December 13, 2024

Mill Creek Newsletter

Home Of The Mustangs!

Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve

Reminders

• Doors Open at 7:30 am.
School Hours - 7:50 to 3:00 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

You can report your child absent by filling out a form - click HERE!

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

Dec 16 - MCMS Choir Concert
Dec 17 - STUCO Mtg 7:20 am
6th Gr GingerSTEM Open House
Dec 20 - Early Dismissal (11:12)
End of Qtr 2
Jan 7 - Students Return to Qtr 3, Black Day
Jan 14 - First BBB Games
Jan 18 - Home Sci Oly Meet



STUCO collected 357 items for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.



Mill Creek Family,
On Friday we had our 2nd Qtr Spirit Assembly. The entire school filled the gym bleachers and cheered on all our students that participated in fall athletics & activities. Our MC Band students performed and our Cheerleaders did a routine as everyone entered the gym. The school applauded Girls basketball, Wrestling, Science Olympiad, Spelling Bee contestants, student Citizen's of the Week (COW's),and Fans of the Game. The finale of the assembly saw several staff members getting PIED in the face! Our Student Council organized the Cold Weather Supply Drive this week and helped our students celebrate all the items brought in. Thank you to all our students & families that helped bring in items this week!

Athletics/Activities

Jan 14 - BBB vs Turner
Jan 16 - BBB vs MTMS
Jan 18 - Home Sci Oly Tournament

February 7th - Dodgeball. Stay Tuned!



Gate Fees for Athletics:
Adults $5 Students $2
Seniors 59+ Free **CASH ONLY**

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!



We have collected
626 pounds so far!



Congrats to Mrs. Treat who was recognized as Outstanding Young Music Educator by KMEA on Saturday! Way to Go Mrs. Treat!

Parent Corner

Here is a website that reviews the most popular apps for teens.

https://www.protectyoungeyes.com/apps

This website does a great job on explaining what the app does, the major risks of each app, and it will also walk you through how to set parent controls for each app. Please take a moment to go through this website and learn about what apps your child is using.

Trying Out For Boys Basketball?

Visit our website for the tryout schedule

Click HERE

November TORCH Award Recognition

https://bit.ly/49owsEA

At the Board of Education Meeting on Monday, December 2, we were able to spotlight the TORCH Award presented during the month of November. This newly branded award recognizes district staff for their exceptional commitment to students and our district.

Mill Creek Middle School was the first stop in November for the TORCH Award where Proud Superintendent Cory Gibson and Principal Andrew Legler recognized **Band Teacher Jessica Treat**. While only in her second year at Mill Creek, Jessica has quickly inspired a love of music for her students while also fostering a supportive and fun learning environment. Whether she has her band students rallying the crowd during one of the MCMS sporting events, or have them jamming in the classroom, Mrs. Treat engages all her students while adapting to their different skill levels and personalities. Above all, she encourages her musicians to achieve their personal best. This includes helping them earn their first ever "One" rating at the Worlds of Fun Festival of Music this past spring.

While at MCMS, we tracked down **Shauna Morris, a devoted Paraprofessional**, to present her with the TORCH award for the month of November. Principal Andrew Legler shared that Shauna, a most beloved staff member, has proven to be a team player by collaborating with teachers and parents to ensure students' needs are being met. She is a shining example of what it means to be patient and sympathetic while building positive relationships with students. Mrs. Morris adapts to the diverse needs of the students of Mill Creek and provides personalized support. She truly exemplifies the school's mission statement: "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve".





KMEA District Honor Choir

MCMS had 15 students participating in 2 different Honor Choirs last weekend for KMEA District Honor Choir.









KMEA District Honor Band/ Tuba XMas

MCMS had 4 students participating last weekend for KMEA District Honor Band. On Friday, she took students to participate in Tuba Christmas held at Kauffman.





