Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Aug. 20-Fall Sports Parent info-after practices
- Aug. 30-Volleyball vs. Turner 7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
- Aug. 30-Cross Country at Wyandotte Co. Park at 3:30
- Sept. 3-Labor Day-Building CLOSED

Enter to Learn
Go Forth to Serve

Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66227

Main Number
913-667-3512

Attendance Line
913-422-9698

Website
www.usd232.org

Welcome Back

We had a fabulous first week of school! It was great to see everyone! We want to encourage you to keep up to date with what goes on at your child's school. A good way to stay informed about what is going on is by checking our school website and our parent newsletter that are published weekly. If you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mr. Kindler or Mrs. Legore Seawood at (913) 667-3512.



Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m.
School is in session from 7:55 a.m.—3:05 p.m.

Office Hours: 7:30-3:30
Front doors unlock at 7:15 a.m.



De Soto Unified School District 232

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Dear Parents of Car Riders,

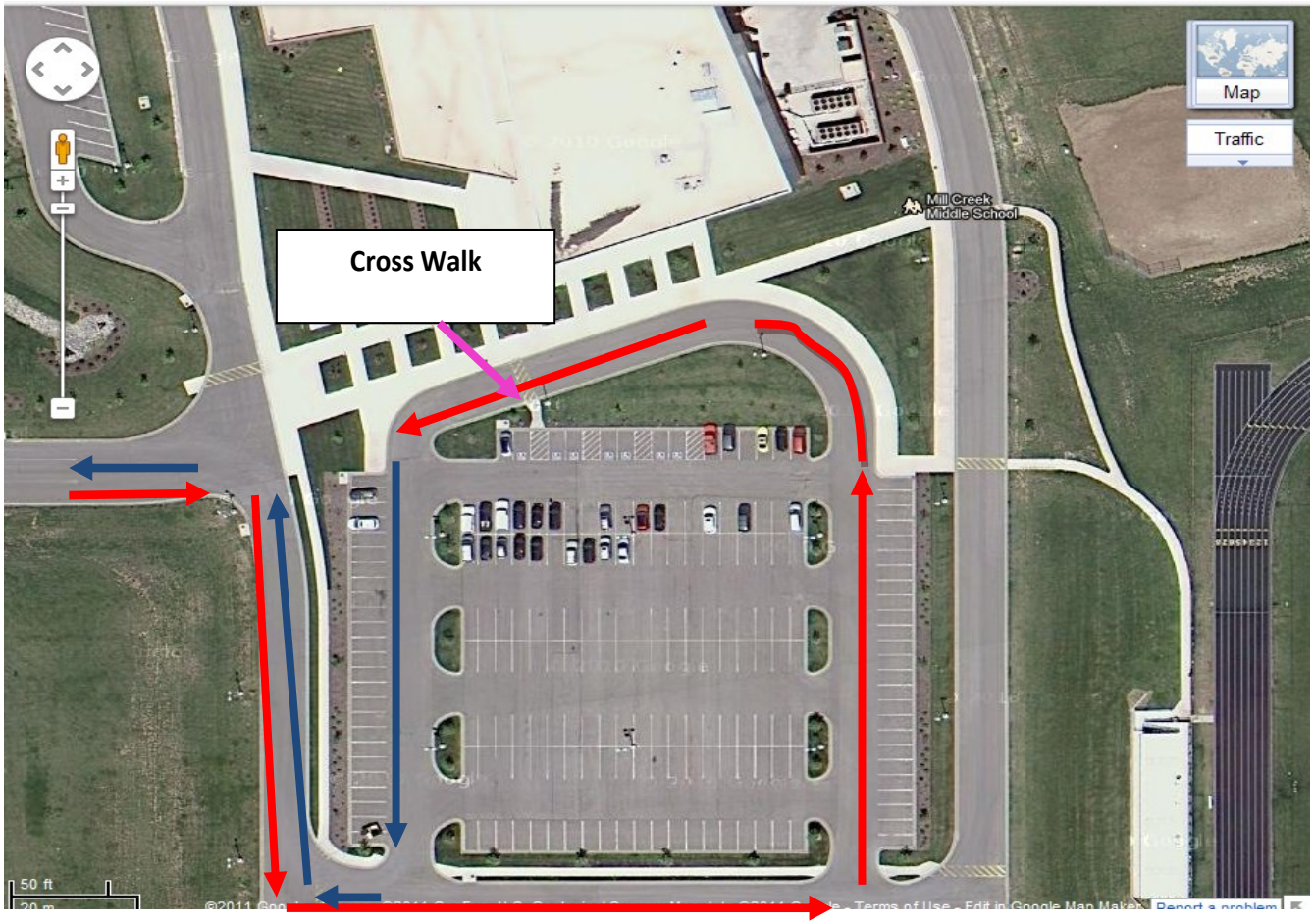
For the safety of all of our students, we are asking that you follow the following procedures when dropping off and picking up your child or children from Mill Creek Middle School.

