The Mustang Messenger

November 21, 2025 Volume 17 Mill Creek News

Coming Events

November
22 - Wrestling Clark Invitational
24 - 28 - No School
December
1 - GBB JV Quad
Board Meeting
2 - Band Concert @ DHS
3 - GBB vs Piper
4 - Musical Interest mtg in ELT
GBB vs BLMS
5 - Tuba Christmas
9 - GBB KVL
11 - Orchestra to Crown Center
GBB KVL

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!

Nominations for KTOY Open

USD 232 has been an important and strong participant in the Kansas Teacher of the Year Program for many years. De Soto has had fifteen state finalists and thirteen semi-finalists represented in the program since 2000.

We would like to invite you to nominate any teacher whom you consider to be an outstanding and effective educator. This person must have completed 5 years of teaching with at least 2 of them having been in USD 232. If there is a USD 232 educator whom you believe to be outstanding and deserving of special recognition, please use the link below to fill out the nomination form.

Kansas Teacher of the Year Nomination Form

Nomination deadline is noon on Friday, December 12th, 2025 at noon.

KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

- ☐ There is no school November 24 - 28 for Thanksgiving Break.
- ☐ Band Concert - December 2 at DHS
- ☐ Orchestra Field Trip - December 11
- ☐ Choir Concert - December 15 at DHS
- ☐ ½ Day Semester Reward Event/Assembly and Early Dismissal - December 19
- ☐ Winter Vacation - December 20 - January 6

Reminders

- **Always check the website if you have questions**
- **You must show your drivers license to enter the school**

Happenings...

Let Us Know When Your Child Is Gone



There are now 3 ways you can notify us if your child will be gone!
1. Call the school and leave a message on our absence line.
2. Fill out the form found on our webpage
3. Enter the absence in Skyward yourself!

Happy Thanksgiving

As we head into Thanksgiving, our hearts are full of gratitude for the incredible students, staff, and families who make Mill Creek such a special place. Each day, we are thankful for your support, your partnership, and the kindness you bring to our school community. We hope this season offers moments of rest, joy, and connection with the people you love. Thank you for all you do to help our Mustangs learn, grow, and shine. Happy Thanksgiving! 🦃💛🖤

Athletics/Activities

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

GBB: Monday: JV Quad Wednesday: Piper Thursday: BLMS
Wrestling: Saturday Clark Invitational (Bonner Springs)

If you plan on trying out for Boys Basketball in December, make sure your physical is turned in. Physicals can be sent to AD Kerry Wixon at kerry.wixon@usd232.org

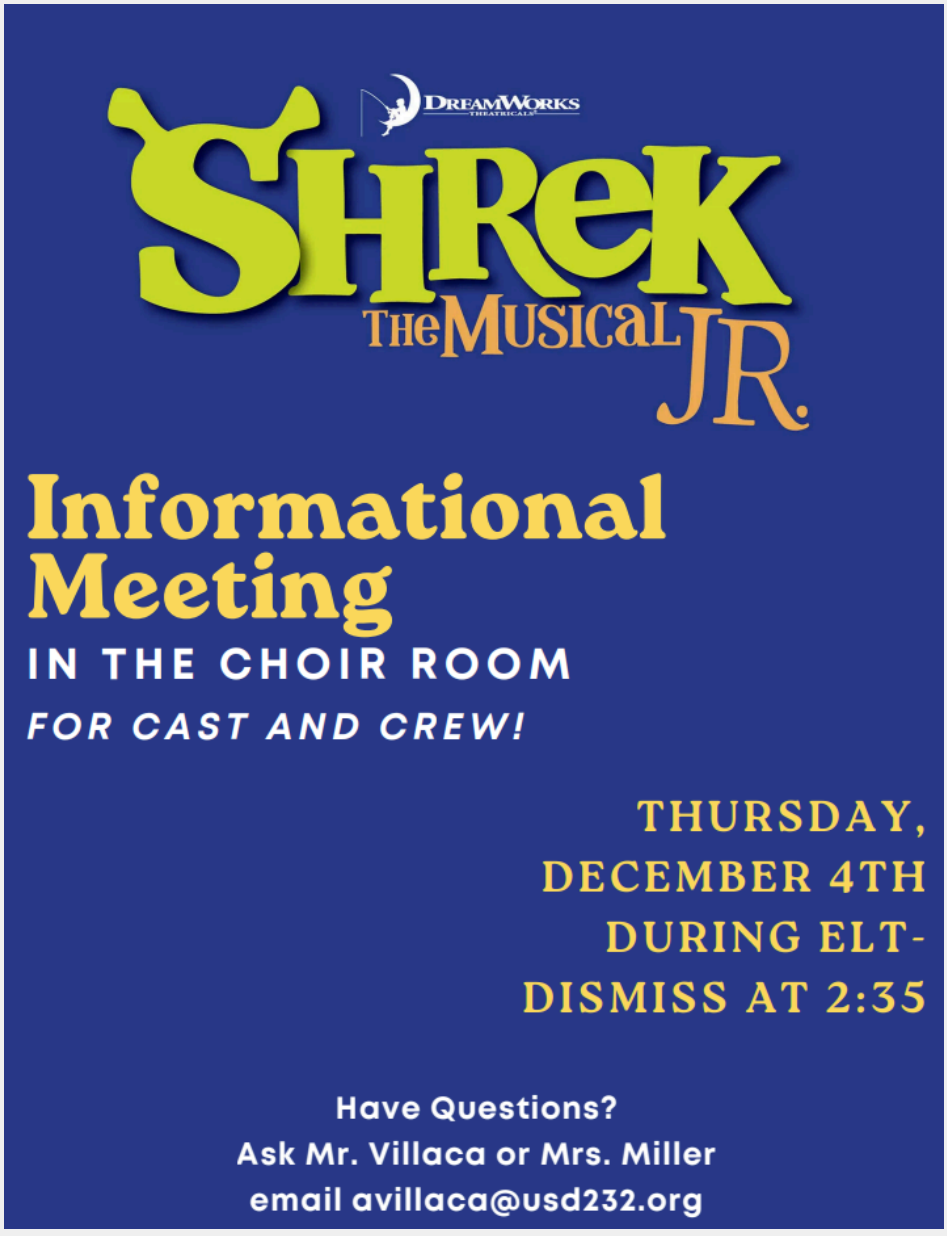
The Boys Basketball Tryout Schedule and calendar has been posted to the website. Please click HERE for details.

