

## Flinthills Flyer

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## /kə'myoonedē/

noun

1. A group of people living in the same area or having a particular interest in common.
2. A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.
3. Flinthills USD 492



Welcome to Mascot Mania brought to you by McDonald's Lane Enterprises!

You could help win a new Mascot Costume for your favorite High School in KAKEland. Just go to http://kake.secondstreetapp.com/Mascot-Mania-2017-3/gallery/75679878/ and find your Region and High School. Register and vote up to once per day starting Friday 9/1/17.

Each region winner will receive a $\$ 1000$ prize for their athletic departments.

The Grand Prize Winner receives the new custom Mascot Costume!

Watch for updates as to how these schools are doing in KAKE Sports at 10pm, Thursday and Friday nights. To sign up for weekly updates via mobile, go to http://kake.secondstreetapp.com/Mascot-Mania-Updates/

On October 9th, the competition will be narrowed down to the 5 highest scoring schools -1 in each region. The region winners will receive a $\$ 1000$ regional prize. Schools are scored based on the number of votes as compared to the student population.

Mascot Mania's "Final 5" will conclude with the winning high school announced on Friday, November 3rd in the KAKE 10pm news.

VOTE FOR FLINTHILLS DAILY!


Back To School



Dear Flinthills Community,

I can't believe we are back to school already. I'm sure like many of you, my summer was fast and furious. Our family bought a house in El Dorado hoping to make our stay a little more permanent. Last summer I reported that the Board elected to do some facility updates, and those updates are almost complete. A list of what was accomplished is below. Most of it isn't flashy, but all of it was necessary to remain safe and efficient, and to create better learning environments.

Rosalia: Replace HVAC with similar systems/roof top units
Replace boiler in old gym and multi-purpose gym
Lighting Improvements (primarily replace fluorescents with LED)
Electrical Improvements and Repairs
Replace Kitchen Plumbing (due to increased pinholes and other maintenance) Football Field Lighting

Cassoday: Install HVAC with roof top units/abandon boiler and window AC
Lighting Improvements (primarily replace fluorescents with LED)
Electrical Improvements and Repairs
Replace Galvanized Plumbing with copper
Replace Windows
We have many new faces at Flinthills. Below is a list of who they are and their assignment.

| Cheryl Cook | MS/HS Principal |
| :--- | :--- |
| Daniel Scribner | Activities Director/Health-P.E.-Strength Teacher |
| Kacie Eich | Speech Pathologist |
| Mario Triana | Kindergarten Teacher |
| Amanda Dragoo | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade Teacher |
| Julie Mooney | $7^{\text {th }}-9^{\text {th }}$ English Language Arts Teacher |
| Caleb Ruter | $7^{\text {th }}-10^{\text {th }}$ Social Studies Teacher |
| Julie Rosenquist | $10^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ English Language Arts $/ 7^{\text {th }}$ Computer Apps |
| Steven Keim | $8^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ Science |
| Connor Penton | $3^{\text {rd }}-12^{\text {th }}$ Vocal and Instrumental Music |

We've had an amazing start to the school year. Morale is high amongst students and staff, and I think this was indicative of the amazing turnout from this past Friday's Community Cookout and Scrimmage. We continue to work hard towards: Our vision is to be the school community which prepares individuals for successful lifelong achievement. I thank you for trusting us as you send your children to Flinthills. It is an honor and a pleasure to work with them every day. Thanks for all your support!

Respectfully,
Jeremy Boldra

Did you know that Flinthills Primary and Intermediate schools are Title 1 Schools? This simply means we qualify for federal assistance that will pay for a Title 1 Teacher and Title 1 Teacher Para-professionals to work with children in small groups or even one-on-one. Your child may have the opportunity to receive services from a Title 1 teacher or Title 1 Paraprofessional during the day. The following list details ways that we may work with your child:

- Reading groups based upon students' individual needs
- Small group tutoring in math for skills covered in the classroom
- Small group tutoring in reading for skills covered in the classroom
- One-on-one pull-out for intensive intervention in reading or math
- Services for kindergarten students needing support in letter and number recognition
- Reading group support as needed

As a Title 1 School, you have certain rights as a parent. Did you know that you may request the Title 1 teacher's credentials at any time? You may also request information regarding your child's performance on the state assessments. These results are usually available during the fall semester.

