



# *Flinthills Flyer*

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

January, 2020

## Flinthills Students Celebrate a New Year!

Middle school students took to heart, the character ed word for December: JOY. They spread JOY to our troops in Afghanistan. The students wrote letters, sent candy and made a New Year banner.



## Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that this year brings peace, joy, and happiness to you and each of your family members. As we begin our second semester, it is important that we keep the lines of communication open regarding what is going on at Flinthills Middle/High School. We are always looking for ways to improve our system, so please feel free to call or drop by to visit and share ideas! Looking forward to a strong finish to our school year!

Please read below for information on student grades, cell phones and changes.

**Student Grades:** If you have not already looked on PowerSchool to view your student's grades, you will receive a copy of your student's grade report for the first semester. As you review your student's performance for the first half of the academic year, I ask that you speak with your student and to please ask the following questions:

- o Are you satisfied with your academic performance?
- o Did you complete all the work that was assigned to you, such as classwork and homework?
- o Have you taken advantage of the help offered by your teachers such as tutorial, opportunities to make up work, opportunities to retake test?
- o If you are not satisfied, what do you plan to do differently this semester?

**Cell Phone Policy:** The use of cell phones and other electronic devices (like smart watches, tablets, etc.) in school is proving to be very disruptive to the educational environment. These items are not required because any time there is an emergency the student will be notified by the office. For the purpose of this policy, the words "cell phone" shall include all other non-school issued electronic devices. MS students will NOT be allowed to have their cell phones during school day. Students will be allowed to bring cell phones to school and then put phones in lockers or classroom pockets by the 8:00 bell. Students MAY NOT use phones during school time 8:00 – 3:30. Students may get phones after 3:30 bell to use after school or for activities.

High School students may use cell phones before school, during lunch, after school and during passing time. Any other time the cell phone will be turned off unless requested by a staff member. Exceptions will be approved by the administration.

Teachers and Administrators reserve the right see a student's cell phone to check for compliance. Failure to do so will result in:

- \* 1st time – phone will be confiscated and taken to office. Student may retrieve after school.
- \* 2nd time - phone will be confiscated and taken to office. Student will serve one detention. Only parent may retrieve phone.
- \* 3rd time - phone will be confiscated and taken to office. Student will receive one day ISS. Only parent may retrieve phone. Student may not bring a cell phone to school for the rest of the semester.
- \* Incidents over 3 times will be handled individually by the principal.
- \* Any illegal use of the cell phone will be turned over to the sheriff or legal authority.

Due to the enormous time spent on stolen electronic devices, the school will NOT investigate stolen electronic devices. Their security is the sole responsibility of the student. \*\*This policy will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary by the administration.\*\*

Changes for this semester:

- o We are going to try something different with Eligibility. Instead of a mandatory Wednesday night study hour, we are going to have any student who makes the list work with an assigned teacher during their seminar time.
- o Detentions will be served during lunchtime at a specified table.
- o We are working on our finals/opt-out policy.

-Mrs. Onek, Principal

## HS SCHOLARS BOWL

The High School Scholars Bowl coach for this year is Mrs. Garcia. She says the scholars bowl team has done well this year. Megan Clark, sophomore, said, "Scholars bowl is fun because the team works hard and spends down time joking with one another." She and others indicated they wished more students were on the team. Says Clark, "Everybody has to be on varsity because there aren't enough people on the team to make a junior varsity team." When asked about juggling the work load of a full class schedule and participating in extra-curricular activities, Clark said, "I don't think it's hard juggling Scholars Bowl on top of school work." The Scholars Bowl season will conclude later this month.



To all of those that contributed to the annual Cassoday Community Church Women's dinner, we thank you for all that you did. Maybe you sold quilt raffle tickets, perhaps you purchased them, maybe you worked a shift or maybe you just enjoyed the evening, whatever you contributed, we appreciate it very much. God bless and may you all have a blessed holiday season from the Cassoday Community Church Women's Group.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Middle School Student of the Month

## Jarod Stopczynski

Parents – Chris & Monica Stopczynski

Hobbies – Reading, Hunting, and Fishing

Activities – Basketball, Track, Math Relays, Scholars' Bowl, and Skills USA

Favorite Classes – Math, Vocal and P.E.

High School Student of the Month

## Adley Humig

Parents – Andrea & Josh Humig

Hobbies – Theatre

Activities – Volleyball, Track, TSA, Theatre, and FCA

Favorite Class - Forensics



Intermediate Student of the Month

## Rylæ Randall

3rd grade

Parents: Derek & Becky Randall

Hobbies & Activities: Basketball, jumping on the trampoline and playing games

Favorite Classes: Art, Math & PE



## Middle School Girls' Basketball

The Flinthills Middle School Girls' Basketball Team has had a terrific start this season. To open the season, the girls traveled to Altoona Midway on November 18. The girls won 43-12 against the Altoona Jets. Sydney Sorum led the way with 12 points, followed by Emily Scribner with 8, and Paige Corter with 7. In all, 8 Mustangs scored and all play well. On November 21, the girls then traveled to Argonia. The girls won this game 32-8 against the Argonia Raiders.



Nine different Mustangs scored. The Mustangs were led by Kolby, Holcomb, Riley Wight, and Paige Corter with six 6 points. This was a great defensive night for the Mustangs.

On December 2, the girls played at home against the Cedar Vale/Dexter Spartans. The girls won the game. There were 8 different Mustangs who scored. Harlee Randall lead the way with 13 points.



The B-Team had an awesome start this season also. The B-Team has defeated the Argonia Raiders, Elk Valley Lions, and Cedar Vale/Dexter Spartans. Both teams are now 3-0.



Keep up the good work, girls!

By: Janea Totty

# One Act Plays

On Saturday, December 14, Mrs. McCreight's 5th and 6th hours preformed the one act plays Believe and The Last Stop Before Christmas at the Flinthills High School Auditorium. Jared Stopczynski was the lead for Believe and Harlee Randall was the lead for The Last Stop Before Christmas.

Believe was about a teenager who stopped believing in Christmas. At the end the teen found the true meaning of Christmas. The Last Stop Before Christmas was about a women who was trying to get people to believe in Christmas by granting wishes to get them into the spirit of Christmas. After the productions, parents helped with making cookies and hot chocolate for a hot chocolate and cookie bar.

Many people enjoyed seeing young children acting and are wanting them to do theater in High School. Chloe Wieckhorst said " I enjoyed helping out with the lights for these two one act play and can't wait to see them turn out to specular actors."

By; Matison Totty

## BOOSTER CLUB

By Micheal Neely

I had the opportunity to shadow Booster Club member, Mrs. Wilhite, so I could take a quick peek behind the scenes. I wanted to further understand what they do, how they work, and see the pride each member has for the Flinthills Family.. Mrs.Wilhite explained that Booster Club supports all student groups and organizations including sports, TSA, clubs, and other activities. The Club shows support by funding activities and services such as providing food for teachers at inservices.



They fund their activities through bake sales and the craft fair. Currently Booster Club members are discussing other events they could sponsor that would impact the most students. Booster Club accepts donations to continue their mission to support every Mustang they can. They are always glad when people join. Membership is open to anyone available to help out. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Juli Wilhite or Stephanie Girty for upcoming meeting dates.

# Skills USA Etiquette Training



Skills USA sponsor Tod Johnson hosted an etiquette training for middle and high school students. Mr. Johnson provided a main course and students brought dishes to accompany the main fare.

Mr. Johnson said the goal was for students to learn appropriate place settings of dinnerware and flatware as well as appropriate behavior at a formal dinner setting. Mr. Johnson said, "These are skills students will use the rest of their lives. Learning how to host a supper and how to use the utensils provided allows students to feel comfortable in a variety of settings. Our students have to learn how to compete and function in the world. I know this will help them."

