The Mustang Messenger

January 30, 2026 Volume 24 Mill Creek News

Coming Events

January
31 - BBB B Team Tournament
February
2 - 6 Counselor Apprec. Week!
2 - MVHS Freshman Night
Board Meeting
3 - BBB vs LTMS
5 - BBB vs Turner
6 - Dodgeball Packets Due
9 - BBB vs SW Lawrence
11 - Early Dismissal/PT Confer.
12 - PT Conferences
13 and 16 - No School

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!

Parent Teacher Conferences

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

February 11, 2026	3:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
February 12, 2026	4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Conferences are held in the Gym and Commons
Gym: 6th & 7th grades
Commons: 8th gr. & Explo

Schedule for each day:

Wednesday, February 11th
3:30 to 7:30 pm Walk in conferences

Thursday, February 12th
9:30 am to 11:55 am - Teacher Scheduled Conferences
12:00 pm-12:40 pm - Lunch break for staff
12:45 pm-3:15 pm – Teacher Scheduled Conferences
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm - Dinner break for staff
4:00 pm-8:00 pm - Walk in Conferences

Parents are welcome to come during any of the "Walk in" times that work for your schedule. "Walk in" conferences require no appointments and parents may come anytime during the designated conference time frame. Thursday "Scheduled Conferences" are by appointment only.

Friday, February 13th and
Monday, February 16th
NO SCHOOL

Thank you for partnering with us to make 2025-2026 a successful school year!

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

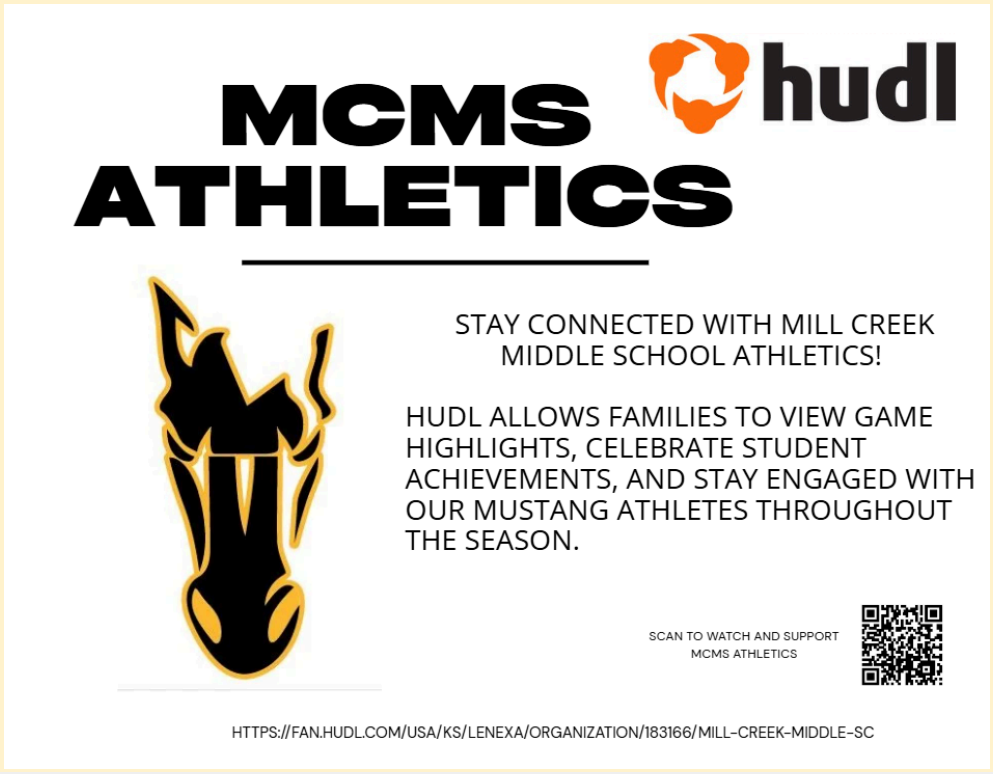


There are now 3 ways you can notify us if your child will be gone!
1. Call the school and leave a message on our absence line.
2. Fill out the form found on our webpage
3. Enter the absence in Skyward yourself!

Athletics/Activities

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

- Look below for info on our new LIVESTREAM!!
- The musical cast and crew are busy at work preparing for their spring production! BBB Games Saturday (B Team), Tuesday and Thursday



2026 BOND

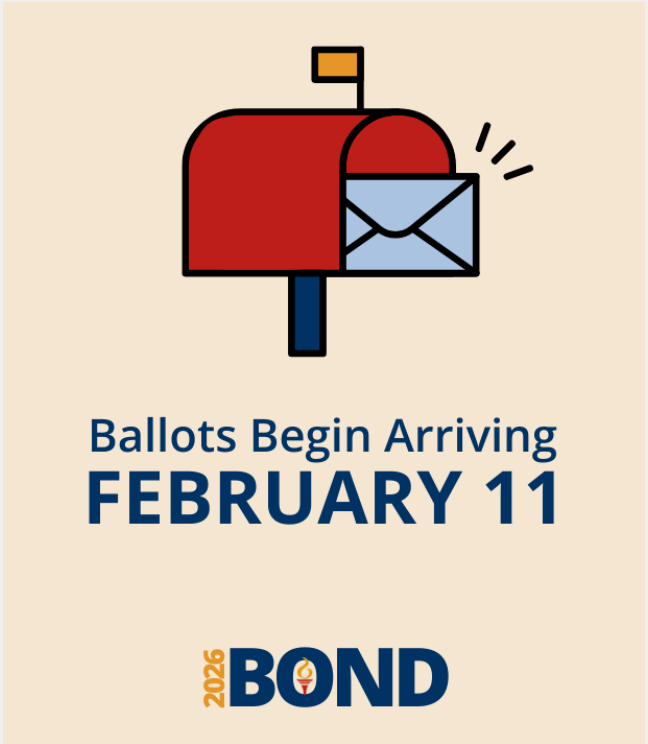
USD 232 **EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY**