## Attention All Veterans:



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at Flinthills High School for our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10th at 10:00. You are also invited to join us for lunch.

We would like to include pictures of Flinthills graduates and local veterans in uniform in our annual slide show. Please send your electronic pic file to K.hinnen@usd492.org. You can also bring your photos to the school and we will take a pieture of your picture for the slide show. Pic files are preferred.
$5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$ graders practiced their teamwork skills using good old hula hoops. The object of one activity was to see how many classmates could get both their feet in the hoop. Turns out - a LOT! In fact, the whole class! They had to use their noggins on that one!


Another activity was racing to see which group could move the hoop from one end of the line to the other while holding hands in a line. Fun stuff! Teamwork is key!


## 2017 High School Football

The Flinthills Mustang football team is very excited about the upcoming season. The young men have been very active this summer in trying to improve their strength and speed. They have put in a lot of hours learning the new offensive and defensive system that the coaching staff is implementing for this season. "I have been very satisfied with how far we have progressed. We still have a ways to go, but if we continue to work this hard the results will come."

Daniel Scribner --Head Coach

| NUMBER | NAME | CLASS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Peyton Klein | 10 |
| 4 | Hadley Girty | 10 |
| 5 | Kedryn Morse | 10 |
| 6 | Koda Parker | 12 |
| 8 | Sam Colangelo | 11 |
| 11 | Jonah Smith | 12 |
| 12 | Drew Taylor | 10 |
| 21 | Issac Bugner | 10 |
| 22 | Heath Town | 12 |
| 23 | Terry Jones | 10 |
| 29 | Levi Brown | 10 |
| 30 | James Wieckhorst | 11 |
| 44 | Cody Noel | 9 |
| 46 | Braden Wight | 10 |
| 50 | Peyten Girty | 11 |
| 58 | Bryant Harris | 11 |
| 72 | Caden Sangals | 11 |
| 80 | Landon Lamb | 9 |

## Flinthills High School 2017 Football Schedule

DATE
9/1/17
9/5/17
9/8/17
9/15/17
9/18/17
9/22/17
9/29/17
10/2/17
10/6/17
10/13/17
10/16/17
10/20/17
10/26/17
10/31/17
11/4/17
11/11/17
11/18/17

LOCATION
Rosalia
Howard
South Haven
Rosalia
Argonia
Caldwell
Peabody
Rosalia
Rosalia*
Burden
Rosalia
Oxford
Rosalia**
TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD

EVENT
West Elk
TIME 7:00
West Elk JV 6:00
South Haven 7:00
Argonia-Attica 7:00
Argonia-Attica JV 6:00
Caldwell 7:00
Peabody-Burns 7:00
Peabody-Burns JV 6:00
Cedar Vale/Dexter 7:00
Burden-Central 7:00
Burden-Central JV 6:00
Oxford 7:00
Udall 7:00
Bi-District Game TBD
Sub State TBD
State Semi Finals TBD
State Finals

* Homecoming ** Senior Night


## 2017 High School Volleyball

We have 15 high school and 22 middle school girls out for volleyball. The girls are working hard and getting better each day. The high school and middle school teams should both be competitive this year, and without a senior on the high school team, things look even better for next year.

## Coach Harms

| NUMBER | NAME | CLASS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Baily Bugner | 9 |
| 2 | Janea Totty | 10 |
| 3 | Nyah Brown | 10 |
| 6 | Taylor Bisbee | 11 |
| 8 | Jada Humig | 11 |
| 9 | Sarah Hinnen | 10 |
| 10 | Reagan Heimgartner | 9 |
| 14 | Lyndee Martin | 10 |
| 16 | Sarah Sorum | 10 |
| 18 | Harley Ratcliff | 11 |
| 19 | Kylee Weis | 9 |
| 20 | Morgan Holcomb | 9 |
| 21 | Chloe Wieckhorst | 9 |
| 22 | Cari Brown | 11 |
| 29 | Matison Totty | 9 |