Dropping off: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to drop off. Once your child has been dropped off, please exit the loop as shown on the map. If you are planning on coming in the school building with your child or children, please park in the parking lot and walk across the painted cross walk. Do not double park in the lane.

Picking up after school: Please follow the route on the map. If you are in front, please pull up as far as you can to pick up. Please DO NOT double park on the left side of the lane. If you wait patiently, the cars in front of you will pull off. Most of our students are picked up no later than 3:15PM. We encourage you not to park in the parking lot and wait for your child to come to you. If you want to park in the parking lot, your child will need to cross at the cross with the approval of crossing guard (staff member). Please remind your students to look around while walking in the parking lot.

To protect our students from an accident occurring, we will require students/parents to follow the parking lot procedures.

Our district has also displayed signs in the car loop that reminds parents of not using their cell phones while in the loop to help avoid accidents from occurring. We would appreciate your assistance with this as well.



Message Board

New Cell Phone Policy at Mill Creek:

All students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which you signed during enrollment online. However, we will be asking all students to keep their phones in their lockers during the day from 7:55 AM – 3:05 PM. They will not be permitted at lunch as well. Students can bring their cell phone devices to class for academic purposes with the discretion of the teacher. Please know that students may not receive a text message from you in a timely manner in that they will be in class learning. Students are still able to bring other devices to use in the classroom if they choose with teacher discretion. (Examples, not limited to: Chromebooks, iPads, Laptops, Kindles, etc.) Please know that it is not required that a student bring a device to school. Our teachers will make available district technology if needed for classroom purposes. We are encouraging students to take a break from their personal devices during school which can be a distraction from learning. If a student is caught with their cell phone out of their locker without permission, the phone will be confiscated by a staff member and brought to the office. The cell phone will be kept in the office and picked up at the end of the day. Parents may be asked to pick up the device if it is confiscated frequently. We ask that you support this policy by reminding your child about it. We will discuss this with students on the first day of school.

Schedule Changes:

Any student requesting to change **Exploratory Classes** MUST fill out a pink request form. Forms can be picked up in the Student Services Office. Forms can be turned in between August 15 and August 21. **Early and late requests will not be accepted.** Requests are **not guaranteed** and is determined on class sizes and other restraints.

Forgotten Items Policy

It is each student's responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, lunch or lunch money and anything else they need at school. It is important for students to learn to handle their responsibility.

If you decide to bring forgotten items to school, leave them CLEARLY LABELED at the Students Drop-Off Table in the school office. The office will NOT interrupt classroom instruction to notify your child of a forgotten item(s). Students can pick them up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Student Sign out Procedure

Students will not be called out of class until the parent or person picking them up comes into the office to sign them out. If a parent is sending another adult or older sibling to pick up a student, the parent must notify the office that this person has permission to pick up the student. Please make sure you are allowing yourself enough time to wait for your student to be called out of class.
We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Sports & Activities

Parent Information Meeting: Monday, August 20

Cross Country: 4:30 in the 6th Grade POD

Football: 5:00 in the Gym

Volleyball: 5:00 in the 7th Grade POD

Student Council: Welcome back Mustangs! We hope you've had an awesome summer! StuCo will look VERY different this year and we want to invite you to get in on the ground floor! Applications for membership are due to Mrs. Taylor or Ms. Church by Wednesday, Sept. 5. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications can be found attached to this newsletter or on the Activities & Athletics bulletin board in the main hall-way. We are looking forward to an AWESOME year!

Spirit Wear Orders: Spirit Wear orders are due **Friday August 24th**. Sample sizing is available in the front office.

**Delivery of spirit wear will be done by Sept. 24th.

If they have any questions they can contact Tori Murray at torikc@msn.com or 913.522.5558

GO MCMS Mustangs!

MCMS Student Council Application for Candidacy
2018-2019

Who Can Participate?
The Mill Creek Middle School Student Council consists of students in Grades 6-8. Members must complete an application. We are looking for some dynamic, enthusiastic, and committed Middle School students to join the Student Council for this year.

Roles of the Student Council
1. To officially represent all the students in the school
2. To identify and help solve problems encountered by students in the school
3. To communicate its opinion to the school administration on any subject that concerns students and on which the council wishes to be consulted
4. To promote and encourage the involvement of students in organizing school activities
5. To help raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, community projects, and helping people in need

Qualifications for Student Council

All Student Council Members must remain in good academic standing.
Students with low academic grades may be put on academic probation. Student Council members are expected to be leaders of our school. Their behavior and academic efforts should demonstrate a willingness to work hard and take their responsibilities seriously.

