

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

September 2018

Flinthills Homecoming

Fall homecoming started out with a bang! The 2018 Fall Homecoming Candidates were Sam Colangelo, Peyton Girty, Bryant Harris, Jada Humig, Cari Brown and Allison Gawith. The week long celebration began on Monday with Pajama Day and a class game "Separation Anxiety" where students had to separate colored M&Ms into cups. Tuesday students wore class colors and competed in the frozen t-shirt contest, trying to break the ice enough to make the shirts flexible to put on. Dream Jobs were the focus on Wednesday, with a cup sorting challenge. Students had one cup that had to be moved by rotating cups one at a time. Thursday was Princess Day and were challenged to empty a tissue box one tissue at a time. The week ended with students showing school pride by wearing red and black.



Decorating for the dance, candidate games and volleyball preceded Friday's pep assembly. Students were fired up, ready for a Mustang win. Their expectations were met as the Mustang football team took home the win against Oxford with a final score of 34—20!

During half-time the homecoming royalty was introduced. Jada Humig and Peyton Girty were crowned as Queen and King of Flinthills Fall Homecoming 2018. Attendants were Colton Anderson, son of Curtis & Jenna Anderson, and Audrey Grunder, daughter of Justin & Sarah Grunder.

Flinthills football breaks 37-game losing streak

The Flinthills Mustangs achieved their first victory since the 2014 season by defeating the Oxford Wildcats 34-20 at home on Friday night. The Mustangs kicked off to the Wildcats and gave up an opening touchdown drive to go down 6-0. The next possession, Flinthills came back tied the game 6-6. The remainder of the first half was a back-and-forth affair with both teams scoring one more touchdown each. The Mustangs were successful on a two-point conversion and went into the half with a 14-12 lead.



Flinthills received the second-half kick and despite a long drive, came up empty due to a fumble. The defense responded by getting the ball back on a turnover on downs. The Mustangs then took control of the game by scoring the next two touchdowns. Oxford made a valiant effort by scoring another touchdown but had a late drive come up short due to an interception by Kedryn Morse. The defense caused another turnover on downs and the offense punched one more touchdown in to give Flinthills a 34-20 victory.

The victory marks the first win under second-year head coach Daniel Scribner, and the first win for the program since week three of the 2014 season.

“It was a great victory to get our program headed in the right direction,” said Scribner.

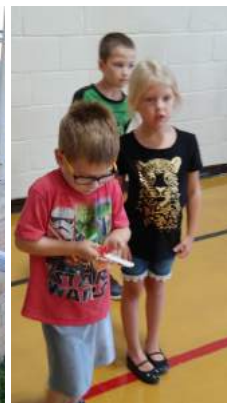
“We have a number of students that now have a little taste of victory and we hope to build on that. Our community has been great with their continued support and we were glad to reward them with a victory after a dry streak.”



First Day of School Kicks Off With a Celebration



Flinthills started off our school year with welcoming activities. Games, snacks, scavenger hunts, and a time to hang out with friends was worked into the schedule as staff and students formed relationships in preparation for a great year of learning. Staff discussed opportunities for student involvement at the middle and high school, encouraging every student to join a club, a sport, or to work with staff to form a new club based on their interests.



Students OF THE MONTH



Joshuah Fulkerson

4th grade

Parents: Mike & Carie Fulkerson
Hobbies: Working on the wood
for his dad.

Favorite Class: Math



Sydney Sorum

7th Grade

Parents: Erik & Connie Sorum
Hobbies: Sports, 4-H, Playing
Fortnite

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball,
Track, Softball, FFA, Tech Club,
Math Relays, Scholars' Bowl
Favorite Class - Drama



Allison Gawith

Senior

Parents: Larry & Misty Gawith
Activities: Cheer, HS Girls
Basketball Manager
Favorite Class: Office Aide

It's always a great day to be a Mustang!



Upcoming Events:

- * No school Oct. 5, Oct. 26, and Oct. 29
- * School Pictures October 8
- * Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 10 ~ 4:00-8:00
October 18 ~ 4:00—8:00
- * Halloween Parties Wed. Oct. 31
Parades and Party
Primary ~ 2:00
Intermediate ~ 2:15



What can you accomplish in 60 seconds? Our Intermediate students attempted numerous events during an afternoon of minute to win it games on the first day of school. More photos can be found on our website <http://www.usd492.org>



**From Joe Coles' speech:
Thinking of Empathy—
We have five basic
needs. These needs
include:**

- 1. To feel welcome.**
- 2. To feel comfortable.**
- 3. To feel understood**
- 4. To feel important**
- 5. To feel appreciated**

Joe Coles Speaks to Students

Be kind to one another. Show empathy for fellow human beings. Strive to become a better person.

Maybe write an uplifting note to a student or teacher needing encouragement. Or perhaps smile and introduce yourself to a student sitting alone.

Those were the kinds of inspirational messages motivational speaker Joe Coles delivered to the students, staff and faculty of USD 492 in three presentations Aug. 30 at the Flint Hills High School Auditorium.

Coles -- who spent 40 years as a teacher, coach, counselor and athletic director -- challenged audience members to develop habits of kindness and to respect each other.

"The number one thing I can do in this world is respect others," Coles told an audience of middle school students. "If I don't have respect it's time to get out."

Coles talked about the devastating effects of sexual harassment and "sexting" and how inappropriate images can haunt students years later.

He implored students to stand up for classmates who are bullied and not to be disinterested bystanders.

"You know what happened today?" Coles asked students. "Sixty-thousand kids skipped school because they were being bullied. When someone does something to somebody, you gotta stand up for them. Empathy is the number one deterrent of bullying behavior. If we're gonna stop bullying we have to understand empathy."

Coles speaks before schools and businesses and conducts leadership training throughout the United States. He lives in the Southwest Kansas community of Cimarron.

Title 1 Services

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 Para-professional 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.



Julie McCreight Honored as the Flinthills Kansas Teacher of the Year

Selected by her peers, Julie McCreight was honored at a banquet September 8 in Wichita.

Mrs. McCreight has taught drama, forensics and theater to grades 3-12 for 16 years at Flinthills. She has 25 years experience in teaching. As part of her KTOY nomination honors she will visit area schools to see what great things other schools are doing, as well as share the amazing things happening in our district.





Parent conferences will be held Wednesday, **October 10th** and Thursday, **October 18th** 4:00-8:00 p.m. on both days. The parents of middle and high school students may come-and-go during those hours and meet with the teachers. There are appointments set for the parents of primary and intermediate students to meet with the teachers. Please be on time, as the meetings are only 15 minutes long and another family will be immediately following your appointment. Please call the office if you need a reminder of your scheduled time. We look forward to speaking with you about your child!

MRS.WALP'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

Personal Space Camp was an activity we did based on a book. We learned about the meaning of personal space, practiced walking down the hall while holding onto a rope (with the goal of keeping it taut/no slack), and the kids traced their bodies on butcher paper with a partner to see how much space they took up.

The science photos are from an activity where students were learning how scientists ask questions and observe using their senses. In the photos, they are using a tool (hand lens) to observe the details of feathers with their sense of sight.



Freeze Frame

Show us your best smile! As the Intermediate students arrived to the first day of school, they took turns posing with their classroom frames. This was just the beginning of a fun-filled day. More of these photos can be found on our website www.usd492.org



Don't forget to download our Flinthills School App to your mobile device for convenient access to everything you need to know! You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

NEW STAFF AT FLINTHILLS



Cammy Onek: I am very glad to be back at Flinthills! I've been in education for over 35 years and love working with learners. I have coached/taught in Lebo School and North Lyon County Schools and have been an administrator in Chase County Schools, Lebo Schools and Flinthills Schools. I worked at Allen County College where I started the softball program and coached basketball. My family has lived in district since 2001. My husband Chad and I have 3 children; Caley graduated from FH in 2007 now married and has 2 beautiful granddaughters: Abby and Lauren. Coby is a Union Pacific conductor and Chayne works PK Safety and will be married in June 2019.



Melissa Hoyle: This is my 3rd year teaching middle school. I currently teach 6-8th grade science and biology. I previously taught at Emporia Middle School. I attended ESU and student taught in Emporia. I am originally from Junction City, Ks. My family has lived there since my dad retired from the Army when I was in middle school. I live in Emporia, with my three dogs and my other animals. I have enjoyed getting to know all of my new students, and I look forward to what the school year brings.