## Flinthills High School 2017 Volleyball Schedule

| DATE | LOCATION |
| :--- | :--- |
| $8 / 29 / 17$ | West Elk |
| $8 / 31 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 5 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 9 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 12 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 14 / 17$ | Leon |
| $9 / 16 / 17$ | Dexter |
| $9 / 19 / 17$ | West Elk |
| $9 / 23 / 17$ | Burden |
| $9 / 26 / 17$ | Udall |
| $9 / 30 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $10 / 3 / 17$ | Dexter |
| $10 / 5 / 17$ | at 8 seed |
| $10 / 7 / 17$ | Central |
| $10 / 17 / 17$ | Olpe |
| $10 / 21 / 17$ | TBD |
| $10 / 27 / 17$ | HAYS |
| $10 / 28 / 17$ | HAYS |

EVENT
West Elk, Douglass
TIME
5:00
5:00
6:00
9:00 AM
5:00
6:00
9:00 AM
4:00
8:00 AM
4:00
9:00 AM
4:00
5:00
9:00 AM
5:30
TBD
TBD
TBD

## 2017 Middle School Football

Mustang JH football team will start out the season at West Elk and the travel to Caldwell, two very tough opponents to open up with before we get to play at home. We don't have big numbers this year, only 10 kids playing, but they are working hard, the returners from last year's team look good, and the new players are learning fast. Hope to see big things from this group.
Coach Sorum

| NUMBER | NAME | CLASS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Alexis Hatvick | 8 |
| 3 | Austin Downard | 8 |
| 7 | Tayler Brown | 8 |
| 14 | Louden James | 7 |
| 29 | Hunter Lowmaster | 7 |
| 42 | Ethan Stopczynski | 8 |
| 51 | Gavin Girty | 8 |
| 72 | Brandon Gleason | 8 |
| 80 | Colton Smith | 8 |
| 84 | Cael Sorum | 8 |


| 2017 Middle School Volleyball |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER | NAME | CLASS |
| 00/11L | Lauren Donner | 8 |
| 1 | Riggin Carney | 8 |
| 2 | Alexis Schill | 7 |
| 3 | Madilynn Thomas | 7 |
| 4 | Karly Girty | 7 |
| 5 | Alexis Powell | 6 |
| 6 | Trena Garcia | 8 |
| 7 | Kaitlynn Klein | 7 |
| 8 | Alexis Farris | 7 |
| 9 | Tabitha Brown | 8 |
| 12 | Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor | 6 |
| 14 | Lynsee Olbrey | 8 |
| 15 | Taren Lakin | 7 |
| 18 | Madison Alvord | 7 |
| 19 | Sydney Sorum | 6 |
| 21 | Laura Scribner | 7 |
| 23 | Savannah McCreight | 8 |
| 24 | Adley Humig | 7 |
| 25 | Amanda Brown | 6 |
| 31 | Kolby Holcomb | 6 |
| 32 | Jessie Mooney | 8 |
| 33 | Lauren Town | 8 |

Flinthills Middle School 2017 Volleyball / Football Schedule

| DATE | LOCATION |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8/31/17 | Howard |
| $9 / 7 / 17$ | Caldwell/S. Haven |
| $9 / 14 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 21 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $9 / 28 / 17$ | Dexter |
| $10 / 5 / 17$ | Rosalia |
| $10 / 12 / 17$ | Udall |
| $10 / 14 / 17$ | West Elk/S. Haven |
| $10 / 16 / 17$ | TBD |

EVENT
West Elk
TIME (VB/FB)
4:30/6:30
Caldwell/S. Haven
Central
3:30/6:30

Sedan
4:30/6:30

Cedar Vale/Dexter
4:30/6:30

Oxford
4:30/6:30

Udall
4:30/6:30

SCBL Volleyball Tourn.
4:30/6:30

SCBL Volleyball Tourn.
9:00
5:00

## Cross Country is a Tradition for Seniors

We have 5 runners this year for Cross Country. They are all Seniors: Chaz Ratcliff, Ashley Melugin, Kolton Melugin, Bradon Totty, and Justin Lamb. Our manager this year is Philip Humig.