All Student Council Members should avoid any disciplinary problems.
Student Council members are expected to be models of good behavior in and out of school.
Members may be removed from Student Council for disciplinary infractions. Do not embarrass yourself or the Student Council by getting in trouble with your teachers or administrators.

Parent Permission
We are aware that our daughter/son is a candidate for Student Council membership at Mill Creek Middle School. We have gone over member responsibilities and understand that these positions require effort, diligence and leadership qualities. We also understand that failure to perform the specific duties that have been outlined may result in our son's/daughter's dismissal.
We further acknowledge the fact that parents are an integral part of Student Council's success and whenever the need arises, we will be willing to provide transportation for our daughter's/son's meetings and special events. We also realize that we may be asked to volunteer to chaperone special events.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

MCMS Student Council Application for Candidacy 2018-2019

Applications for candidacy are due to Mrs. Taylor (room 106) or Ms. Church (room 203) by **Wednesday, September 5th, 2018**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parents Name: _____

Essay Questions: *(Please attach additional paper if needed)*
1. Describe a way that the Student Council could be involved in the community.

2. If you could create any school event, what would it be?

Other Commitments: Please circle all other activities you plan to be involved with at MCMS

Publications	Cheerleading	Science Olympiad	Football	Cross Country
Track	Wrestling	Volleyball	Musical	Basketball

Other (ie – sports teams outside of school) _____

***Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:15 am (or when your bus arrives at MC)**

Student Commitment:

- I will strive to be an example of good leadership, team cooperation, and school spirit.
- I understand that failure to execute my responsibilities will result in my dismissal from the student council.
- I understand that my regular attendance at meetings and functions are a vital aspect of the success of the council.
- I am aware that as a leader of the school, I need to support those who are in authority above me.
- I will exhibit exemplary behavior and adhere to ALL school policies.
- I will maintain academic eligibility.

I understand that this activity will require extra time before school, during school, and after school when necessary.

_____ _____

Student Applicant Signature: **Date:**

Faculty Advisors: Katie Taylor ktaylor@usd232.org; Jill Church jchurch@usd232.org
Late applications will not be accepted.

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 a.m. We ask that you call on the day of the absence or before if possible. Please include the following information:

Please include the following information:

- Leave your name, relationship
- Student's name
- Date & 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. Regular attendance is basic to the educational process. Students are required to be in attendance each school day from 7:55 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

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.

Tardies

The purpose of the MCMS Tardy Policy is to maximize classroom attendance, academic excellence, and student accountability; and to minimize classroom disruptions. Students arriving after 7:55 a.m. must report to the office to sign-in and receive a pass before reporting to class. If buses are late students will be excused without reporting to the office. Students who walk to school or rely on other transportation will not be excused unless a parent/guardian calls to explain the extraordinary circumstance of the late arrival. **Students are not excused for "oversleeping" or "running late".**

The administration will address "late to school" tardies, and a consequence will be assigned by an administrator on the third tardy, per class per quarter. This adheres to the USD 232 Middle School Tardy Policy. Passes are not issued by the office for tardies between classes. Teachers keep a record of tardies and assess consequences for this behavior, also per the USD 232 Middle School Tardy Policy (per class, per quarter). It is expected that all students will report to class on time. Parents will be notified of excessive tardiness.

This week at the Creek



LIBRARY LOWDOWN

August 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

I do Scholastic Book Orders each month. Students can pick up a flyer in the library. Parents may order online with my class code, or students can bring checks to pay for the books. My first order will be Friday August 31st.

https://clubs.scholastic.com/

Class Code: L9D8J

Remind Texts

Parents and students can sign up for my Remind Texts. Everyone will text to the same number, but each grade level has a different message to send. Number to text is: 81010

6th Grade: @d93adh

7th Grade: @6ek99c

8th Grade: @3cc97

Upcoming Dates

August 17

- 7th Grade Library Day

August 20

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

August 21

- 6th Grade Black Team Library Day

August 22

- 8th Grade Library Day

August 24

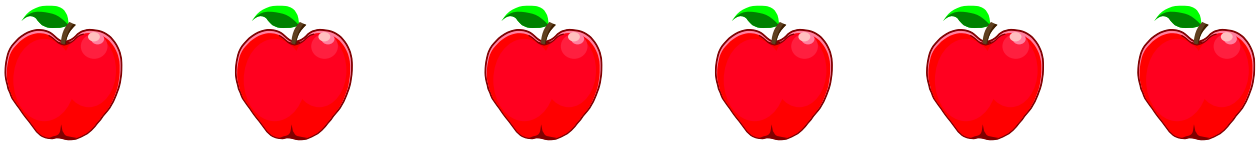
- 7th Grade Library Day

September 4

- After Hour 3-4 pm

Connect With The Library Media Center www.readingroberts.com brroberts@usd232.org

