Mustang Messenger

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3-Labor Day-Building CLOSED
- Sept. 4-Volleyball vs. Lansing 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Sept. 5-Football vs. Patton "A" Team ONLY at Patton
- Sept. 6-Spirit Spreader all day
- Sept 6-Volleyball vs. Piper 7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away
- Sept. 8-Cross Country at Celebration Park at 9:00 am

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

Picture Day/Retake day is September 18!

Picture order forms are in the front office. If your child has not had their picture taken this year, please have them stop by and pick up one. 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.



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.

Message Board

Mrs. Brandt's Art Room News: We've been busy in the art room! Creating in clay and observational drawing are just a few things that students have been working on. A special congratulations goes out to Keegan Moerike for the closest guess on the "candy in the bear" raffle. His guess was 600 and the total was 604!







Cheer: The cheerleaders will be attending a Spirit Spreader next Thursday, September 6! It is an all day event. Good luck to our Mustang Cheerleaders!

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: **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

Cookie Dough orders are due by Tuesday, September 4. Cookie Dough pick up is Thursday, October 4. If your child had cookie dough orders, please make plans or arrangements to pick up that order after school in the commons on October 4.
****Correction to the Fundraiser Parent Letter: Checks should be made out to "MCMS PTA"** .



Procedures

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.

Reporting an Absence

A 24-hour voicemail phone line 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

Student Drop off Table

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). Tell your child that they can pick up their forgotten item between classes, during lunch or after school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

#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.

ROWDY CROWD PARTICIPATION FORM

This form is due no later than Tuesday SEPTEMBER 4th!!!
Please attach a check made payable to "MCMS cheer" and turn into the office.

$15 for short sleeve
$20 for long sleeve

Student Name (First and Last):_____ _____

Grade:_____

Shirt Type (Circle One)

Short Sleeve Long Sleeve

Shirt Size (Check one)

Youth Medium ___ ___ Adult Small _ _____

Youth Large ____ Adult Medium _____

Adult Large _____

The Rowdy Crowd

Join SPIRIT Club and support our school!

There is a **$14 dollar fee** to join which includes the **short-sleeved T-SHIRT** or **$17 dollar fee** which includes the **long-sleeved** T-SHIRT. And...

What you get to do in The Rowdy Crowd:

- ☺ Create signs that support the Mustangs
- ☺ Organize and vote for spirit week
- ☺ Come to games and cheer on your mustangs
- ☺ Wear your Rowdy Crowd shirt around school for all to see
- ☺ Participate in face painting
- ☺ Participate in crowd interaction events
- ☺ Enjoy a special treat on Pack the House Nights!

Due By: Tuesday, September 8th!

Checks payable to: Mustang Spirit

Pack the House Nights:

** These games start at 4 p.m. and end around 5:30 p.m.

*** Make sure you have made arrangements for rides before game day!

**** There is not an after school bus for rides home from games!

ONLY $4.00 IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A SHIRT

Here are the 2015- 2016 Pack the House games:

Volleyball:
7-9/17 against MT
8-9/29 against Tongie

Football:
8-10/13 against Lansing
7-10/20 against Clark

G-basketball:
7-11/19 against Basehor
8-11/23 against Tongie

B-basketball:
8- 2/8 against Lansing
7- 2/16 against Basehor

Student Name _____ **(Circle one)** **Long sleeve** **Short sleeve**

Grade _____

(Circle Size)

Youth Medium **Youth Large** **Adult Small** **Adult Medium** **Adult Large**

Athletics & Activities

Cross Country

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



MILL CREEK MUSTANGS

Football

September 5 VS. Patton ("A" Team ONLY) at 4:00
7th Grade: Away; 8th Grade: Away

September 11 VS. LTMS at 4:00
8th Grade: Home

September 11 vs. Wheatridge at 4:00
7th Grade: Away

September 18 VS. Leavenworth at 4:00
7th Grade: Home; 8th Grade: Away

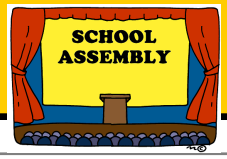
September 25 vs Lawrence Southwest at 4:00

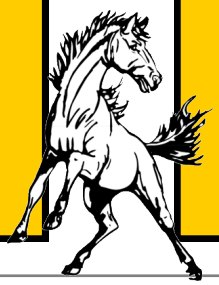
8th Grade ONLY-Home



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

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

September 15-Tournament:
7th Grade "A": Prairie Trail Middle School



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.

