



Mustang Messenger

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August 24, 2018

Upcoming Events

- 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

Reporting an Absence

A 24-hour voicemail phone line (422-9698) is available to report an absence (including appointments). 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. If you are notifying your child's teacher about an absence, the office needs to be included on this as well. All absences are recorded by the office, not teachers.

Please include the following information: your name, relationship to the student, student's name, date & hours missed and the reason for absence. If the absence is due to illness, please leave your child's symptoms.

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.

ATTENDANCE LINE: (913) 422-9698

**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

Student Drop off Table

Forgotten Items Policy

It is each student's responsibility to bring to school their classroom supplies, homework, P.E. clothes, uniforms, band instruments, 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!



De Soto Unified School District 232

Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd.

Lenexa, Kansas 66227

Phone: (913) 667-3512

Fax: (913) 422-9229

Web: www.usd232.org/mcms

Dear Parents of Car Riders,

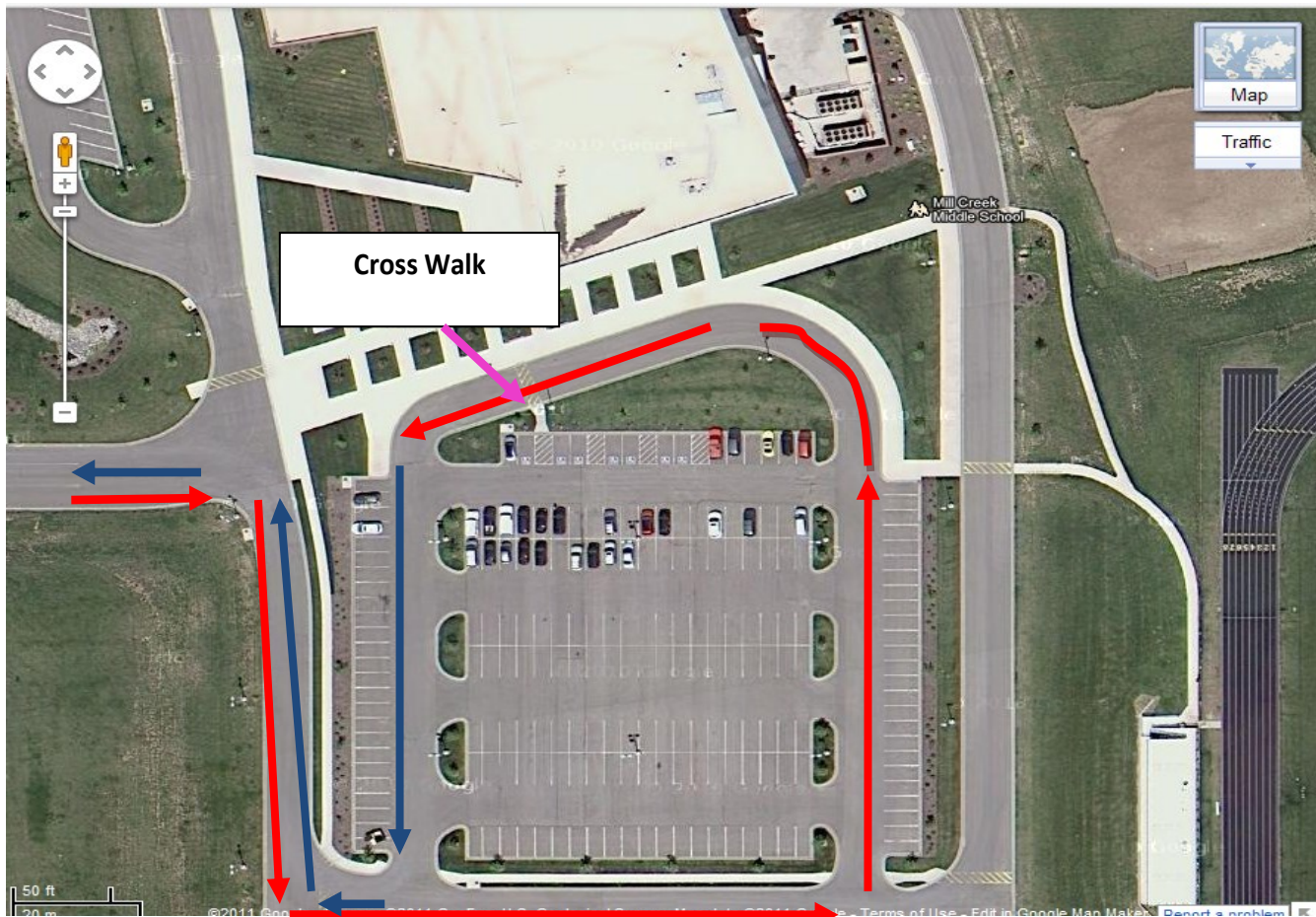
For the safety of all of our students, we are asking that you follow the following procedures when dropping off and picking up your child or children from Mill Creek Middle School.