Expanding Opportunity!
As part of our long-range facilities planning to address the evolving needs of our students and community, registered voters residing within USD 232 will have the opportunity to consider a **no tax rate increase** bond proposal by mail ballot election on March 3, 2026. If approved, the 2026 bond will allow USD 232 to **enhance safety**, **expand opportunities**, and **improve facilities** across the entirety of the district.
Learn more about the no tax rate increase bond: ***usd232.org/bond2026***

Voter Registration Deadline

If you are not registered to vote in the upcoming Bond 2026 mail ballot election, the last day to register is **February 10**. Learn more and register at ***jocoelection.org***

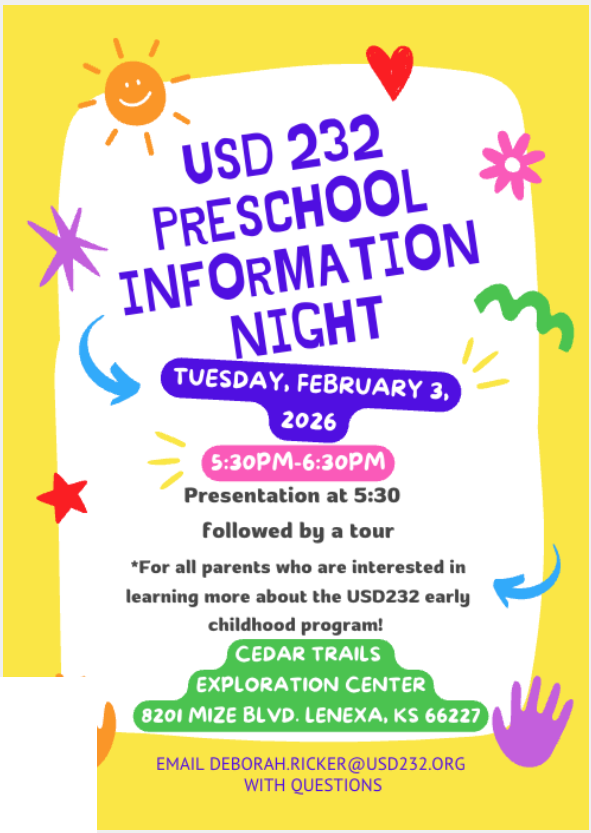




PTA Needs Your Help!

There are a few spots left on to bring snacks for parent teacher conferences.

Please visit the LINK to help out!



Mill Creek Middle School

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 20th, 2026

6-9 pm, Mill Creek Gymnasium

Register by February 6th to play!

$10 per player

Teams of 10 – 12 students + 1 parent coach

No team? Come out and watch your friends and teachers play!

- Admission: $3 Adult & $1 Child
- Music
- Food & Drink available for purchase

Proceeds benefit MCMS PTA & MCMS Athletics/Activities

Pick up a registration packet from Mrs. Legore Seawood in the front office.



5 D's of Dodgeball: Dodge, dip, duck, dive, and……DODGE!

Kansas Horizon Nominations

It is the time of year to honor and recognize exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. These teachers will finish their first year of teaching in May of 2026.

This fall the Kansas State Department of Education will allow the De Soto School District to nominate one Elementary and one Secondary teacher for the **Horizon Award**. The **Horizon Award** honors and recognizes exemplary teachers who will **complete their first year this May.** These spectacular teachers perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. All of our 2025-2026 certified teachers who were new last August to the profession are eligible for this honor. Below you will find the guidelines from KSDE for nominating a teacher:

Novice teachers who will have successfully completed their first year of teaching are eligible to be recognized. A teacher (Pre-K through grade 12) who successfully completes his/her first year of teaching by May 2026 is eligible. The **Kansas Horizon Award Program** is a regional competition. The regions correspond to the state's four U.S. congressional districts.

The Kansas State Department of Education will appoint regional selection committees responsible for reviewing the nomination forms and selecting four elementary classroom teachers and four secondary classroom teachers per region for a total of 32 teachers.

The criteria for this award are:

-Nominee will have successfully completed his or her first year of teaching in a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 Kansas school accredited by the State Board of Education.

-Nominee will be a full-time teacher.

-Nominee will be responsible for the assessment of students, assignment of grades, preparation of lesson plans, parent-teacher conferences, discipline, attendance, and other daily educational tasks.

-Nominee will have performed in a way that distinguishes him or her from other novice teachers. Nominee is considered to be exceptionally skilled, dedicated and able to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Anyone can nominate an outstanding teacher who will complete their first year this year. If you would like to nominate a first year teacher, go to https://www.usd232.org/departments/academics/kansas-horizon-award and fill out the Horizon Award nomination form.

The deadline for nominating a first year teacher is noon on Wednesday, February 18.

Remember: eligible nominees must be NEW FULL-TIME TEACHERS THIS YEAR.

HORIZON

KANSAS HORIZON AWARD PROGRAM

Mill Valley High School

Incoming Freshman Night

Monday,
February 2, 2026
5:30 -7:30

Mill Valley High School

5900 Monticello Rd
Shawnee, KS 66226
*Come in main entrance at the back of the school.

5:30 PM-6:15PM

Elective Open House

- Come see the elective classes that are available to your students and meet the teachers.

6:15 PM -7: 15 PM

MVHS Presentation

- Including information on:
- Honors/AP classes
- Course Selection
- Day in the Life of a Jaguar
- High School 101

Questions?

Contact Megan Mixon at mmixon@usd232.org