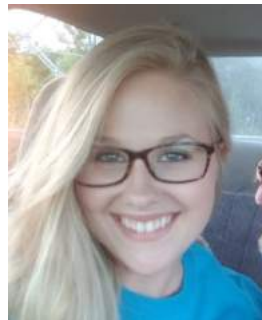
My name is Zach Fischer and I am the new 3rd-12th grade Band/Vocal director. I graduated from Friends University in Wichita, KS with my Bachelor of Music Education (BME). I come from Junction City, KS where I went to school from Elementary through High School. I played in several ensembles (Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Pep Band) while I was in middle school and high school. When I got to Friends University I did the same thing and also was involved in Concert Choir and Singing Quakers for 2 years. My passion for music has been very strong from the very beginning and continues to grow throughout my life.



I'm Michelle Nelson the new secretary at Flinthills Primary. This is my first year here at FPS as secretary yes, but my roots here run deep. Besides being married to Shane, all three of my kids attended Flinthills and I was very active in their lives here. I enjoy reading, sewing, any kind of board game especially scrabble/wwf, being outside and hanging out with my family and friends.



My name is Sarah Grunder. I live in Cassoday with my husband, Justin, and our two children, Kaleb, and Audrey. I am a 1999 Garden City High School graduate. I then attended Washburn University for 2 years before transferring to Kansas State University where I graduated in 2004 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. I traveled back west to Garden City and taught two years before joining the Flinthills Community in 2006. In 2010 Justin and I started our family and I paused my teaching career for 8 years to be a stay-at-home-mom. This is my first year back in the district and I couldn't be more honored and excited to teach Pre-



My name is Taylor Walp. I am so excited to be a part of the Flinthills Primary staff as a 1st grade teacher. This is my second year teaching, first year in the Flinthills district. I am extremely grateful to be a part of this community and Mustang family!



I'm Denise Lasher, the new Gifted Facilitator for the Flinthills District. I have been a gifted facilitator for nine years and I work in the Rose Hill District as well. I love what I do and enjoy the students so much. Personally, I am married to Ty; he is the City Manager for Bel Aire, KS. We have two children; our son, Alex, is a senior at Washburn University and our daughter, Jenna, is a freshman at Butler Community College. We have a beagle named Harley and a cat named Niko (it's Jenna's cat). I enjoy boating, mowing, and pretty much anything outside. I am looking forward to getting to know my students, their parents, teachers, and staff in Rosalia!

Dear Parents and Flinthills Community,

Our state legislators passed a new law that will have a significant impact in the drills that we conduct for safety purposes. Previously, schools had to conduct one fire drill each month and three tornado drills in a year, all with less than five minutes of warning time. The new law states that we will have to conduct four fire drills (one each quarter), three tornado drills, and nine (9) crisis drills while still only giving less than five minutes of warning time. This is a significant change and therefore requires a lot of communication.

I want to first address my concerns regarding to these nine crisis drills, and then I will address the law with which we will be required to follow. In the past five years, I have probably attended seven days of training on school safety and crisis procedures as well as completed numerous hours of online research and training. I have written our Emergency Operations Procedures Book for the district, and it was approved by the Board. My top priority is to make sure that kids are safe at Flinthills schools. Consequently, here are some facts I have learned in my training:

More than 95% of the time there has been an active shooter in schools, it has been a current student in the school.

Active shooters expect to die at the scene either by their own hand or by another.

When law enforcement shows up to a crisis scene, they are shooting anyone with a gun.

If kids/staff can escape the building, their chances of survival increase astronomically.

Training staff and students is key to minimizing casualties.

Practicing drills with staff is important.

Given these facts, I fear that practicing drills with students can have significant consequences. First, by practicing drills with students, especially older ones, there is a good chance we are preparing and training the emotionally/mentally disturbed student(s) who might commit such a heinous act. Second, how do we make children, especially small children, feel safe at school when we are practicing active shooter drills—how traumatizing?!? Finally, how much classroom instruction will be lost to practicing nine crisis drills each year when each crisis drill will last 20-60 minutes? If you calculate the fact that we have 16 drills to complete this year with 165 student days, that's a drill every 10.3 days and two full days of lost instruction. If you share my concerns, I would encourage you to contact your representatives and senators and tell them how you feel.

