The Mustang Messenger

August 15, 2025 Volume 4 Mill Creek News

Coming Events

18 - Fall Sports/VB Tryouts
19 - Orchestra Parent Mtg
20 - Robotics Parent Mtg
26 - Fall Sports Parent Mtg
27 - Parent Tech Bootcamp
28 - FB Scrimmage

Reminders

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

If you need to get a message to your child, please call the office **913.667.3512**

Important Links

Report An Absence
Mill Creek Website
Contact Us!
Lunch Menu

Home Of The Mustangs

Check Us Out on Social Media!

@TheCreekMCMS
@mcms_principal

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!

Welcome To Mill Creek!

2025-2026 School Year



Mark your calendars for an important event! Our teachers are here to help you! Staff will be putting on their 2nd annual technology event on Wednesday, August 27th at MCMS. You can learn more about topics such as Canvas, Skyward Q, IXL, Xello or just get help from our tech cafe. Plan to bring your student's device and their login information. We will walk you through ways to help your child be more successful in middle school and the various programs we use. Our teachers will partner with you and walk side by side to ensure success for all students.

Reminders

- **Always check the website if you have questions**
- **You must show your drivers license to enter the school**
- **Athletics start Monday after school.**
- **No school on Labor Day - Sept 1st.**
- **Athletic Competitions start Sept. 2nd with VB**
- ***DHS Band Night for 7th and 8th grades on 9/12 at 6pm***
- ***MVHS Band Night for 7th and 8th grades on 9/19 at 7pm***

Happenings...

Helpful Videos:

[Download the App]

[Using the App]

Use the Skyward Q App -

Use the Skyward Mobile App

You can use the **Skyward Mobile Access App** on your mobile device:

1. **NOTE:** ***Already have the app? Delete and reinstall it.***
2. Search your app store for **"Skyward"**
3. Select our district by zip code or name: **Desoto USD 232**

Helpful Video: Downloading the App

Video: Downloading the Skyward App

Join Our Team!

We are still looking for amazing staff to join our family!

- Resources and Connections Paraprofessionals (full and part time spots available). A paraprofessional is an individual who provides both instructional and non-instructional support to students in order for them to reach their full potential. They work with both students and staff.
- Student Nutrition Assistant - part time kitchen working 10 am to 2 pm
- Evening Custodian - cleaning and resetting the building.





Students are responsible for taking care of their MacBooks. They should get into a habit of charging them each evening so they are ready to go. This is a tool for school and not a toy.

Athletics

Athletics for Mill Creek will begin on August 18th. Country and Football will begin practices on August 18th following school. Volleyball tryouts will begin as well on the 18th and run for the week. These will also be after school. **There will be a fall sports meeting on Tuesday, August 26th** for XC, FB and VB. Coaches will have additional information prior to that date for those who are participating. <XC 4:30, VB and FB 5 pm.>

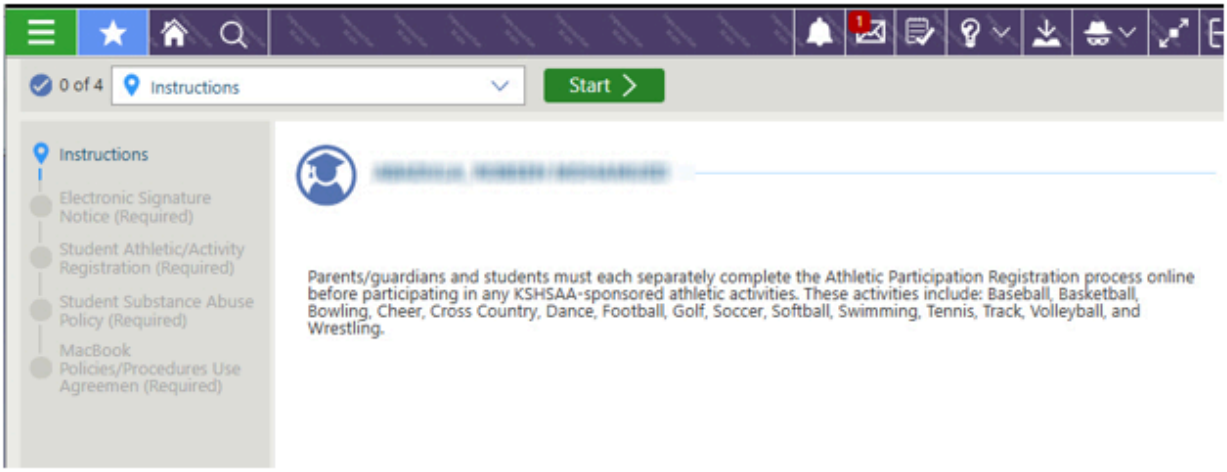
Practice and competition calendars have been updated on the website for all fall sports..

