April 7, 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

Apr 10/11 - Math State Assessments

Apr 11 - STUCO Mtg 7:20 am

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

Apr 14 - 20 - Book Fair in the Library

Apr 19/20 - State Assessments (8th Gr only)

Apr 21/24 - No School

Andrew Elliot - Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our own Andrew Elliot, 6th gr. Pathways teacher at Mill Creek Middle School, for being named as one of two 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year district nominees for Kansas Region III. This award recognizes and utilizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state.

Mr. Elliot was honored along with 26 other Kansas Educators who were nominated for the Kansas Teacher of the Year distinction at a special Region III Awards banquet on March 26.



Mr. Elliot has been a 6th gr. Pathways teacher at Mill Creek Middle School since 2018. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Nebraska at Kearny and a Master of Science in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Kansas. Before his position at MCMS, he taught at Starside Elementary from 2007-2017 as a 5th grade teacher and as a math specialist. Andrew's first teaching position was for the KCMO School District, teaching third and fourth grade for three years.

Please join us in congratulating Andrew Elliot on a job well done! Thank you for all that you do for our Mill Creek students and community!

Athletics/Activities

Track - April 11th and 13th - both at 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 continue - Apr 10/11



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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8th Grade Parents –

One of the annual traditions we have at MCMS for the end of 8th grade is creating a video of the students. This video will be shown to 8th grade on the last day of school. A link will also go out to all 8th graders that day so they can download it if they would like. Please send the pictures to the email listed below:
Send to: mcms2023pictures@gmail.com

SUBJECT LINE – student's name
Date Needed By: April 28, 2023
Please include:
1. one current picture of your 8th grader
2. one picture of your 8th grader as a baby or child
3. the name of your 8th grader's high school (DHS, MVHS, St. James, Bishop Miege, etc)

File type: JPEG or PNG files are preferred. File name: Please name your picture file the name of your child and the age.

If you send more than two pictures, only two will be selected from the options sent.
Thank you
8th Grade Teachers

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)



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.



Our last BOGO Book Fair of the school year will be April 14 - 20th. Here is the schedule for individual grade levels:

Friday, April 14th - 7th Grade
Monday April 17th - 6th Grade Black Hall
Tuesday, April 18th - 6th Grade Gold Hall
Wednesday, April 19th - 8th Grade
Thursday April 20th - any grade level/student

Methods of payment accepted: Cash, Check, Cards, eWallet, Apple and Google Pay. The MCMS Coffee Shop will also be open, but only accepts cash.

EF Tours - STEM San Francisco, June 2023

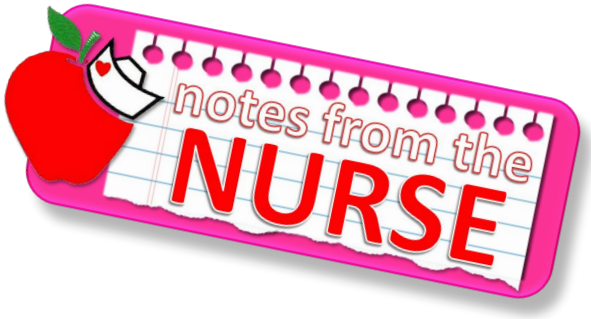
Parent/student meeting for travelers, April 17th, 6 pm, Room 106 (Mrs. Taylor's room)

Allergy Season!

When the weather warms up, days are longer and the world is blooming, we all want to be outdoors more often. For students with allergies, spring also means an increase in allergy symptoms. Here are some ways you can help your student:

- **Shower after spending time outdoors.** – prevents transfer of pollen to your bedding at night and decreases symptoms. At the very least, change clothes and wash your hands and face.
- **Take your shoes off at the door.** – reduces pollen transfer to carpets and furniture.
- **Use a sinus rinse** – A neti pot or over the counter sinus wash kit can help rinse allergens from your nose. Just make sure to follow directions for safe use.
- **Consider a daily allergy medication** – Antihistamines like Claritin, Zyrtec and Allegra can be very helpful in controlling symptoms. Nasal sprays and eye drops can also be helpful.
    - Allery medication options: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/allergies/in-depth/allergy-medications/art-20047403
    - Why antihistamines work best when taken consistently: https://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/pretreatment?scrlybrkr#2
    - Save **Benadryl** (diphenhydramine) for bedtime or severe allergic reactions. It often makes students too sleepy for use during school.
- If your student is still miserable after home treatment, consider consulting with your pediatrician or an allergist. There are prescription medications and other allergy treatments that may help.

Finally, remember, ***the school health room does NOT have antihistamines for seasonal allergies***. You must treat these at home!





DHS Wildcat Softball Spring Clinic

May 6, 2023

Who: Grades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th (2022-2023 School Year)

When: Saturday, May 6th

What: Goal is to improve softball fundamentals and to have fun!
Pitching/Catching: Clinic 9:00am-10:30am
Hitting: Clinic 10:30am-12:00pm

Click HERE for information

Parents - we need your help!
Please help your child check their account prior to lunch to ensure they have enough money to purchase doubles or ala carte items. This is done by logging into Skyward.



Are you familiar with our district charging policy? Click the link HERE.

MCMS

Student Council presents

Red Carpet

You're the Star Attraction!

Friday, April 28

6 – 8 pm

Mill Creek Middle School Commons

$3.00 per person

Concessions available, Photo Booth, Music & Dancing

Only MCMS Students Allowed





DHS Color Guard

For Incoming and Existing Highschool Students!

No experience required!



Enroll in the fall semester as Marching Band (Color Guard)

Season is July to November!

Try It Out!

Tuesday, April 11th

6:30 – 7:30 pm

In the DHS Main Gym!

Informational Video!