@readingroberts



KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

The De Soto School District has been an important and strong participant in the Kansas Teacher of the Year Program for many years. De Soto has had fourteen state finalists and twelve semi-finalists represented in the program since 2000. Two of our very own teachers were chosen as The Kansas Teacher of the Year; Keil Hileman in 2004 and Jeri Powers in 2008. This is truly un-precedented! Kaitlen North (MCMS) and Megan Clark (CE) will be representing our district in the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year program. The 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year will be announced in November in Wichita.

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 be a tenured employee of USD 232. If there is a De Soto educator whom you believe to be outstanding and deserving of special recognition, please fill out the form below. This form needs to be returned to your building principal by noon on September 28, 2018.

I would like to nominate _____

who is presently teaching at _____ for the

2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year Program. I believe that he/she is an outstanding

teacher, deserving of special recognition because:

_____

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(name)

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR BUILDING PRINCIPAL BY noon on Sept 28, 2018.

Online nominations at:

https://www.usd232.org/ktoy

De Soto High School FALL FEST

Friday, Aug. 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm

All Our Commnities are Invited to Join Us for a FAMILY EVENING of FUN!

Please Follow us on Twitter **@DeSotoWildcats**
For Updates and any Weather Related Decisions for this Event If Necessary.

Events

1. Football Scrimmages
5:00 pm Youth
6:00 pm LTMS/MCMS
7:00 pm Varsity
Gatorade for Gate Fee
National Anthem by Voce
7:40 pm Cheer/Dance @ Half

2. Booster Club
Concessions
Booster Membership
Wildcat Spirit Wear Sale

3. Tennis Matches
5:00 pm Youth Games
5:30 pm Varsity Matches

4. Public Service Fair
Johnson Co. Sheriff Dept.
NW Johnson Co. Fire Dept.
Johnson Co. Med-Act
Marines
Army National Guard
Shawnee Police Dept.

5. Concessions
Drinks and Snacks

6. Volleyball Matches
5:30 pm LTMS/MCMS

7. Disc Golf Tournament
5:00-8:00 pm Open Tee Time
Course Map on Back

8. Golfing Challenge
5:00-6:00 pm Fun and Games

9. Cross Country Running
5:30 pm One Mile Run

10. Soccer Scrimmages
5:00 pm DHS Varsity
National Anthem by Voce
5:30 pm Cheer/Dance @ Half
6:00 pm Youth Scrimmages



MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018-19 SPIRIT WEAR

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Any questions contact Tori Murray - torikc@msn.com or 913-522-5558

WE ARE MCMS DESIGN - BASIC GOLD



SOFT Tee | Polyester Tee | Long Sleeve Tee | Hoodie

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ORDERS DUE FRI. AUGUST 24TH.

All Sales are Final
No Exchanges or Refunds

Side One TOTAL: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Please make checks payable to MCMS PTA

☐ Cash ☐ Check #____

Sample shirts are available for sizing in the front office.
Hoodies adult sizing is unisex, and youth can run a little small.
Wicking shirts has a men's cut, ladies cut and youth cut.
Soft Tee has a men's cut, and ladies cut (AXS/LXS = YL)

Lunch Information

Parents, grandparents and/or other legal guardians are welcome to join their students for lunch. In addition to specific building procedures, all visitors must respect the following guidelines established to maintain a safe and orderly cafeteria:

- All visitors must check-in at the office and wear a visitor's badge.
- Once in the cafeteria, visitors must check in with one of the lunch room supervisors.
- Staff cannot pre-arrange or guarantee specific students to be seated together.
- At the conclusion of lunch, visitors should check-out in the office.



Lunch Menu for the Week of

August 20-24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Sticks	Mini Corn Dogs	Crunchy Beef Tacos	Chicken Teriyaki Bites	Bacon Cheeseburger
Pork Sausage Patties	Cheesy Cauliflower	Refried Beans	Steamed Brown Rice	Steamed Green Beans
Hash Brown Rounds	California Vegetable Medley	Steamed Corn	Steamed Edamame	Steamed Peas
Spiced Peaches	Garden Bar	Raspberry Churro	Steamed Broccoli	Fresh Cantaloupe
Garden Salad		Garden Bar	Garden Bar	Garden Bar
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection

