

March 1, 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

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

Mar 4 - 8th Gr Choir at MVHS

Mar 7 - Hoops For Hope

Mar 8 - Cheer Tryouts

Mar 10-18 - Spring Break/Teacher PD

Mar 19 - Start of 4th quarter

You can report your child absent by filling out a form - click [HERE](#)!

Message from Mr. Legler

Wow! Our musical cast & crew for Seussical Jr did a fantastic job performing for our entire student body in two different shows today! For the last several weeks these students have practiced and practiced to prepare for their big show weekend.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Mill Creek staff, Eng. Tech teacher Gina Miller, Choir teacher Drew Villaca and Counselor Shannon Keith, for the many hours they have put in with the planning, logistics, and professional execution. It was amazing!

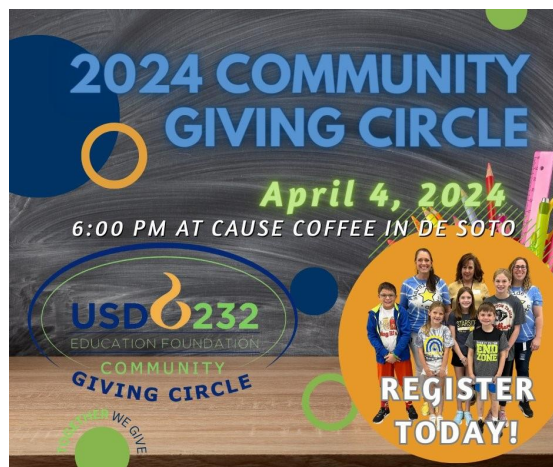
Don't be tardy to the party! We have 3 performances for you to catch the 2024 Mill Creek Musical, Seussical Jr.

Tonight 3/1 7:00PM

Saturday Matinee, 3/2 2:00PM

Saturday Evening, 3/2 7:00PM

*See pg. 3 of this newsletter for more info.



MCMS is up for a \$10,000 grant from the Educational Foundation. We need your support! Attend the event and vote for MCMS!



Athletics/Activities

Track and Field season starts as soon as we come back from break. The first week of practice schedule is already posted on the [website](#). Please contact Mrs. LS with any questions.



Summer Camp Info will be shared after the break! Be ready to get your Mustangs enrolled in some summer athletic fun!



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!

More Information

We are entering the time of year where students take the Kansas State Assessments. Please review the dates below and mark your calendar. It is important that students are in attendance on these days to avoid missing instructional time to make up assessments when they return.

- ELA Assessment: Grades 6-8: March 25-26
- Math Assessment: Grades 6-8: April 1-2
- Science Assessment (Grade 8): April 10-11

From PTA

Our annual meeting is Wednesday March 6th at 6:30pm. You can join in person in the school library or via zoom. We are looking for individuals that would be interested in being part of the nominations committee to help find and elect PTA members for the 2024/2025 school year. Additionally we're looking for individuals that would be interested in joining the PTA Board next school year.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96368249902>

Meeting ID: 963 6824 9902

MCMS Science Olympiad Northeast Kansas Regional Tournament



The team placed 10th overall, competing against 23 other schools in our region.

- 3rd place - Write It Do It - Logan B. & Frank H.
- 4th place - Fast Facts - John K. & Grant T.
- 5th place - Anatomy - Elizabeth D. & Rylie J.
- 5th place - Flight - Caden E. & Ethan P.
- 5th place - Air Trajectory - Logan B. & James P.
- 5th place - Crime Busters - Elizabeth D. & Rylie J.
- 6th place - Meteorology - Caden E. & Ethan P.

Mill Creek Middle School

Presents



Friday, March 1 7:00pm

Saturday, March 2 2:00pm & 7:00 pm

MCMS Gymnasium

*Free Entry for Students from
Mize, Horizon, Belmont, and Riverview Elementary!*

\$5 at the door, cash only

*Elementary students from MCMS feeders need to mention which school
they are from at the door to get free entry. Must be accompanied by an
adult.*