Online Forms – Student and Parent Forms in Skyward Q

Look for this tile. Click on it.



Then you will need to push Start and complete the forms:



Complete any forms listed.

7th and 8th Grade Parents: All Required Athletic Forms have been uploaded to Skyward. Please complete these by September 1, 2025.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that Mill Creek will be implementing a culture shift called the House System beginning this school year. This system has a proven track record of creating a positive school climate and culture that is embraced by students, staff, and families. We want our students to look forward to coming to school each day, and schools around the world that have implemented the program have reported many positive outcomes, such as a decrease in discipline referrals, more positive relationships among peers and staff, better school attendance, and improvements in academic performance. This is because the system encourages students to take ownership of their learning and behavior while working together to achieve common goals.

A key element of the House System is the way that it increases students' motivation to succeed in school by fostering a sense of belonging among all students and staff, and parents often report feeling more connected to the school community as well. To achieve this, each student will be a part of one of six houses and will have the opportunity to participate in house-specific events and activities throughout the year. (Parents will have some opportunities to participate, too!) By being a part of a house, every child has a smaller group within the larger school community. In other words, every student will have "a crew and a cause."

Throughout the school year, students will have the opportunity to receive points for themselves as individuals and for their houses. Points are awarded for going above and beyond expectations in areas such as academic achievement, character, school spirit, extracurricular participation, and community service. While points are not the primary purpose of this program, when students work together to earn points for their houses, they celebrate, support, and encourage one another to achieve excellence. The house who earns the most points at the end of the year will be named the House Champions!

We are confident that the House System will be a valuable addition to our school community, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact on our students. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to see the effect this system will have on our students.

Sincerely,

Mill Creek Middle School Staff

Get ready for the upcoming school year with new MCMS Spirit Wear!

Click here (or copy link below) to order NOW:

https://mcmspta.givebacks.com/shop

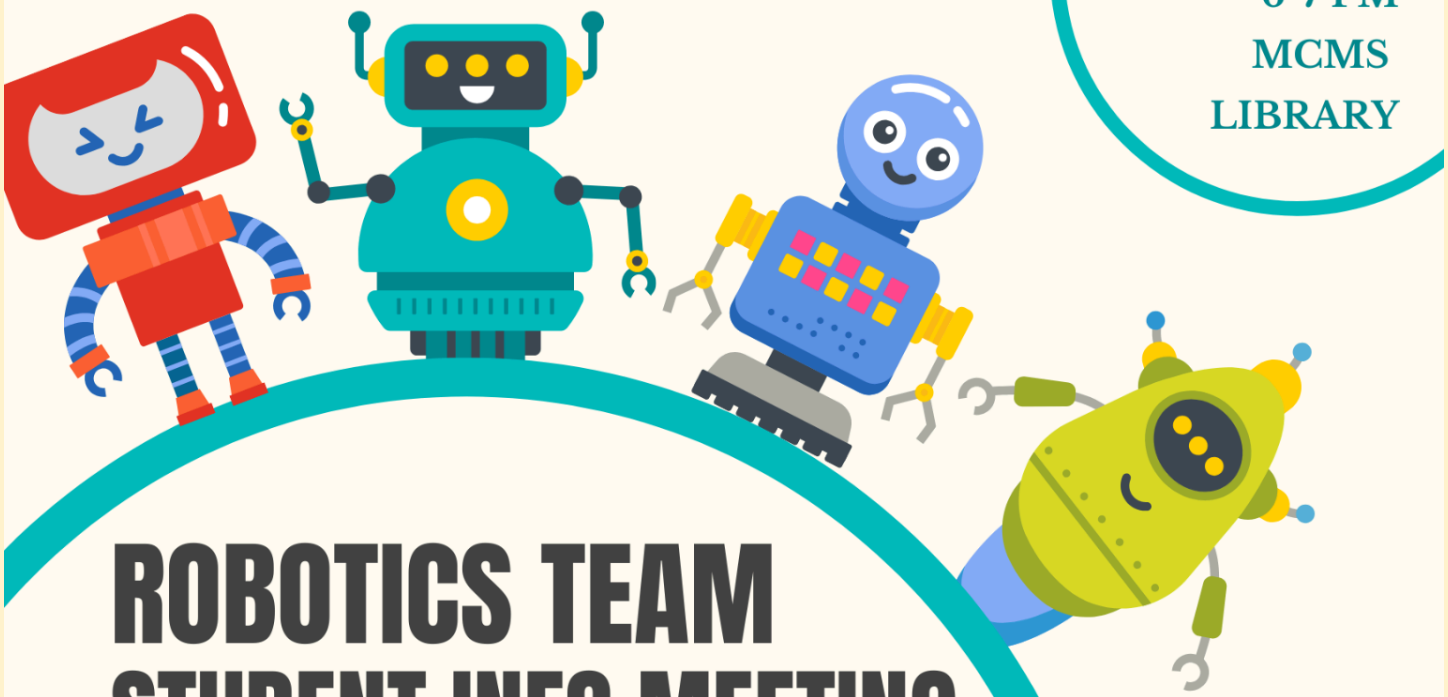


All orders due August 27, 2025

Please consider donating a large bag of candy to keep in the main office. Our staff enjoy a sweet treat midway through the day. Thank you for showing our staff some love! ❤️

JOIN THE FIRST EVER MILL CREEK ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAM!

PARENT MEETING
WED. AUG. 20
6-7 PM
MCMS LIBRARY



ROBOTICS TEAM STUDENT INFO MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 18
2:45-3:00 PM
MCMS LIBRARY

YOU NEED A PASS TO ATTEND!
Get a pass in the office, library, or science room

QUESTIONS? qshowalter@usd232.org



MILL CREEK
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP

FOR PARENTS

Wednesday, August 27th - 6 to 8 pm

TOPICS:

- ✓ Canvas
- ✓ Skyward
- ✓ HMH (Math Resource)
- ✓ Xello



PLEASE BRING:

- Your child's laptop
  - (personal devices will not connect to wifi)
- Your child's login information

More information will be emailed to all MCMS Parents prior to the event

August 2025

From NURSE NATALIE & ANNA

7th Graders

Please turn in your 7th gader's vaccinations for **TDaP Booster** and **Meningococcal** immunizations for the Next School year.

We will be doing Vision and Hearing soon, if you wish to opt your child out, please email us!

Health Condtions & Medication Orders for 2025-2026

Asthma, Seizures, Anaphylaxis/Severe Allergies, Diabetes

We encourage our middle schoolers to self-carry their epi-pens and inhalers. Please let us know if you'd like us to train them on administration

We will need **NEW Health Intake forms and Medication orders for 2025-2026.** *-Find on USD232.org and Emails*

REASONS TO STAY HOME

Fevers 100.0 or Higher, Diarrhea, Vomiting

Please keep your child home if they have **NOT been fever free for a full 24 hours total without the aide of fever reducing medication.**

No Seasonal Allergy Meds available at school. Please take at home as most last 12-24 hours.

To reach both nurses use email

MCMSNurses@usd232.org