## Where's the Beef? After Prom Fundraiser

The After Prom Party Committee has been hard at work planning the festivities set to follow the junior-senior prom on April 4, 2020. It is our intent to provide a fun, but safe, environment for those in attendance. The After-Prom party will take place at Urban Air in Wichita.

In order to fund this event, the committee has decided on several fundraisers including a raffle. Thanks to the Holcomb family's donation, there will be a raffle for 50 - 60 pounds of beef. Each ticket will cost \$10.00 but only 75 tickets will be sold. This ensures that the odds of winning will be greater for each ticket purchased. The winner will be announced at the home basketball game on February 14th. The meat will be delivered to the winner in May.

Tickets may be purchased from participating juniors and seniors and/or by contacting Karen Hinnen at 620-476-2215.





## Calling All Alumni Band Members

Alumni band members are invited to perform with the Flinthills Band Homecoming night before and during the basketball games on Friday, February 14. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Mrs. Grover at the school.

## 12 DAYS OF SAFE

SAFE, which stands for Seatbelts Are For Everyone, sponsored a 12 Days of Christmas contest. Students entered by pledging to wear their seat belts to promote safe driving. Members drew names for prizes.

Madison Totty explained that they like to organize a variety of events each year. She said, "We came up with this idea November 7 along with other ideas for future promotions." She further explained that projects like this make people more aware on the road so they will pay attention while driving.

By Callum Reust

## Craft Fair a Success

The craft fair was held on Saturday December 7th, the same day our High School wrestling tournament. Many people viewed the craft fair as successful because many people showed up and bought things.

Some popular items people purchased were clothes of all kinds hats, jeans, and items like cookies and sweets to soups. Our Flinthills STUCO store also sold items.

Many items were homemade. Tresa Garcia made all items from her home with the help of daughters, Riley and Trena.

Flinthills High School holds the craft fair to help support our Booster Club. Juli Wilhite and Stephanie Girty did an amazing job of getting everyone's booth set up. Hope to see you next year at the fair!