You do not have to love running to run cross country. With this group of seniors, I can honestly say I have never heard any of them say "I Love Running". What I do know is we have fun and we eat food. Weather they run to get in shape for basketball or just to hang out with family and friends, we will improve throughout the season and laugh a lot during it as well. To be honest there might be some tears too on Murder Mondays when we run the hills.

Our schedule for this time of year looks like this:
Murder Mondays: 3 to 4 miles with lots of Hills
Tuesdays: $\quad$ Speed work out timed miles or 800 meters that equal around 3 miles
Wednesdays: Pre-meet One Mile warm up, One timed Mile, One Mile cool down
Thursdays:
Fridays:
Saturdays:
Race day 5K
Recovery run: Run hard 1 minute, Jog 1 minute, walk 1 minute. Repeat 15 Times
Long run 6 to 7 miles with a team meal afterward.
Sundays:
Rest

Thanks to these runners for coming out and putting out the work that it takes to get better. Coach Melugin

## 2017 Cross Country Schedule

| DATE | LOCATION | EVENT | TIME |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8/31/17 | Burlington | Burlington Invitational | $5: 30$ |
| $9 / 7 / 17$ | Melvern Lake | Lyndon Invitational | $4: 00$ |
| $9 / 12 / 17$ | Burden | Central Invitational | $3: 30$ |
| $9 / 21 / 17$ | Winfield | Oxford Invitational | $3: 30$ |
| $9 / 23 / 17$ | Lawrence | Rim Rock Classic | TBD |
| $9 / 28 / 17$ | Harvey Lake | Berean Academy Inv. | $4: 00$ |
| $10 / 3 / 17$ | Eureka | Eureka Invitational | $3: 45$ |
| $10 / 12 / 17$ | Udall | Udall Invitational | $3: 00$ |
| $10 / 21 / 17$ | TBD | Regionals | TBD |
| $10 / 28 / 17$ | Wamego | State | TBD |

## * FLINTHLLS CHEERLEADING NEWS

The Flinthills High School and the Flinthills Middle School cheerleaders have had a very busy summer! Not only have they been practicing for 3 hours twice each week all summer long, but both squads started tumbling classes at the YMCA in May of this year and have continued throughout the summer. Because we are the first school to book tumbling classes for their cheer squads, we were asked to perform some of our cheerleading skills for the YMCA open house on Monday, August 28th.

This year has also brought some big changes to KSHSAA in regards to cheerleading. Effective for the first time ever, KSHSAA has opened high school cheerleading to statewide divisional competitions. The gameday competition is limited to 100 total squads from the state of Kansas, and only 12 squads in our division were allowed. Our squad is thrilled and somewhat surprised to be one of the few chosen to participate in this inaugural year competition. A "Gameday" competition consists of performing a dance routine to our fight song, a full length cheer, a short band dance with or without tumbling and stunting, a sideline chant that is either a offence or defense chant, and will be determined at random by the judges at the time of competition. We hope to represent Flinthills High School
 to the best of our ability and maybe even bring


Emily Green and Bailey Smith receiving instruction from YMCA staff on correct
dismount technique at the YMCA Open House


Kaily Gilman practicing her flying skills at the YMCA Open House.
home a trophy! We will start honing our competition skills at our annual Spirit Spreader on September 6th in Chanute.

Dear Flinthills Community:
As we work to develop citizenship and a desire to "give-back" within the students at Flinthills, we are looking for Community Service Projects within our district before we look to surrounding communities. If you have or know of projects that we can get involved in to clean up, spice up, or just help with in order to continue to develop these important values within our students, please contact any administrator (Larry Gawith, Cheryl Cook, or Jeremy Boldra) with your request. We are looking for both fall and spring projects. Thank you!


## 2017 Student Council

President- Kolton Melugin
Vice President-Ashley Melugin
Secretary-Colton Gauthier
Treasurer- Makenzie Jackson
SR Rep- Corbin Gauthier JR Rep-Cari Brown JR Rep- Jeffrey Garcia JR Rep- Peyten Girty JR Rep-Harley Ratcliff SO Rep- Sarah Hinnen SO Rep- Janea Totty FR Rep- Lucas Austin FR Rep- Morgan Holcomb

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## Meet the $\mathcal{N}$ ew Staff at Finthills



## Mario Triana: Kindergarten

I was born and raised in El Dorado. I attended El Dorado schools until I graduated from EHS in 2006. I served in the Army from 2008 to 2011. In 2012, I married my wife, Jill, and became the father of a beautiful, 13 month old girl, Lily. I also started going back to college. I attended Butler then transferred to Emporia State where I graduated in May 2017. I have many interests and hobbies, most of them include being outdoors. I have a heart not only to teach, but to learn. I am excited to be a part of the Mustang family!


## Amanda Dragoo: $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade

I attended Flinthills from $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade until my freshman year in high school and then moved to Andover, KS where I graduated in 2005. I graduated from Emporia State University in 2014 with my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. I married my high school sweetheart who graduated from Flinthills. We will be married for 10 years September $1^{\text {st }}$ and have three children and a Dog: Joliene (9), Coltin (7), Morgan (2), and Dally (1: the dog). We are building a home, south of Rosalia and are excited to raise our children in such a great community. We love spending time outdoors, exploring with the kids, grilling, fishing and just sitting enjoying the peace and quiet.


## Kacie Eich: Speech-Language Pathologist

I was born and raised in Overland Park, KS. This is my first year as a SpeechLanguage Pathologist in which I am very excited to begin my career at Flinthills! I chose my career path when I was seventeen years old and never changed it. My passion is helping children succeed and providing them with the tools necessary to communicate effectively.

My entire life I was an athlete and grew up playing soccer, softball, basketball, and running track. I played college softball at the University of Southern Mississippi, Butler CC, and ended up at Wichita State. Being an athlete taught me life lessons such as leadership, communication skills, work ethic, responsibility, and time management. All these skills have helped me succeed in graduate school and I know they will help me during my career!

I am most excited to provide children with the support they need to thrive. I am very fortunate to begin my career with a district where everyone is very passionate, friendly, and helpful! It will be a great year!

## Cheryl Cook: 7-12 Principal

My name is Cheryl Cook. I have been hired to fill the position of 7-12 Principal. I have three children and 5 grandchildren.

This is my 19th year in education. I served 10 years as a Family \& Consumer Science teacher, 3 years as HS Principal, and 6 years as Superintendent.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Family \& Consumer Science from Kansas State University. A Master's of Science degree from Kansas State University in Family Life Education \& Consultation. A Master's of Science degree from Emporia State University in Educational Administration. I also hold a District Level Leadership as Superintendent of Schools from Emporia State University. Most of my professional career has been spent in education with the exception of five years with the University of Wisconsin-Extension Department. Serving as HS/MS Principal at USD \#492 Flinthills is a great opportunity as it is a responsibility. I am excited about the new school year. The faculty and staff at Flinthills are ready to assist you in any way. Go MUSTANGS!


## Caleb Ruter: Middle School Social Studies Teacher

I was born and raised near Minneapolis, MN.
I met my wife at college in Dubuque, IA called Emmaus Bible College where I double majored in Bible and Education, with an emphasis in History in 2017. My wife is from Hutchinson, KS which is why we moved to El Dorado to start my career at Flinthills so we could be close to family. We have a little boy named Trent who is 5 months old and we are very excited to be a part of the Flinthills community! This will be my first year and I will be teaching $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade Social Studies, $10^{\text {th }}$ grade World History/Geography as well as coaching JV basketball.

I grew up on a farm and I am the youngest of six children. I greatly enjoy the outdoors and sports, especially basketball. I love reading, fishing, spending time with family and friends, and getting involved with our church. History is a great passion of mine and I am very excited to start meeting all the students at Flinthills.


## Julie Mooney: 7-9 ELA and Yearbook

I was born an raised in Galena, Kansas.
I graduated from Galena High School in 1992 and then went to Pittsburg State University where I graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

This will be my 18th year teaching. Throughout the years, I've taught in Galena, Kansas, Joplin, Missouri, Wichita, Kansas and most recently in El Dorado, Kansas. Most of these years were spent teaching middle school ELA and Social Studies. I live in Rosalia and I have three children, Jacie, Kody and Jessie. I will be a grandma for the first time in September.

I love reading, gardening, spending time with family and watching my daughter play sports.

Being a part of the Mustang family is so exciting! I can't wait to give back to our little community.


## Julie Rosenquist: High School English \& $\mathbf{7}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Computer App

I was born in El Dorado and lived in Augusta, Leon, and Emporia while in public school. I attended Emporia State University and earned my Bachelor of Science degree in English Education. I later earned my Masters of Science in Education Administration from ESU as well.
This is my 14th year in education. I taught middle and high school English in Emporia, North Lyon County, and Southern Coffey County school districts. I also taught tradesmen at Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation required coursework so they could work outages at the nuclear power plant. Additionally, I taught two summers with the Kansas City division of the TRIO/Upward Bound program. I served two years as a building administrator but decided to go back into the classroom. I absolutely love teaching and working with kids. I greatly missed that when I was not in the classroom!
My husband, Chris, and I celebrated our $24^{\text {th }}$ anniversary this summer. My husband is a machinist with Detroit Diesel and is currently restoring a '49 Chevy pickup. We have a son who is a recent graduate of Flint Hills Technical College. He currently works as an operator for the city of Emporia and composes music in his spare time. I raise a variety of backyard chickens- Americauna, barred rock, buff orpingtons, and old English hens. Our rooster, Butterbean, can be heard for quite a distance as his crow sounds like a loud rusty gate. We have a Lab \& Rott mix who patrols our yard. He's still in the big puppy stage so he gets confused if he is coming or going some days. He is especially helpful when we need to tear down boxes. He drags them through the yard until they fall apart. He can make quite a mess, but that is part of the fun of being a puppy. I am most excited about being a part of the Flinthills team! I look forward to working with students, parents, and staff to make this a great year!


## Connor Penton: 5th-12th Band and Vocal Teacher


#### Abstract

I was raised in Topeka, KS, graduated from Washburn Rural High School, then ventured on to Kansas State University where I earned a Bachelor of Music Education. I hope some of the experiences afforded to me during college will someday soon be imparted upon my students. Whether it's just the desire to work hard to achieve a common goal with peers or to get the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City, I believe music has a benefit for any student.

When I'm not at school, you would likely find me in the kitchen trying out new things to cook or bake, out camping or possibly running in preparation for a race. I'm most excited to get to know this community and my students better as time goes on. (come say hi during a football or basketball game) Can't wait to see where the year will take our students!




## Steven Keim: HS/8th Science

Hello FHS! This is my fifth year teaching science and my first at USD 492 Flinthills. I was raised in Sabetha, Kansas, graduated from Sabetha High School, met my wife at Sabetha Elementary, raised my 3 children in Sabetha, and worked in Sabetha for approximately 30 years.

In 1995 I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a Bachelors in Business Admin focusing on Management of Information Systems. In 2011 I earned a Bachelors of Education in Biology from Kansas State University.

I am very excited to be teaching at FHS and look forward to meeting my new students.

## ESCAPE

Both $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ grade students enjoyed this fun activity. Each class worked together to complete a number of interactive puzzles and then used technology to make their great "escape." The students had to cooperate and persevere; things weren't always as simple as they looked. They also found that reading and re-reading was important.


## Getting Aequainted with 1st Grade

This year's $1^{\text {st }}$ grade class has had a lot of fun exploring the new $1^{\text {st }}$ grade classroom. To jump start the year students have been enjoying playing together and building all kinds of fun things!


## Flint Hill's 4-Her Receives Award

Kyle Parker, a fifth grader, in the Flint Hills 4-H Club won the design contest for the front of the Butler County Fair Book both this year and last. Mike Roths, the vice president of the fair board, presented him with a fifty dollar check for the prize. Awesome job, Kyle!