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

8th Grade: Now that we are well into the school year, it's a great time for 8th graders to get started on their AR goals. Goals need to be reached by the end of the quarter, which is October 11th.

Picture Day/Retake day is September 18!

If your child is retaking their photo, they will be giving their packet to the photographer the day of retakes. Pictures will be taken in the morning.



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 hallway. We are looking forward to an AWESOME year!

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear orders are due TODAY Fri. August 24th.

IF you forgot to turn yours in please bring it in Monday.

Orders after Tuesday Aug. 28th will NOT be accepted.

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

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.

Message Board

New Cell Phone Policy at Mill Creek:

All students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy 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.

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. If they are in PE, lunch or between classes, it could take a few minutes longer. If you are taking your child after morning practice, the office needs to be notified of the absence.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Bus Pass:

If you are enrolled as a bus rider and you need to ride home on the bus with another student the office needs the following...

- A note/email from **BOTH** parents involved giving permission along with bus and phone information. Emails sent to stennis@usd232.org and thiggins@usd232.org.
- This option should only be used when other arrangements **can't** be made. **Students should not be changing buses daily or every week.**
- The office needs to have these changes **BY 1:30**. Request after 1:30 will be denied.
- We will do our best to accommodate all requests but some may not be able to be filled.
- Please have your student check in with the office at the end of the day if they have not received their bus pass for the day.
- If your student needs to change a bus for more than one occasion, please contact First Student at (913) 422-8501.
- Bus Drivers are NOT part of the approval process. All communications need to be with the office.

#GoodNewsCallOfTheDay



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.

Athletics & Activities

Cross Country

August 30 at Wyandotte Co. Park at 3:30
 September 8 at Celebration Park at 9:00
 September 15 at Trail Ridge Invitational 10:00
 September 19 at Mill Creek Classic 4:00
 October 2 at SMP at 4:00
 October 8 at Basehor Linwood at 4:00



Football

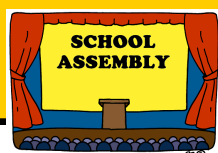
September 5 VS. Patton at 4:00
 7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Away
 September 11 VS. LTMS at 4:00
 7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
 September 18 VS. Leavenworth at 4:00
 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
 September 25 vs Lawrence Southwest at 4:00
 8th Grade ONLY-Home



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Assembly:

There is an assembly on Friday, September 21. If you plan on picking up your child at the end of the day, you might want to consider picking them up prior to 2:15. After 2:15, please expect delays as the whole school will be in an assembly. We appreciate your help with this!



Volleyball

August 30 VS. Turner at 4:00
 7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Home
 September 4 VS. Lansing at 4:00
 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
 September 6 VS. Piper at 4:00
 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
 September 8: Pioneer Ridge Tournament for 7th Grade "B"
 Shawnee Heights for 8th Grade "A"
 DHS for 8th Grade "B"
 September 13 VS. Monticello Trails at 4:00
 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away



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After School/Event Code of Conduct

Please join us spread some Mustang spirit at our after school events at Mill Creek Middle School. Athletic events (except cross country and track) at Mill Creek are **\$3** for adults, **\$1** for school aged children and 59 and over are **FREE**. Mill Creek students with an activity pass are free.

