



February 23, 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 27 - Informational Mtg for Track in ELT

Feb 28 - KVL Band

Mar 1 and 2 - Musical

Mar 4 - 8th Gr Choir at MVHS

Mar 7 - Hoops For Hope

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!

Message from Mr. Legler

Thank you to all our parents & visitors that attended Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday last week. Whether you came out of concern or just for fun, we appreciate your time and dedication to your student's success.

Were you unable to meet with us? There are many ways to communicate with your child's teacher so please don't hesitate to reach out any time with your questions or concerns.

Go Mustangs,
-Andrew Legler

Athletics/Activities

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!

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

8th Grade Band to KVL League Band Fest Feb. 28 during the day

LTMS Solo and Ensemble Festival March 5 after school (selected students)



From The Library

Student Book Club is next Wednesday, February 28th from 3-4 p.m. We are reading *Flight of The Puffin* by Ann Braden.

Mental Health Resources:

- [Therapy and Resources for those Impacted by Gun Violence](#) - Johnson County Mental Health Center
- [Like Father Like Daughter](#) - KC Hispanic News
- [Mental Health After Tragedy](#) - 90.9 The Bridge
- [Helping Kids Navigate the Tragedy of the Super Bowl Parade Shootings](#) - Children's Mercy Kansas City
- [Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event](#) - Child Mind Institute
- [Caring for Yourself & Children After the Super Bowl Rally Shootings](#) - Wyandot Behavioral Health Network

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

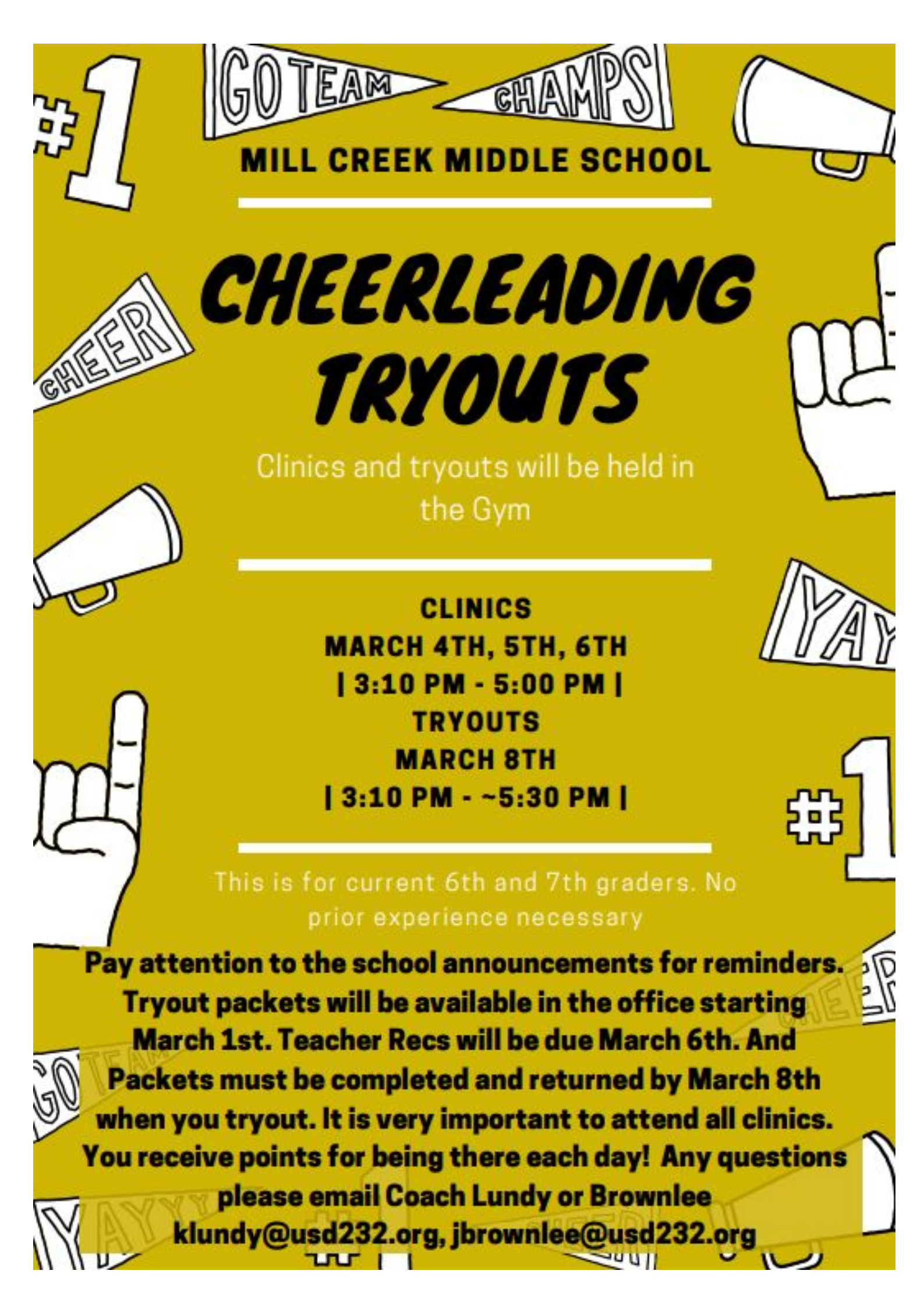
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 2:00pm matinee

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 7:00pm

ADMISSION

\$5.00

cash at the door



MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

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

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?



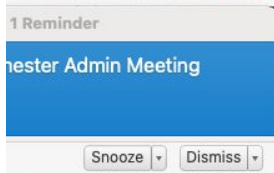
HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW

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.

MVHS Strength & Speed Development Opportunity

MVHS will offer a spring middle school ADP program starting Monday, February 26, from 4-5 pm in the Mill Valley weight room. Sessions will be every Monday and Wednesday from 4-5 pm. All current 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend. **Once middle school track starts, we will open the sessions to current 6th graders starting Monday, March 25th.** Please register at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2024springadp>

The registration fee is \$25. The sessions are offered to provide a strength and speed development program. This program is designed to increase your speed, strength, agility and flexibility. It has a proven track record that involves strength training, form running, agility, plyometrics and flexibility training. Your athlete can and should expect improvement in each of these areas and in overall conditioning.

In the case of inclement weather, we will send information via an email for cancellations. High school athletes will take priority if they need to come inside from spring sports due to inclement weather.

Register today at the above link or QR attached!

Coach Applebee



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.**