Representative Mary Martha Good: MaryMartha.Good@house.ks.gov or 785-296-7660

Representative Doug Blex: Doug.Blex@house.ks.gov or 785-296-5863

Representative Larry Hibbard: larry.hibbard@house.ks.gov or 785-296 7380

Senator Bruce Givens: Bruce.Givens@senate.ks.gov or 785-296-7678

Board of Education Representative Jim Porter – jporter@ksde.org or 316-617-6779

Aside from my concerns, we must follow the law. Communication will be key going forward as to when we are conducting a crisis drill, especially drills that involve lockdowns or are active shooter focused. We will use email, text messages, phone calls, and Facebook to announce when we are conducting such a drill. It will be important that you carefully read and/or listen for the word “drill” when the announcement is made, as we would use the same forms of communication if an actual event were to happen. Keep in mind, though, if an actual active shooter event were to happen, our first priority will be to contact law enforcement and eliminate the threat followed by contacting parents.



Jeremy Boldra

Superintendent

Vote

Dear Flinthills Staff, Community, and Patrons:

There is an important election coming this November in Kansas, and I'm writing today to urge you to vote. Your vote can make a real difference to our schools, community and state.

November 6th may be weeks away, but there are two things I'm asking you to do right now:

1. Confirm you are registered to vote. **The deadline for voter registration is October 16th.** You can check your registration status at www.ksvotes.org. If you are not yet registered, or need to update your registration, you may do so on this site.

2. Mark your calendar and make a plan to vote. **Election Day is November 6th, but if you can't cast your ballot in person, you can plan to vote early or request an advance ballot at www.ksvotes.org.**

Our community continually advocates for our students and schools; we know that you believe all students deserve a great learning experience. Voting is one of the most important actions to ensure Kansas students continue to learn, grow and achieve. Thank you for planning ahead and making a difference.

Mr. Jeremy Boldra



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Mrs. Walp's 1st Grade Painting Primary Colors & Mixing Secondary Colors



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MS VOLLEYBALL

The middle School teams are off to a great start. The varsity team is 4-0, jv team 3-0 and c team 2-1. There are 23 girls out for volleyball which is fantastic. The varsity and jv teams are very competitive and the c team is getting more competitive each day. The varsity has defeated West Elk 25-15, 25-4, Caldwell 25-5, 25-19, South Haven 25-14, 25-15, and Cedarvale/Dexter 25-8, 25-2. I believe the toughest teams will be Central Burden and Udall which we play later in the year.

It is fun to watch the girls continue to improve and get better each week. It helps to have competitive teams that can scrimmage each other. We hope this trend continues.

High School Volleyball

We have 20 high school volleyball players and all teams are doing well. The c team made up of Lauren Town, Jessie Mooney, Savannah McCreight, Lynsee Olbrey Tabby Brown, Trena Garcia and Riggin Carney is 2 – 1. We play all freshman on our c team, and these girls also play some junior varsity. Upper classmen playing jv are; Reagan Heimgartner, Matty Totty, Kylee Weis and Morgan Holcomb. The jv team has a record of 6-2. The varsity team is 12 – 7 and the players are; Cari Brown, Harley Ratcliff, Taylor Bisbee, Jada Humig, Sarah Sorum, Sarah Hinnen, Janea Totty and Nyah Brown. Some of the jv players sub in on Saturday tournaments.

We have played some larger schools and the better teams in our league. We've lost to Argonia and Bluestem twice, Douglass, Eureka and our most disappointing loss of the season, Central Burden. Our big wins have been Remington twice and Udall. The varsity girls have two 2nd place finishes in our tournament and the Dexter tournament, which is an improvement from last year. We continue to get better and if we can ever get the confidence we need, then who knows how good we could be!!!

Flinthills Sports Pictures

Your athlete had his/her sports photo taken. In an effort to make these photos affordable we are offering you the opportunity to purchase your athlete's photo in a digital format. You will receive an individual and team photo emailed to you. A copyright release form can be found in the October Flinthills Flyer or on the Flinthills website. You can print images inexpensively at Walgreens or Walmart. The cost for your images will be **\$7.00**. Please send check or cash to Mrs. Austin. Checks should be made payable to Flinthills USD 492.

MS Volleyball

HS Volleyball

MS Football

HS Football

MS Cheerleading

HS Cheerleading

(Please circle one)

Athlete's Name: _____ Athlete's #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please print legibly! Any returned emails will be sent to your athlete's school email.

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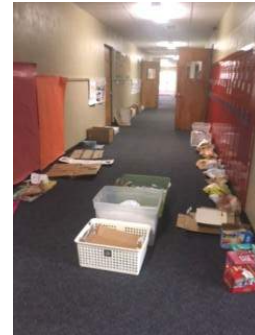
I hereby grant permission to print or use these athletic photographs taken on September 4, 2018 as the purchaser of these photos wishes.