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS



FRIDAY, MARCH 1 7:00pm

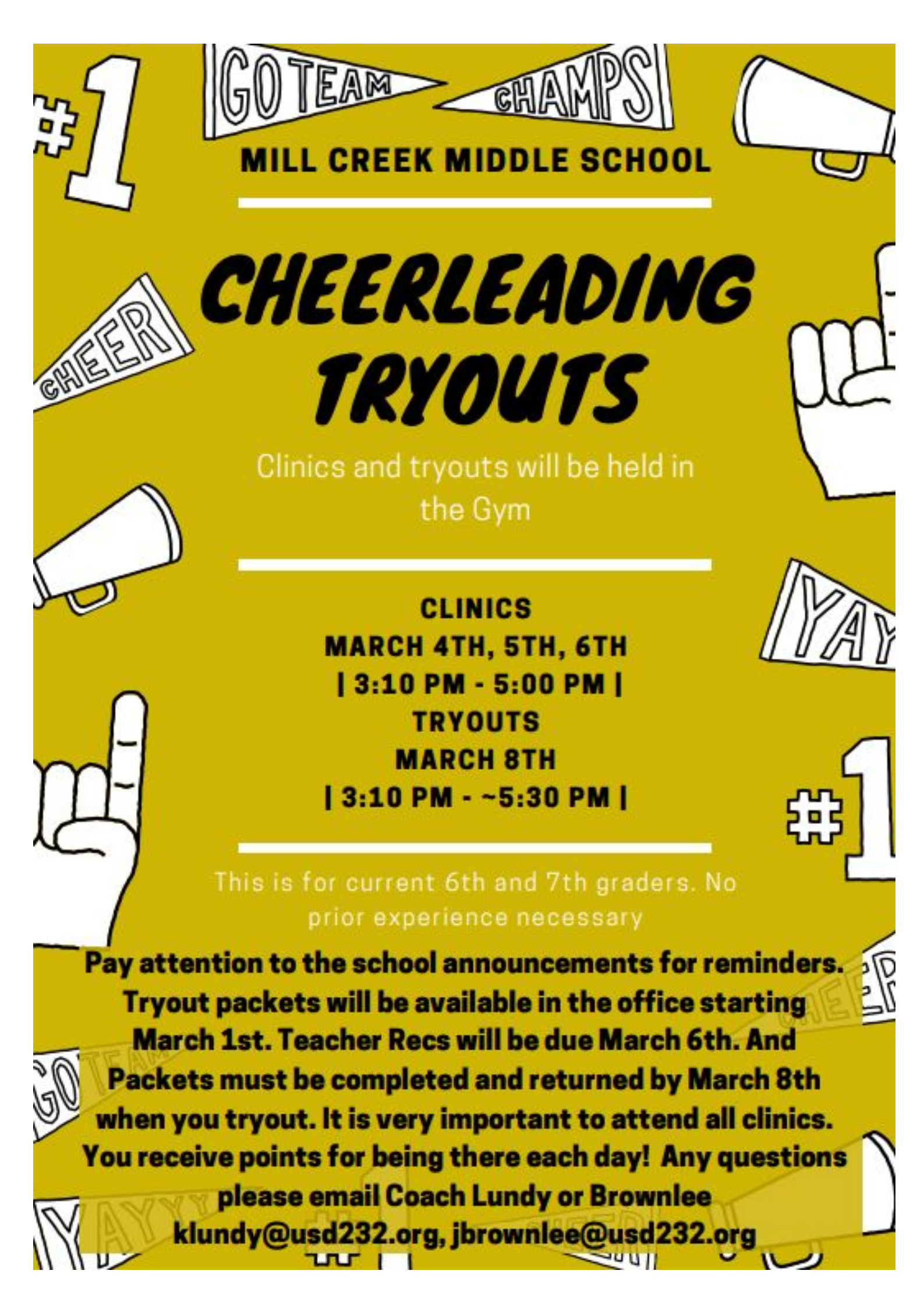
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 2:00pm matinee

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 7:00pm

ADMISSION

\$5.00

cash at the door



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GO TEAM CHAMPS

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHEER

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

YAY

Clinics and tryouts will be held in
the Gym

CLINICS

**MARCH 4TH, 5TH, 6TH
| 3:10 PM - 5:00 PM |**

TRYOUTS

**MARCH 8TH
| 3:10 PM - ~5:30 PM |**

This is for current 6th and 7th graders. No
prior experience necessary

Pay attention to the school announcements for reminders.