By: Taren Lakin



# JANUARY



| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>Meals are subject to change.</p> <p>This is equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p>Parents eating lunch with their kids need to notify school 2 days in advance.</p>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>1</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>2</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>3</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>6</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>7</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Oatmeal Breakfast Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>W.G. Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza<br/>Green Beans<br/>Steamed Cauliflower<br/>Pineapple<br/>Milk</p>                           | <p>8</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Sausage Gravy on Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken Fajita on Flour Tortilla<br/>Corn<br/>Lettuce &amp; Tomato Peppers &amp; Onions<br/>Applesauce<br/>Salsa<br/>Milk</p> | <p>9</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Hamburger on Bun<br/>Baked Beans<br/>French Fries<br/>Onions/Pickles/Tomatoes<br/>Sliced Peaches<br/>Cookie<br/>Milk</p>    | <p>10</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Combo Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken &amp; Noodles<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Mixed Vegetables<br/>Sliced Pears<br/>W.G. Roll<br/>Milk</p>                                                     |
| <p>13</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Cereal, Pop Tart, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken Fried Steak<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>White Gravy<br/>California Blend Veg.<br/>Tropical Fruit<br/>Biscuit<br/>Milk</p> | <p>14</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Taco Crunch<br/>Refried Beans<br/>Lettuce &amp; Tomato Salsa<br/>Strawberry Mango Side-kicks<br/>W.G. Cinnamon Buns<br/>Milk</p> | <p>15</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>White Sauce Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun<br/>Sweet Potato Fries<br/>Peas<br/>Lettuce &amp; Tomato<br/>Mandarin Oranges<br/>Milk</p>   | <p>16</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Mini Corn Dogs<br/>Steamed Carrots<br/>Green Beans<br/>Strawberries &amp; Bananas<br/>Fruit Juice<br/>Milk</p>           | <p>17</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Baked Potato Bar<br/>Chili<br/>Broccoli &amp; Cheese<br/>Pineapple<br/>W.G. Rolls<br/>Milk</p>                                                               |
| <p>20</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>21</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken Strips<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>White Gravy<br/>Mixed Vegetables<br/>Sliced Pears<br/>W.G. Rolls<br/>Milk</p>                    | <p>22</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>White Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Tater Tot Casserole<br/>Green Beans<br/>Fresh Carrots<br/>W.G. Pretzel with Cheese<br/>Sliced Peaches<br/>Milk</p>                  | <p>23</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Sausage &amp; Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken Quesadilla<br/>Corn<br/>Steamed Cauliflower<br/>Applescrisp<br/>Sliced Pineapple<br/>Milk</p>         | <p>24</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Rib Patty on W.G. Hoagie Bun<br/>Savory Fries<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Tropical Fruit<br/>Bunny Grahams<br/>Milk</p>                                                     |
| <p>27</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Red Sauce Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Brown Gravy<br/>California Blend Veg.<br/>Grapes<br/>W.G. Rolls<br/>Milk</p> | <p>28</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Lasagna<br/>Peas<br/>Cucumbers<br/>Rosy Applesauce<br/>W.G. Breadstick<br/>Milk</p>                                                  | <p>29</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>W.G. Pepperoni French Bread Pizza<br/>Corn<br/>Steamed Carrots<br/>Apples<br/>Milk</p>                                                | <p>30</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Pork Little Smokies<br/>Macaroni &amp; Cheese<br/>Broccoli<br/>Vegetable Juice<br/>Sliced Pears<br/>W.G. Muffin<br/>Milk</p> | <p>31</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST:</b><br/>Cereal, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p><b>LUNCH:</b><br/>Sliced Turkey Ham &amp; Cheese on W.G. Bun<br/>Tater Tots<br/>Green Beans<br/>Lettuce &amp; Tomato<br/>Mandarin Oranges<br/>Goldfish Crackers<br/>Milk</p> |

# January 2020

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                | Tue                                             | Wed                                                                                                | Thur                                                   | Fri                                                      | Sat                                                            |
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|     |                                                                                                    |                                                 | 1<br>New Year's Day<br>Winter Break                                                                | 2<br>Winter Break                                      | 3<br>Winter Break                                        | 4                                                              |
| 5   | 6<br>No School<br>Staff Development<br>MS BB vs. South Haven 5:00<br>HS BB vs. Altoona-Midway 4:45 | 7<br>Students Report<br>HS BB vs. Bluestem 4:45 | 8                                                                                                  | 9<br>Kansas Theatre Conference<br>MS BB vs. Sedan 5:00 | 10<br>Kansas Theatre Conference<br>HS BB @ Sedan 4:00    | 11<br>Kansas Theatre Conference<br><br>HS WR @ Burlington 9:00 |
| 12  | 13<br>HS Scholars Bowl @ Oxford 4:30<br>MS BB vs. Remington 5:00                                   | 14<br>HS BB vs. Central Burden 4:45             | 15<br>BOE @ Rosalia 7:00<br>SCBL Meeting<br>STUCO Blood Drive<br>Spelling Bee 1:00<br>TSA @ Topeka | 16<br>MS BB @ Caldwell 4:00                            | 17<br>HS WR @ Halstead<br>HS BB @ Wichita Classical 4:00 | 18<br>HS BB Tournament @ Oxford<br>HS WR @ Halstead            |
| 19  | 20<br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br>No School<br>Staff Development<br>SCBL Girls BB               | 21<br>SCBL Boys BB                              | 22<br>Geography Bee 1:00<br>League Honor Band @ Winfield                                           | 23<br>Girls BB @ Cowley<br>MS BB @ Dexter 4:00         | 24<br>Boys BB @ Cowley<br>K-State Band Concert Clinic    | 25<br>HS BB @ Cowley<br>HS WR @ Eureka 9:00                    |
| 26  | 27<br>Booster Club 6:00<br>SCBL HS Scholars Bowl @ Howard 4:30<br>MS BB @ Sedan 3:00               | 28                                              | 29                                                                                                 | 30<br>MS BB vs. Central 5:00                           | 31<br>HS BB @ Argonia 4:00                               |                                                                |

# Middle School Dance

On November 22nd the Flinthills STUCO held a middle school dance. The dance was held after basketball practice in the lunchroom. The middle schoolers danced the night away with friends.