If a student wants to stay for a game-those arrangements need to be made BEFORE school. We will NO longer allow students to call home AFTER school to see if they can stay for a game, due to our bus schedule. Make arrangements for post-game transportation as well BEFORE arriving at school the day of the game. Students should be picked up from games about 5:30. Students should not expect to use the school phone to call home for a ride home. Students who consistently fail to make previous arrangements may be required to bring a note in order to stay or not be allowed to stay for future games.

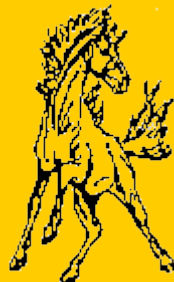
After School/Event Code of Conduct

Students at Mill Creek Middle School are encouraged to attend all after school athletic events to show support for the school and peers. Attending after school events is a positive and effective way for students to become involved in their school.

MCMS Students are expect to:

MCMS students who plan to stay for a game must report to the cafeteria at 3:05 on game days. Students may use this time after school as a study hall, to quietly talk or play a game/cards. Mandatory quiet time may be assigned at the discretion of the supervisor. Students must ask the supervisor's permission in order to leave the cafeteria for any reason. Any student who chooses to leave after school can **ONLY** attend the game with supervision of a parent/legal guardian. Students who stay after school are expected to follow the *MCMS After School Athletic Events Code of Conduct* and abide by the following guidelines:

- Stay in the building or at the football game during the entire course of the game. Any student who leaves the building or football field during the game will be required to leave school grounds and will not be allowed to return.
- Be sitting in the bleachers in the student section while the game is in play. Students will be given the opportunity at all game breaks, such as quarter breaks, match breaks and half-time to get concessions and use the restroom. If a student misbehaves, engages in unsafe behavior, or displays poor sportsmanship, the student will be given an assigned seat, asked to leave or have additional school consequences.



KVL League Schools



Basehor Linwood Middle School

15900 Conley Road
Basehor, KS. 66007

(football games now on-site)



Clark Middle School
420 N Bluegrass Drive
Bonner Springs, Ks. 66012

(VB is at Braves Fieldhouse on same property)

Bonner Springs High School (Clark FB games)

100 McDaniel St

Bonner Springs, KS. 66012



Lansing Middle School

220 Lion Lane
Lansing, KS. 66043

(off k-7 – turn East onto Mary St.)



Lexington Trails
8800 Penner Ave
DeSoto, KS. 66018



Mill Creek
8001 Mize Road
Lenexa, KS. 66227

Monticello Trails
6100 Monticello Road
Shawnee, KS. 66226



Piper Middle School
4420 N. 107th Street
Kansas City, Ks. 66109
(behind the HS off of Hutton
Road)



Tonganoxie Middle School
824 Washington
Tonganoxie, KS. 66086
Football= 300 E. Hwy 24-40 (HS)



Patton Junior High
1 Patton Cir
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027



Richard Warren Middle School
3501 New Lawrence Rd
Leavenworth, KS 66048



Turner Middle School
1312 S 55th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
Football plays at:
5142 Swartz Road (Swartz Field)



LIBRARY LOWDOWN

August 2018



Upcoming Dates

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

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





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 unprecedented! 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:

(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 Communities 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





WHO?

Elementary school children (accompanied by an adult)

WHERE?

Mill Valley High School • 5900 Monticello Road, Shawnee, Kansas

WHY?

Have a blast, get cool stuff & learn to ride your bike safely!

The first 300 kids will get a **FREE** t-shirt and safety helmet

Earn a safe cyclist certificate • Participate in bike riding skill activities

Bring your bike for a safety inspection

Bring your gently used bike and donate it to a local charity

Register to win a **NEW BIKE** from Trek



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 27-31

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Fiestada Pizza	Cheddar Filled Pretzel Stick	Chicken Strips	Hog Dog on Bun	Chicken Alfredo
Black Beans	Nacho Cheese	Honey Wheat Roll	Baked Beans	Garlic Toast
Fiesta Corn	Mixed Veggies	Green Beans	Peas & Carrots	Italian Vegetable Blend
Garden Salad	Roasted Cauliflower	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	Garden Bar	Watermelon
	Garden Bar	Garden Bar		Garden Bar
Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection	Milk/Juice Selection