Entered by Savannah McCreight, Flint Hills Reporter

## Yearbook Pictures Wanted

Parents and students,
If you are at an activity and you get some good pictures, please feel free to share them for the yearbook. You can email pictures to j.mooney@usd492.org
Thank you!
Ms. Mooney
PS Also, don't forget to buy your 2018 high school yearbook for the low, low price of $\$ 30.00$ until September 8. See Ms. Mooney if you want to order.


We have 14 students in our third grade class this year. They are very excited to be in the intermediate building with the "big kids". They have enjoyed getting to know all their new specials teachers for music, art, theater, library, and PE. The students are probably most excited about having their own iPad to use in class. We've had fun playing some math games to review their second grade skills so we will be ready to start learning new things. They are a great bunch of kids and I know they will learn so much this year!

Mrs. Sangals



The $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Intro to Drawing class has begun their year by learning how to create their own hardbound sketchbooks. Creating their own sketchbooks allows them to know and understand the bookmaking process, to control the quality of paper that goes into their book, to personalize them, and to have complete ownership of their books. Students are excited to start using them!


Dawson Sharp


Kody Mooney


Savannah McCreight

## WANTED



Flinthills Student Council is asking for any donations on used Athletic shoes that are still very usable. We have been collecting old cleats that kids have donated over the last few years and giving them out to kids that can use them. If you don't have big plans for those old shoes, drop them off with Mr. Sorum or a student council member.


## Catch with a Twist

Students in Mrs. Simon's classes play a little game of "catch" with a twist. The giant ball has a variety of questions on it and when a student catches it, they have to answer the question that their right thumb is closest to. Questions include, "chocolate or vanilla?", "What have you done lately that you're proud of?", "What household chore do you dislike the most?", "Be honest, are you afraid of the dark?".... The kids look forward to this activity; it's a real ball! And we really get to know each other a bit better!


## Cassoday Boosters 4-H Summer 2017




## Japanese Exchange Student Experiences the Flinthills

The Garcia family enjoyed hosting a Japanese exchange student over the summer. Their student was 13 year-old Yume Kato from Chiba, Japan. Yume was in Kansas from July 23 until August 17 as part of a cultural/language exchange. Yume is a member of the LEX language club in Japan which partners with the 4-H program in the United States to arrange exchanges. Goals of these exchanges are to help youth grow into independent, confident and well-rounded citizens of the world through improved communication and leadership skills, improved international understanding, and cross-cultural awareness.
Yume took part in all family activities and was able to participate in the Butler County 4-H fair. She exhibited Foods and Crafts.

This was the fourth time the Garcia's have hosted a Japanese student through this program, but it was Trena Garcia's first time as the host sibling. The entire family enjoyed getting to know Yume.

Kansas generally participates in the Japanese exchange each year. The exchange will be at the same time next year (mid-July until mid-August) since this is the Japanese delegates' school break. Most delegates will be between the ages of 12-13, with some up to 16 years old. Host siblings should be within two years of the delegate's age.

If you are interested in hosting next summer and would like to learn more, please contact Tresa Garcia at garciatresa@gmail.com.


## FLINTHILLS <br> BOOSTER CLVB

The first meeting of the Flinthills Booster Club will be September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the commons. The club is open to anyone who would like to take part in activities to support the students. On October $6^{\text {th }}$ we will be in charge of the concession stand at Homecoming.


## "Me" Mияеит

Sixth grade students, getting to know one another, set up desk displays with items that let others get a little insight into them and their interests. Each student was to bring five items that would fit on their desktop. Once their displays were up the students moved around the room observing and writing questions for the museum "curator." The students had the opportunity to answer some of the questions orally and will answer more questions in written format. There were some very interesting items brought in and there is certainly a wide variety of interests in this group of kids!


## BUS EVAGUATION DRILL

With a new school year, brings new students so it's always a good idea to have the bus evacuation drill during the first week. It was either a refresher for returners or a new experience for new students. Everything went as planned!


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