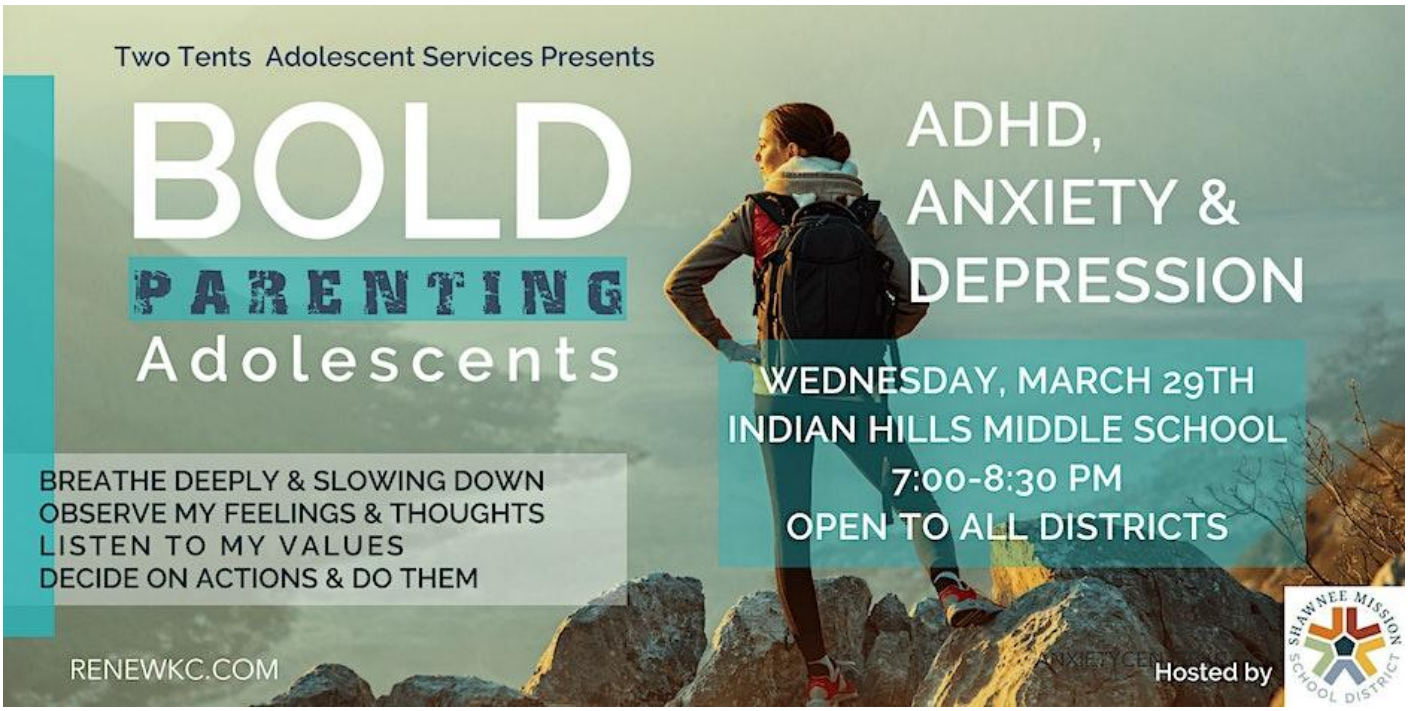
Angst is on a mission to start a conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. The one-hour documentary delves into all aspects of our most common mental health challenge, including hopeful interviews with kids and teens living with anxiety and resources and coping strategies from mental health experts.

After the screening, there will be an interactive panel discussion with local mental health professionals. Audience members are encouraged to bring their questions and join the conversation.

The screening is free to anyone who'd like to attend. No tickets are required, but RSVP is preferred through Eventbrite. ASL interpreters will be available at the event.

We also encourage you to join the Facebook event for the screening and help spread the word to others.

What: *Angst* Documentary Screening and Interactive Panel Discussion
When: Tuesday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m.
Where: Midwest Trust Center at Johnson County Community College (12345 College Blvd, Overland Park)



Renew Counseling is presenting a free session with BOLD Parenting: Adolescent ADHD, Anxiety and Depression on Wednesday March 29th at 7pm at Indian Hill Middle School in Prairie Village. Link for tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bold-parenting-adolescent-adhd-anxiety-depression-tickets-537957995847

First-Year Teacher Horizon Award

Lisa D'Andrea
Lynne Oyler
Kayla South

It is the time of year to honor and recognize exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. These teachers will finish their first year of teaching in May, 2023.

This fall the Kansas State Department of Education will allow the De Soto School District to nominate one Elementary and one Secondary teacher for the **Horizon Award**. The **Horizon Award** honors and recognizes exemplary teachers who will **complete their first year this May.** These spectacular teachers perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. All of our 2022-2023 teachers who were new last August to the profession are eligible for this honor! Below you will find the guidelines for nominating a teacher:

Novice teachers who will have successfully completed their first year of teaching are eligible to be recognized. A teacher (Pre-K through grade 12) who successfully completes his/her first year of teaching by May 2023 is eligible. The **Kansas Horizon Award Program** is a regional competition. The regions correspond to the state's four U.S. congressional districts.

The Kansas State Department of Education will appoint regional selection committees responsible for reviewing the nomination forms and selecting four elementary classroom teachers and four secondary classroom teachers per region for a total of 32 teachers.

- **The criteria for this award are:**
  - Nominee will have successfully completed his or her first year of teaching in a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 Kansas school accredited by the State Board of Education.
  - Nominee will be a full-time classroom teacher.
  - Nominee will be responsible for the assessment of students, assignment of grades, preparation of lesson plans, parent-teacher conferences, discipline, attendance, and other daily educational tasks.
  - Nominee will have performed in a way that distinguishes him or her from other novice teachers. Nominee is considered to be exceptionally skilled, dedicated and able to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Anyone can nominate an outstanding teacher who will complete their first year this year: administrators, teachers, and/or parents. (A first year teacher is considered a teacher new to the profession). If you would like to nominate a first year teacher go to **www.usd232.org/horizonaward** and follow the **Horizon Award** nomination link. **The deadline for nominating a first year teacher is noon on March 31, 2023.**