Spirit Week

Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 20



ONDAY – Anything but a backpack



UESDAY – Students dress like teachers/teachers dress like students



EDNESDAY – Favorite team (middle school, high school, college, or pro)



HURSDAY – Ugly (or cute) Christmas sweater

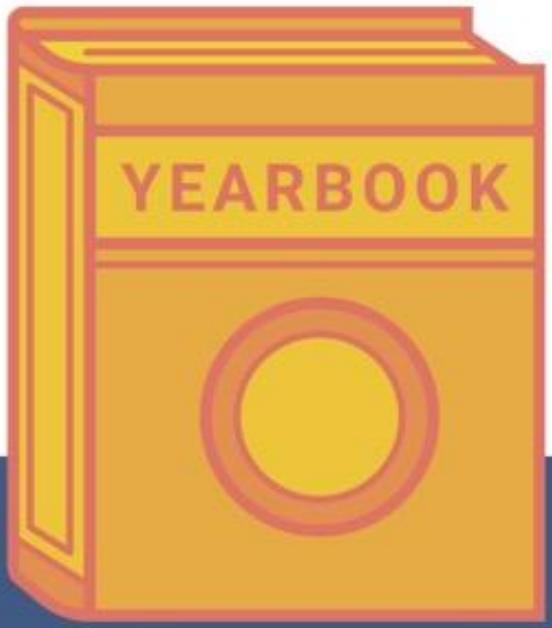


RIDAY– Pajama pants

MUSTANG MEMORIES

GET YOUR 2025 YEARBOOK RESERVED NOW!

Yearbooks should be purchased through Skyward by **December 20***



Order through Skyward in the FEES MANAGEMENT portal

$32.00

*AFTER DECEMBER 20TH, YOU WILL HAVE TO ORDER THROUGH THE VARSITY WEBSITE DIRECTLY. THIS WILL INCLUDE EXTRA FEES.

COVID-19 TESTS

Families, the State of Kansas provided free over-the-counter covid tests, which are located in a basket in the front office. Free to take, no names or sign up required; no need to share the result with the school nurse unless you choose to do so.



USD 232 Winter Weather Reminder

https://bit.ly/41pV65X

Now is a good time to review plans and be prepared this winter for when our school district cancels or delays the start of school due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Consider childcare options for your family as we head deeper into the winter months.

Information about school and inclement weather is communicated in the following ways as soon as a decision is made.

1. Sent via text message through our schoolNEWS Alert System. Sign up for text message alerts.
2. Posted on the front page of the district's website.
3. Local television stations (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC)
4. Social media - Follow @usd_232 on X (Twitter) or on Facebook @USD232official

The district will not announce when schools are open. If no announcement is made, schools are open.

While the process we use is comprehensive, we understand that you may not agree with the district's decision to close school or keep school open. Please know if weather conditions are severe, you have the option of keeping your child at home. In this case, please contact your school's office and your child's absence will be recorded as an excused absence.

Two-hour Delayed Start
In the event of a two-hour delayed start, all school start times will be delayed by two hours.

- High schools would start at 9:50 a.m.
- Middle Schools at 9:55 a.m.
    - Exception: Mill Creek Middle School begins at 9:50 a.m.
- Elementary schools at 10:45 a.m.

All morning bus pick-up times will be delayed by two hours. Schools will end their day at the regular time and after-school bus routes will operate on their normal schedule. Breakfast will not be served should a delayed start be used. Read more about a two-hour delayed start.

Again, this is just a reminder to be prepared this winter. Read more about inclement weather procedures.

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From NURSE NATALIE & NURSE ERICA!

24 Hour Policy

Please report any symptoms of illness to the school. Please be specific- report symptoms such as sore throat, nausea, and fever instead of reporting “ill” or “sick”. Giving symptoms helps with Health Department Reporting and to see illness trends in the district.

It is district policy to keep your student home until symptom free/fever free for 24 hours without medication. It will help to prevent the spread of illness.

Decrease risk of illness

- *cover cough*
- *washing hands*
- *not touching your face,*
- *rest*
- *hygiene*
- *hydration*
- *nutrition*

Useful Links

Medication Policy

Self Carry Inhaler/Epi Pens

Exclusion/Sick Policy

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