By: Trena Garcia



## Plasma Cam Projects

Tod Johnson, the shop teacher, started his students using a 2019 plasma cam in his Flinthills classes. He and students are very excited to use this versatile cutting tool. When asked Mr. Johnson said, "The plasma cutter is used for more advanced parts and projects. The plasma cam will be used for many future projects." Students first learn to use other shop equipment and follow strict safety guidelines. Mr. Johnson displayed two



of many student projects created using the new addition to the middle and high school shop classes. He further explained the versatility of metal cutting and the necessity of students learning how to use a variety of machine tools. He hopes these learned skills will assist in making Flinthills students even more marketable in industry.



## *Congratulations*

to Debbie Cordts!

She was selected as the December Employee of the Month!



# MUSIC HAPPENINGS



In celebration of the Christmas season, the Middle School

and Senior High Choirs have been singing Christmas carols. To help them realize that there is, usually, a story behind the song, each student picked a carol, researched it, and then created a poster to share their information. Some of the stories included one carol that was written during the Cuban missile crisis and encourages peace, a couple of them were written in the summer, and another one was written by a father trying to cheer up his daughter who was dying of cancer. It was a lot of fun and Christmas carols mean a little bit more to them now.



Mid December, Ms. Grover had 5 of her 6th graders perform for students at lunch. The 6th graders did an awesome job at playing! They sounded great! Mrs. Grover is very proud of her students for how well they performed!

-By Lauren Rose



# SCIENCE HAPPENINGS



Mrs. Swafford's 8th grade science class participated in a fun cell activity.

Mrs. Swafford created a display of a cell so the students could experience what it

would be like inside a cell. In the cell she explained how the vesicle and vacuole worked inside the cell.



The classes enjoyed this because it brought science to life.

By: Libby Rierson

Mr. Vancil's science class completed a lab where they studied how windmills work.



## Shout Outs

11/25/19 - 12/6/19

- Shout out to the Primary Staff and the students, what a great way to celebrate with our family groups at our Thanksgiving Feast on 11/26/2019. You all did an amazing job! Everyone including the students enjoyed. - Marla Edwards & Michelle Nelson
- Shout out to LeNell for being such a trooper and working with us to make this all work the way it did. You are a ROCK STAR! -Marla Edwards, Michelle Nelson, & Lisa Taylor
- Shout out to Gabe LaRue, Jocelyn Oates, Brenten Willmott, & Jazz Gatlin. Your manners at our Thanksgiving Feast were spot on. Mr. Gawith thank you for bringing this idea back to us from KSDE. -Michelle Nelson
- Shout out to Nathan Town for what he was thankful for at our Thanksgiving Feast. It was very heart felt! -Marla Edwards
- Shout out to our Primary Students. Your attitudes, manners and helpfulness at our Thanksgiving Feast was greatly appreciated. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders thank you for your amazing job in cleaning up! -Marla Edwards & Lisa Taylor
- Shout out to the Primary Staff for your help setting up and serving the family style "feast" last week. Your willingness to help me out where ever and whenever is GREATLY appreciated. -LeNell Noel
- Shout out to Cammy Onek for being the one of the greatest assets our school has. She touches the lives of many for the better. I watched her at the basketball game Monday night and she was everywhere. She went from making the trip from gym to gym to coordinate game times, to helping injured players, to visiting with patrons and even stopping to take a picture for two young ladies. Job well done Mrs. Onek for making everyone feel welcome and worthy! -Michelle Nelson
- Shout out to Kodie Pinkerton, who did an excellent job Monday night at the basketball game taking care of an injured player. You rose to the occasion of your duties, and did a fine job without being told to. I was highly impressed! -Michelle Nelson
- Shout out to Lisa Taylor. Thank you for the goodies in the lounge at the primary school. It was very much appreciated. J Michelle Nelson