Michael Austin

Photographer

Thank you!

On Thursday, September 13 the primary students organized and took recycling items to the trailer in front of the post office.





Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat

This Halloween, expect costumed Flinthills High School Teen-Agers to ring your doorbell in the Rosalia Community. They will say, "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat!" Why? because all the non-perishable food items they collect will be taken to the local food bank. In fact, International Thespian Society Honorary Members across America will be doing the same thing. Tons and Tons of food have been collected across the nation, in the past, to stock food banks. Please help us by donating non-expired canned goods and other non-perishable items. Students will be frequenting driveways on a Flinthills USD 492 Bus between 6:30 and 9:00 Wednesday, October 31st. The bus will route 1/2 way to Eldorado on Highway 54, South on Flinthills Road, and in the town of Rosalia! If you do not live in these areas, please leave food at the High School in Mrs. McCreight's room before October 31st. One could also drop food at another person's home on these routes so it will be picked up. Thank you for your support!



Flinthills Mustang Apparel available now through Flinthills Student Council! Order forms and information can be found on the school web page under activities at the student council site.

If you overhear Intermediate students discussing Mrs. Austin's "Magic Cabinet" they are discussing the new Makerspace activities found in the art room. Mrs. Austin spent her summer scouring yard sales and swap pages to bring robots, laser maze games, circuitry, and numerous other activities geared towards helping students with higher level thinking, problem solving, coding, exploration, and let's face it, they are just plain fun!



The Flinthills 4-H Club is off to a new year by selecting new officers. Their leaders are Travis Holcomb, Myron Wilhite, and Toni Gauthier. They have elected new officers, President: Morgan Johnson, Vice President: Sarah Sorum, Secretary: Colton Gauthier, Treasurer: Kyle Parker, Reporter: Sydney Sorum, Parliamentarian: Lyndee Martin and Wyatt Beard, Recreation: Kolby Holcomb and Kristina Smith. If you are interested in joining the Flint Hills 4-H Club or have questions call one of the 4-H leaders.



Travis Holcomb
(316)-323-4213

Toni Gauthier
(316)-305-9969

Myron Wilhite
(316)-734-9151



SAFE STARTING OUT STRONG!

Sept. 19 the FHS SAFE Team started the year out strong in promoting safe driving. Jada Humig, Lauren Donner & Riggan Carney documented students arriving at school wearing their seatbelts. Those students were treated to a “Buck for a Buckle”, earning a dollar just for buckling up. Allison Gawith manned the table inside, passing out “bucks” and Smarties candy. Students were encouraged to sign pledge cards, pledging to drive safely. A special Snapchat filter was also in effect, again reminding students to buckle up & drive safe! SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) is a state funded organization that supports and funds the SAFE Teen Driving program.



District Social Media Platforms



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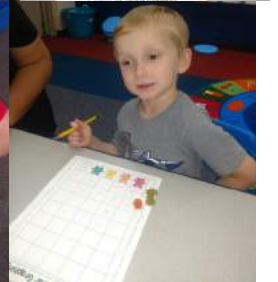
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<http://www.usd492.org>

Flinthills First Day of Pre-K goes down in History!





New Artwork Around the School!

At the Intermediate each student helped create paintings based on the concept of concentric circles. Hallway paintings were created by last year's 8th grade girls who learned how to build the frame, stretch the canvas, and work together to create cohesive paintings based upon character traits important to be a successful Flinthills student. Finally, the HS ladies restroom received an uplift with vinyl letters.



FLINTHILLS FIGHT SONG

WE ARE THE MUSTANGS,
MIGHTY AND STRONG.
FIGHTING FOR VICTORY ALL THE DAY LONG.
WHERE E'RE WE GO, AGAINST ALL FOES
TO FLINTHILLS WE ALL BELONG!

CHEER FOR THE RED AND
CHEER FOR THE BLACK.
VALIANT AND STEADY, SET TO ATTACK.
PROUD AND LOYAL, STRONG AND TRUE
OUR SPIRIT YOU CAN'T HOLD BACK!



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We are off to a GREAT start this year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she arrives to school on time, attends school daily and is ready for the day's learning experience.

We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. Don't forget...your student's grades are always a click away with Powerschool.