Take It With You Tuesdays - November 18th

THANK YOU *to everyone who visited our first two Take It With You Tuesday food drive-thrus! Here at Belmont, we BElieve in going above & beyond to help our community. That's why we're offering* ***FREE MEALS*** *for* ***TWO MORE TUESDAYS*** *from* ***4:30 to 5:30pm.*** *That's next Tuesday,* ***November 18th*** *and* ***November 25th,*** *the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.*

If you could use an extra hand this holiday season, please plan on driving up to our school's front entrance to receive BBQ beef sandwiches, apple sauce, chips, and a dessert. To help us prepare, ***please let us know how many meals your family will need by completing this QUICK SURVEY.***

Have any questions? Know anyone who may benefit from food assistance? Please email Adam McMorris at amcmorris@usd232.org. Thank you!



SPIRIT WEEK

CHRISTMAS JOY DAY

Monday, December 8

Get cozy and festive – wear your Christmas pajamas or holiday sweaters!

TWIN DAY

Tuesday, December 9

Grab your bestie and match outfits from head to toe!

RHYME WITHOUT A REASON

Wednesday, December 10

Find a friend and dress in a rhyming theme!

Chef/Ref (referee)

Nerd/Bird

STUDENT/TEACHER DAY

Thursday, December 11

Students: channel your inner teacher.

Teachers: bring your best "student style."

HOUSE COLORS/SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

Friday, December 12

Dress in your house color or rock your Mill Creek Spirit Wear to show your pride!

Student Council is hosting a

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benefitting Heartland Book Bank.

Please donate new and gently used books for all ages.

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HOUSe CONteSt

Put your books in your House box in the main entry.

1st place house: 500 points

2nd place house: 300 points

3rd place house: 100 points

The Heartland Book Bank works to alleviate illiteracy in the community by collecting and then distributing books, free of charge, to agencies, schools, libraries, public housing sites, and other groups that serve low-to-moderate income individuals.



MOCK INTERVIEWS

2025



DECEMBER 12TH, 2025 | 8:30 AM- 10:30 AM

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
8001 MIZE RD. LENEXA, KS 66227

WHAT TO EXPECT



- A quick 10–15 minute interview with an 8th-grade student.
- A simple list of questions to help guide the conversation.
- A fun way to support our students' confidence and career skills.
- Light refreshments



If you are interested, please sign up using the link below.
MOCK INTERVIEW INTEREST FORM

For further details, feel free to reach out to us via email at ***rgodwin@usd232.org***







Help Shape the Future Workforce!

USD 232 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

De Soto USD 232 is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in partnering with our schools to support job shadowing, internships, and guest speaking opportunities. These experiences allow students to explore career interests, learn about the world of work, and gain valuable real-world skills.

We're looking for opportunities in all fields, including (but not limited to):

- Engineering
- Medical
- Laboratory Sciences
- Law
- Real Estate
- Fashion
- Marketing
- Business
- Trades

If you or your organization would like to make a difference by mentoring a future professional, please contact
Dr. Ceresa Schaffer:

cschaffer@usd232.org
913-667-6200

@232futurereadyinternships

MUSTANG MEMORIES

GET YOUR 2026 YEARBOOK RESERVED NOW!

Yearbooks should be purchased through SkywardQ by **December 19***



Order through SkywardQ in the FEES MANAGEMENT (eFunds) portal

$32.00

*AFTER DECEMBER 19TH, ORDERS WILL HAVE TO BE THROUGH THE VARSITY WEBSITE; THIS WILL INCLUDE EXTRA FEES.

November 2025

Nursing News: NATALIE & ANNA

Health is your best defense – guard it!

GI ILLNESS IS ON THE RISE

Wash hands!
If vomiting or diarrhea, stay home until 24 hrs symptom free

Wellness First, Worry less!

🧼 1. **Wash Your Hands** – A Lot!
🤧 2. **Keep Hands Away from Your Face**
💧 3. **Stay Hydrated & Eat Healthy**
😴 4. **Get Plenty of Sleep-**Aim for 8–10 hours of sleep each night. Your body needs rest to stay strong and fight off illness.
🤒 5. **Stay Home If You're Sick**-If you're feeling sick, tell an adult and stay home to rest and keep others from getting sick too.



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 OTC ALLERGY OR COLD MEDS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

To reach both nurses use email

MCMSNurses@usd232.org