- Shout out to Mrs. Grover I have heard nothing but rave reviews on the music concert from Tuesday night. -Michelle Nelson
- A HUGE Shout Out to Mario Triana for helping us get the "Special Christmas Project" underway. Your woodworking skills were a great asset to us! -Michelle Nelson
- Shout Out to Mrs. Grover and the middle and high school band and vocal students! The program was amazing! -Amanda Dragoo
- Shout Out to Mrs. Grover and the performing students for the best school concert I've ever been to! I was so proud of and happy for all of you who have accomplished so much in such a short amount of time!!! -Jeremy Boldra
- Shout out to Janea Totty for being our school's Heisman winner! -Bryna Boldra
- Shout out to all middle and high school vocal and band students! Their concert was incredible! -Bryna Boldra
- Shout out to Mrs. Grover for her investment in our music program - the concert was fantastic! Best one I've ever attended! -Bryna Boldra
- Shout out to Mr. Vancil for wanting to integrate more social-emotional learning with some of his kiddos! -Bryna Boldra
- Shout out to Issac Bugner for being such a supportive and positive role model for our middle school students! His kindness and ability to spot kids who are struggling does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated! -Bryna Boldra
- Shout out to Crystal for sharing her new resources and knowledge from her conference with excitement! -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Mario, Michelle, and Amanda for making a Polar Express Train for our school! -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Taylor and her hard work and dedication with The Baxter Fund! -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Halley for always being on top on things even with little details! -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Lisa for always making PE fun, my students love PE time! -Sarah Grunder

- Shout out to Tresa for her hard work on the music programs, it's looking fantastic! Can't wait to see them next week :) -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Becky for always finding a need and filling it! -Sarah Grunder
- Shout out to Mrs. Onek and Mrs. Boldra for helping me with a situation with a student before Thanksgiving Break. -Janessa Jones
- Shout out to Mrs. Onek for always being bubbly and smiling. It's very infectious to the rest of us and makes for a great day. -Janessa Jones
- Shout out to Reagan Heimgartner for stepping up and helping with my middle school classes on Monday when I was sick. She did an awesome job! -Joan Grover
- Shout out to the faculty at FHS for being so supportive and flexible in helping us prepare for and put on our first program. Thank you! -Joan Grover
- Shout out to the cooks! Not only is your food wonderful, but also you let us juggle students to get some extra practice time in. Thank you so much! -Joan Grover
- Shout out to the JH teams for a great start to the season so far! -Erik Sorum

## 4H Angel Tree

On December 8, 2019, the Flinthills 4-H Club met at Walmart to shop for donations for the school's angel tree, the County Extension toy drive, and the Family Life Center in El Dorado. For the Family Life Center, we bought blankets. For the school's angel tree we bought body wash, shampoo, and some toys. After we purchased all the items, we met at Pizza Hut to hold our meeting. We had sign up sheets in the back of the room so the members could sign up for certain things to do in the meetings like Flag Salute/4-H Pledge, jokes, or refreshments. Every December, we will set a budget for all the items that are on the list or on the angels from the tree. Our meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of every month. 4-H is a great way to learn responsibility and a great way to have fun.



Flint Hills 4-H Club: Kolby Holcomb

# Middle School Boys' Basketball



The Middle School Boys' Basketball Team is off to a wonderful start. On November 18, the boys' traveled to Altoona to open the season. The Varsity boys battled hard against a scrappy Altoona team. The Mustangs amassed 25 fouls to Altoona's 21. It was a very physical game.