I am having fun getting to know your students and working with them...We have had some growing pains – teachable moments, but all in all... your kids are doing a wonderful job of learning with me. There is never a dull moment at school!

Parent/teacher conferences are coming up October 10th and 18th. Please take time to come up and visit with us. This is a time to celebrate what we are doing well, and visit about what we can do even better.

Communication is a difficult process, but we are really trying our best to make sure and keep you in the know on all school activities and events. Please let us know the best way to contact or share information with you if you are missing out.

Collin Powell stated it very nicely, "We all have to live here together, respect each other and see the best in each other." We are working toward that very simple but important goal.

Thanks for a great start... looking forward to tomorrow!

Cammy Onek

MS/HS Prinicipal



"tough day"



Nelson, our Flinthills Therapy Dog, is growing up!

Counselor Corner

Wow! What a wonderful start to the school year we have had! The first day of school started with a kickoff of fun activities, which really set our year up for positivity! Students went on a scavenger hunt around the building to various classrooms by solving clues and hints. They worked with their mentor groups and enjoyed it. When they came to my office, they were given a Flinthills Mustang cup as a reminder that I'm always here for them to help them "fill their cups" and learn to balance the roller coasters of life! Teachers and coaches had the opportunity to share information about their clubs, programs, and sports and encouraged the students to sign up and get involved in something. Football and volleyball are in full swing and it's such a wonderful energy to see the kids representing Flinthills with teamwork, pride, and determination. I get overwhelmed with pride when I see them in another element...it's awesome! Our school-wide theme for the month of August (even though it was just a week) focused on the concept of Wisdom. Wisdom is often associated as coming with time and being hard-earned. The goal is to be able to learn from our mistakes, apply those lessons, and then be able to foresee mistakes before they happen. Here are some tips on helping your child become more wise:

- We have to dare kids, help kids, support kids to attempt great things, struggle, reflect, learn, and try again. This is the cycle through which wisdom is gained.
- When kids are engaged in work that matters to them, work that is authentic and has real meaning, we create the conditions for kids to reflect and gain wisdom.
- Help them to see that they can learn from the mistakes of the past while they endeavor to take action in the present.
- Engage in reflective practices with your children. If children can learn from their experiences with us, when they still have a safety net, we will have enabled them to make better decisions about their own lives when they leave us. * If we have helped them to be more thoughtful and wise about their world around them, then we have helped them become better citizens for the world at large.
- Emphasize the concept that some of the most life changing lessons come from the harshest or hardest of experiences. The road to becoming wise is marked with many obstacles and pains. Supporting them through this process is critical as they figure out how to navigate growing up.

Wisdom is knowing the right thing to do and actually doing it! Students have been encouraged to think before they act and use failure as their teacher. Wisdom is more than knowledge. It's not what you know, but how you use it. Wise people look out not just for themselves, but for all toward whom they have any responsibility. Quotes and words of wisdom have been shared with students daily and I have seen students make wiser choices! Our September theme of the month is INITIATIVE, which is not only being aware of what needs to be done, but making the efforts to complete the task. We have been discussing the importance of taking initiative and doing it without being asked. Whether it's picking up trash (even if it's not yours), to holding the door open for someone, putting the shopping cart away, asking a teacher for help when you don't understand something in class, doing extra chores, etc. The list is endless! Initiative has been our "buzz word" this month and I have noted that students seem to be more willing to put forth efforts in doing things without complaining. My own children have used the term at home when completing their chore list. I was proud when they did a few extra chores and when I thanked them for doing it, their response was, "I took initiative and did it without being asked because it needed to be done and I knew it would help you!" That was awesome...I just wish it happened everyday, but hey, I'll take what I can get. I hope you have noticed an improvement with your child at home as well. Next month we will focus on contentment. I plan to stress to the students that even though I want them to aim high and go for the best things in life, it's also important to be grateful and happy with what you do have. I've really enjoyed this start to the school year. We are having a lot of fun, making priceless memories, fostering relationships, and learning at the same time! Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help you or your child this school year! Thank you for entrusting your children to us...they are very special, loved, and valued for the unique individuals that they are.

Go Mustangs, Mrs. Bryna Boldra

Sidenote: South Central Mental Health is providing a Love & Logic training that will take place on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and will run for 6 weeks. The start date has not been confirmed yet, but is planning to take place during October. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Lofton (Love & Logic Independent Facilitator). Her email is: truanacy@scmhcc.org and her phone number is: 316.350.6716.

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