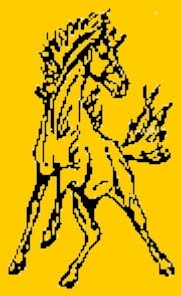
After School/Event Code of Conduct

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 McDaniels 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

September 2018

Note From Mrs. Roberts

Library After Hour starts on Tuesday September 4th. Every Tuesday during the fall semester, the library will stay open until 4 p.m. If students don't have a ride home at 4, they can go to a home sporting event like volleyball or football. Students can work on homework, use computers, play board games, and use Maker Space supplies. The school coffee shop will also be open after school on Tuesdays.

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

September 4

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

September 5

- 8th Grade Black Team Library Day

September 6

- 6th Grade Gold Team Library Day

September 7

- 7th Grade Library Day

Sept. 24-27

- Book Fair

Sept. 27-28

- No School

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

@readingroberts

Name: _____ School: _____ Extension/Email: _____

The Creek Card Collections

As part of a MELT class at Mill Creek Middle School, students in the special education classroom have teamed up with "Friends-in-Learning" from all three grades. The Friends-in-Learning come to class daily to assist students with the many steps required to make these beautiful greeting cards. From tearing, sorting and blending scraps of paper to create the card, punching out fun designs and constructing/designing the actual card, the business is completely student-lead. Even the name was created by the students in the classroom! The money is used to pay for class trips into the community to extend student learning.

There will be no guarantee the exact design of the greeting card.
Below are some examples of the types of cards available currently.

$1.00 each



Birthday Balloons
Quantity: _____



All Occasion Flower
Quantity: _____



Thank-You Simple Square
Quantity: _____



Christmas-
Holiday Tree
Quantity: _____



Holiday-
Snowflake
Quantity: _____



Christmas-
Paint Chip Trees
Quantity: _____

☐ I wish to have a custom card made. Please circle from the choices below:

Congratulations- Baby Boy	Quantity _____
Congratulations- Baby Girl	Quantity _____
Congratulations	Quantity _____
Thinking of you	Quantity _____
Wedding	Quantity _____
OTHER: _____	Quantity _____

Payment include: Cash amount_____ Check amount _____ (Make checks payable to Kaitlen North)

Contact Kaitlen North @ MCMS (knorth@usd232.org) until end of September, otherwise contact Kaitlen's long-term sub, Kelly Roberts @ MCMS until Winter Break. (Kroberts@usd232.org)

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

September 3-7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO School	Sausage Breakfast Bites Roasted Potatoes Cinnamon Apples Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	General Tso's Chicken Steamed Brown Rice Roasted Carrots Steamed Edamame Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection	Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas & Carrots Garden Salad Chiefs Football Cookie Milk/Juice Selection	Beefy Nachos Queso Blanco Sauce Black Beans Steamed Corn Garden Bar Milk/Juice Selection



PTA

Please join us at the General PTA meetings for Mill Creek Middle School Parent Teacher's Association (PTA). We hold three general meetings a year.

The meetings are held on Thursdays, start at 6:30, and are held in the Library.

PTA Meetings:

8/23 General

9/13 - Board

10/11 - Board

11/8 - Board

No meeting in December

1/10 - Board - General

2/7 (due to Valentine's Day) Board

3/7 (due to Spring Break) - Board

4/11 - Board

5/9 - General (voting on Board members for next year)

Committee Volunteers

Please sign up to volunteer for a committee! We have lots of choices and many without much commitment, so please take a look at the survey form and sign up to help. Sign up for Committees here: https://goo.gl/forms/6G7AWzKcVAhvWdRH3

Sign up to be a PTA Member

You can support your PTA here: http://mcmsmustangspta.wixsite.com/home. Membership is $10 per person and we use funds to support teacher grants for supplies, technology, and tools that MCMS wouldn't have otherwise been able to fund. The PTA also provides funding for MCMS field trips so all grade levels can attend special activities outside of the school.

Please also support our MCMS PTA Fundraiser by helping your son or daughter sell cookie dough. If that's not your thing - please you are more than welcome to make a donation to the PTA and we will have that go toward our teacher grants, school improvement items (this year's is new flexible furniture in the library), and field trips.

Please contact the PTA if you have any questions!

MCMSMustangsPTA@gmail.com

or

Dani Dion, MCMS PTA President

librarian.dani.dion@gmail.com