Tryout packets will be available in the office starting

March 1st. Teacher Recs will be due March 6th. And

Packets must be completed and returned by March 8th

when you tryout. It is very important to attend all clinics.

You receive points for being there each day! Any questions

please email Coach Lundy or Brownlee

klundy@usd232.org, jbrownlee@usd232.org

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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HOOPS FOR HOPE

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS FUNDRAISER



STAFF VS
STUDENTS!

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

3:00-5:30

MILL CREEK GYM AND
COMMONS

BRACELETS GO
ON PRESALE
STARTING ON
MONDAY
DURING ELT

BASKETBALL
AND CARNIVAL
GAMES

\$5 EACH

February/March 2024

ALLERGY SEASON

The Nurses office doesn't carry the following medication

- Allergy medication
- Cough syrup
- Sinus medication



From

NURSE MADDY & NATALIE

STAY HEALTHY

1. wash and dry your hands regularly.
2. cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
3. dispose of tissues correctly.
4. stay home when feeling unwell.
5. avoid close contact with sick people.
6. avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

COVID AND INFLUENZA

Please **call** the nurses office or **email** us with the day of onset or diagnosis. We can reply with your child's return date.

MCMSNurses@usd232.org
913-667-3512 opt. 2

Screenings

Vision and Hearing screenings -We Will be finishing soon. Please have your child wear or **bring their glasses** with them if they don't always wear them.



Would YOU Recognize signs of youth alcohol or drug use in your home?



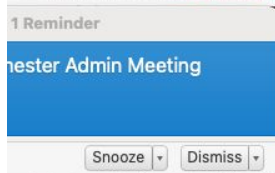
HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW

An Initiative to Help Parents Spot Signs of Risky Behavior

Mill Valley High School
5900 Monticello Road
Shawnee, KS 66226

March 7, 2024 beginning at 6:30PM

Explore an **interactive display of a teenager's bedroom** containing over 70 items that could signal that a young person is involved in risky activities. Learn how to **spot warning signs** and get tips for talking with kids about the dangers of alcohol and drug use.



Talking with your kids early and often about the dangers of drug use is an effective tool to prevent youth substance use. For tips on starting these conversations, go to www.addictionisreal.org.

FIRST 200 ATTENDEES
RECEIVE A FREE BOOK
VALUED AT \$13.99!



This event is free to all
attendees thanks to:

USD232

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please join us on **Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM** at Mill Valley High School for **Hidden in Plain View: An Initiative to Help Parents Spot Signs of Risky Behavior**. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore an interactive display of a teenager's bedroom containing over 70 items that could signal that a young person is involved in risky activities. Learn how to spot warning signs and get tips for talking with kids about the dangers of alcohol and drug use.

Hidden in Plain View Program for March 7:

5:30 PM - **Hidden in Plain View** bedroom display open

6:30 PM – **Hidden in Plain View** Presentation

7:15 PM –Panel Discussion with Q&A

For planning purposes, please register to join us > [Hidden in Plain View Presentation](#)

Attendees are encouraged to watch **Don't Wait**, a new documentary that discusses the pressures facing children today and why it is imperative to have conversations about drugs and alcohol – before it is too late. Use code: USD232 to watch this film free > <https://bit.ly/DontWaitUSD232>

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Youth Police Academy

FREE!



**Open to
students
ages
13-17**



2 sessions to choose from

**June 3-7
or
June 10-14**

The Youth Police Academy is a fun, interactive 1-week program to learn about law enforcement. Topics include Police K9, Drones, SWAT, Crime Scene Investigation, and much more. Scan the QR code or visit LPDYouthAcademy.com to learn more or sign up.

ONE MORE WEEK TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE NEW TEACHER!

HORIZON NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Nominations are open until Friday, March 1 at noon.

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, 2024.

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 2023-2024 certified teachers who were new last August to the profession are eligible for this honor! Below you will find the guidelines 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 2024 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.

v The criteria for this award are:

v 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.

v Nominee will be a full-time classroom teacher.

v 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.

v 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: administrators, teachers, and/or parents. (A first year teacher is considered a teacher new to the profession). If you would like to nominate a first year teacher go to www.usd232.org/horizonaward and follow the **Horizon Award** nomination link. **The deadline for nominating a first year teacher is noon on March 1, 2024.**