



February 9, 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

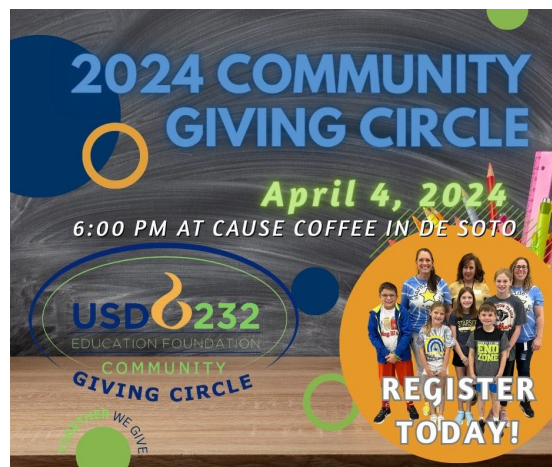
Feb 14 - Early Dismissal/Conferences

Feb 15 - Conferences

Feb 16 - Building Closed

Feb 19 - No School

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



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

Mill Creek PTA

Please consider signing up to help provide treats for the Mill Creek staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences next week!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FA4AB2FA2F94-47880798-spring#/>

WE NEED
YOU

All are welcome! Please join us for spring parent/teacher conferences. Find a time to stop by or email one of your child's teachers to schedule an appointment.



**MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPRING PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

February 14, 2024 3:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

February 15, 2024 9:30 AM TO 8:00 PM

Conferences are held in the Gym and Commons

Gym: 6th & 7th grades

Commons: 8th gr. & Explo

Wednesday, February 14th

3:30 to 7:30- Walk in conferences

Thursday, February 15th

9:30am to 11:30am - Teacher Scheduled Conferences

11:30am-12:00pm - Lunch break for staff

12:00pm-4:30pm - Walk in conferences

4:30pm-5:15pm - Dinner break for staff

5:15pm-8:00 pm - Walk in conferences

Friday, February 16th

NO SCHOOL

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 morning "Scheduled Conferences" are by appointment only.

Thank you for partnering with us to help our students finish the
23-24 school year with success!

Athletics/Activities

Mon: BBB vs Warren **Tues:** BBB vs Piper

Track and Field season is just around the corner! If your athlete plans to participate this year, please make sure they have a physical on file with Mrs. LS. The first week of practice schedule is already posted on the [website](#). Please contact Mrs. LS with any questions.



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!

Mill Creek Middle School

Presents



Friday, March 1 7:00pm

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

Book by **Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty** Music by **Stephen Flaherty** Lyrics by **Lynn Ahrens**

Conceived by **Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle**

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss

Seussical™ was originally produced on Broadway by SFX Theatrical Group, Barry & Fran Weissler and Universal Studios.

Drew Villaca, Director
Gina Miller, Assistant
Shannon Keith, Assistant & Crew

Seussical™ JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

February 2024

REMEMBER WATER!

- It regulates body temperature
- The digestive system depends on it
- It boosts performance during exercise



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

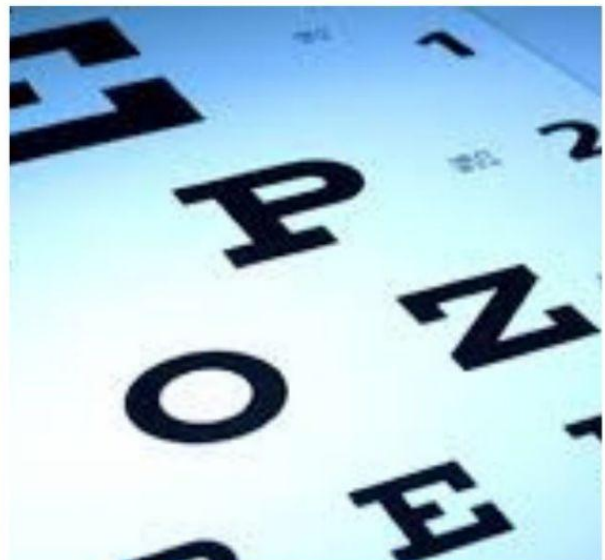
Please call the nurses office or email us with the day of onset or diagnosis. We can reply with your child's return date.

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

Dental Screenings- If you would like your child to participate in a Dental screening. Please email us at **MCMSNurses@usd232.org** by 2/9





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.



Are you interested in working for our school district?

COME TO OUR INTERVIEW NIGHTS!

*On the spot interviews for paraprofessionals,
student nutrition assistants, and custodians.
No RSVP is needed, walk-ins are welcome!*

***For more information about open positions, visit
<https://www.usd232.org/HR>***

FEBRUARY 14
4:00 - 7:00 PM

**DE SOTO
HIGH SCHOOL**
35000 W. 91st St.,
De Soto, KS 66018

FEBRUARY 15
4:00 - 7:00 PM

**MILL VALLEY
HIGH SCHOOL**
5900 Monticello Road
Shawnee, KS 66226

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.**