

December 8, 2023

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

Dec 12 - Choir Concerts at DHS

Dec 15 - Winter Assembly

Dec 21 - Early Dismissal at 11:12 am

Dec 22 - Jan 7th NO SCHOOL

Jan 8 - 3rd Qtr starts *GOLD DAY*

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



Our band students had a great time at Tuba Christmas!

Mill Creek Staff Appreciation

Last week our new USD 232 Superintendent, Dr. Gibson, stopped by The Creek to recognize two of our outstanding staff members for their outstanding service to our Mill Creek community: Sam Lehrman, 8th grade Social Studies (left) and Matt Wilhauk, Custodian (right). Any staff member in this building will tell you what amazing individuals Sam and Matt are and how their positivity and attitude of doing what is best for kids is infectious to all around them. Thank you Sam and Matt for all that you do to help make Mill Creek a great place for students!



(See pg. 4 for info on how to vote for your Teacher of the Year)

Athletics/Activities

The BBB tryout calendar with dates and times have been posted on the [MCMS Website](#).

GO MUSTANGS!

From The Library:

The second Quarter Book Club Discussion will take place on Wednesday, December 13th from 3-4 p.m. We are discussing the book *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden.

Graphic Novel Book Club Discussion on Tuesday, January 23rd from 3-4 p.m. We are discussing *The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan and Ethan Young.



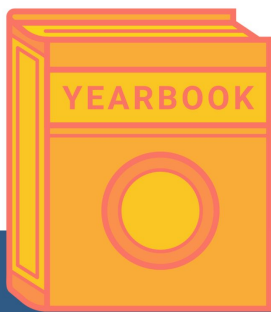
If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please be sure to plan ahead and arrive 5-10 minutes early. Lockers take extra time!

More Information

MUSTANG MEMORIES

GET YOUR 2024 YEARBOOK RESERVED NOW!

Yearbooks should be purchased through Skyward by **December 15**



Order through Skyward in the FEES MANAGEMENT portal

\$32.00

CONTACT YEARBOOK ADVISER
GINA MILLER WITH QUESTIONS
gmillers@usd232.org



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH | 5-9PM
22410 W 66TH ST, SHAWNEE, KS, 66226

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **T29LAK2**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



MCMS is full of great educators who make a difference. Nominate one of our staff members today!

MUSICAL AUDITIONS

FOR 2024

**REHEARSALS
BEGIN IN
JANUARY**



Scan the QR Code to sign up for the informational meeting for the 2024 Musical for Cast and Crew! Fill out the form to be added to the list and attend the meeting during ELT on Thursday, Dec. 14.

If you have questions, contact Mr. Villaca

Informational Meeting: Dec 14th
Call Back List Posted: Dec 19th

Auditions: Dec 20th
Cast List Posted: Dec 21

De Soto USD 232 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

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 twelve semi-finalists represented in the program since 2000.

We would like for 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 fill out the nomination form at www.usd232.org/ktoy . This form needs to be completed by 4:00 PM on **January 19, 2024.**

MCMS Science Olympiad @ Pembroke Hill



5th place Air Trajectory
Logan & James



4th place Write It Do It
Logan & Frank



4th place Meteorology
6th place Road Scholar
Caden & Ethan



3rd place Fast Facts
5th place Can't Judge a
Powder
John & Grant



5th place Ecology
Zaiden & Hayes



Sunflower House in Shawnee, KS is the first Children's Advocacy Center in Kansas. They are experts in child abuse intervention and prevention services. MCMS Pathways classes would like to help donate much needed supplies to the Sunflower House. We would also like to ensure that students are finishing up the year strong by having all work completed and turned in. This year, from Nov 27th- Dec. 14th, if a student has all work turned in and has brought in an item for Donation to the Sunflower House, they may wrap their locker in their own Holiday Wrapping! Our goal is to collect a sleigh full of much needed items as well as Deck our Hallways for the Holiday season!

Below is a list of the items they need:

- -Individually- packaged snack items
- -Juice Boxes
- -Bottles of Water
- -Gift Cards (Increments of \$10, \$15 & \$20) to:
 - Wal-Mart, Target
 - Fast Food (McDonald's, Subway, Wendy's Taco Bell, etc.)
 - Grocery Stores
 - Home Depot and Lowe's (to help with their facility maintenance or family needs)
 - Other hardware or landscaping stores (to help with their facility maintenance)
- Gift Cards to Gas Stations for assisting families with transportation to medical, therapy or legal appointments
- Disinfectant Spray (Lysol) and Disinfecting Wipes
- AA & AAA batteries
- Culturally diverse toys, dolls, action figure, reading materials, books or games for a variety of age groups
- Footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, and Nerf balls
- Scarves, hats, gloves, mittens
- Full size personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, women's hygiene, toothpaste, lotion, chapstick)
- 16 GB USB 3.0 Flashdrives
- Copy Paper, 8.5 x 11

You can also make a donation online at <https://sunflowerhouse.org/donate/> and send your Pathways teacher a note that you have done so.

Thank you!

From Your 6th Grade Pathways Teachers:

Parents,

This first semester in Pathways class we have spent a lot of time discussing and discovering our personal strengths and interests, as well as our learning styles and goals we have for the future. Second semester we will begin to apply these insights toward our career research. We will be utilizing a program called Xello to research and gain insight into the careers students are both interested in, and careers they may not have considered before.

In addition to the career research we do online, we like to have guest speakers of various career fields speak to our classes. We would love to have people from right here in our community speak to us about just how they found their career. What were their interests, what you like about your job, and what you had to do to get there. In short- your Pathway. The ultimate goal is for students to learn about some of the great careers we have right here in our area.

These visits can be done in person at school, or via Zoom. If you are able to speak to our students about your career, we would only need you to Zoom or visit for one class and we would record your visit to share with other Pathways classes throughout the day. Your experience and insights would be invaluable to the students and we look forward to learning about your careers.

If you would like to share, please contact your student's Pathways teacher so we can set up a date and time.

Thank you!!!

Andrew Elliott- 6th Grade Black Hall Pathways Teacher aelliott@usd232.org

Brian Tadlock- 6th Grade Gold Hall Teacher btadlock@usd232.org

Mill Valley's Jaguar Leadership Corp. is partnering with Mill Valley Basketball to host a toy drive at their opening basketball game on Tuesday, December 12! The toy donations will be donated to Children's Mercy Hospital and donations can either be toys or monetary donations via Venmo: @JLCMillValley. The first 50 K-12 students to donate a toy or money at the game will win a "Defend the Den" t-shirt. All donations are accepted and appreciated. To find out more information click this link to the flyer or visit the JLC Instagram page @jlc.millvalley!