Tate Leslie led the way with three "And-one's" and a total of 14 points, followed by Landon Boldra with 11, and Wyatt Beard with 8. The boys began to realize that blocking out and rebounding was an important part of the game. The

JV Team finished with a tie against Altoona.

On November 21, the boys traveled to Argonia. The JV team took it to Elk Valley winning convincingly against Elk Valley. The Varsity Boys finished the night off with a strong win against a solid Argonia team, 45-30. the Varsity team was led by Landon Boldra who had 13 points, followed by Tate Leslie and Wyatt Beard who both had 8 points each. The best of the night belonged to Shane Steinhauer who stepped in to take charge in the second half! It was awesome to see what we practiced translate to the game!



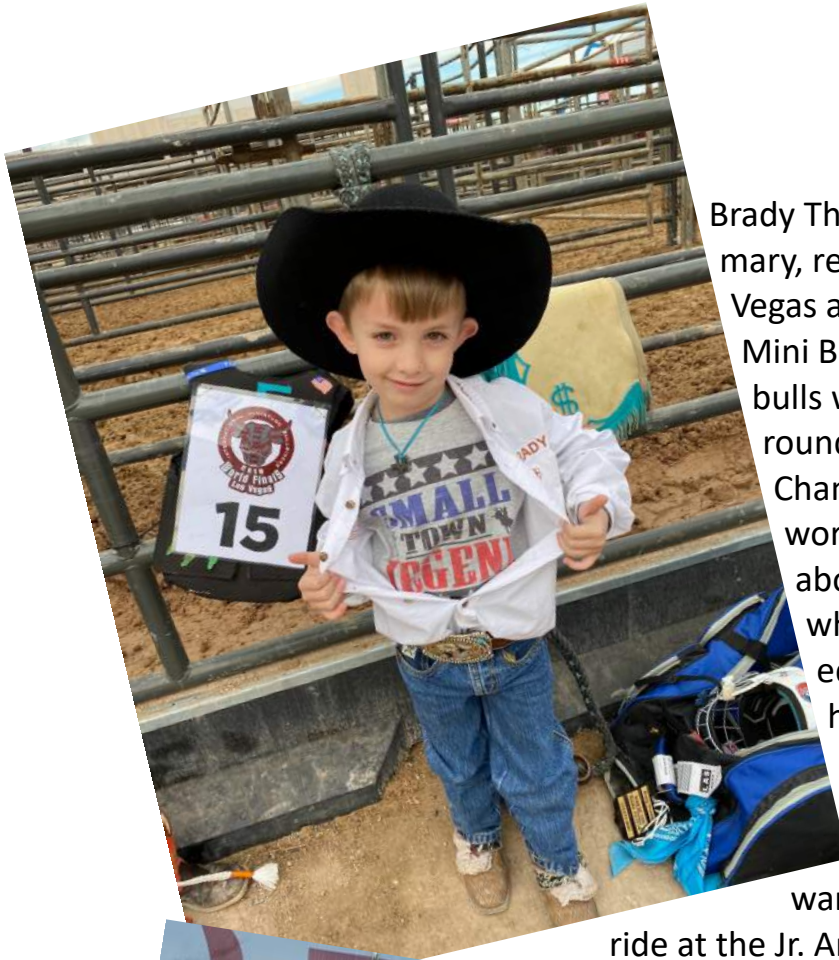
On December 2, The C-Team, JV, and Varsity teams went undefeated against Cedar Vale/Dexter. Levi Beard led the C-Team with 9 points to win 19-14. Austin Liggett led the JV to win 25-18. The Varsity Boys won their game by 30 points with a score of 46-16. Landon Boldra led all scorers with 24 points, followed by Tate Leslie with 9, and Kolton Stanfield with 7. The Varsity is now 3-0, JV is 2-0-1, and C-team is 1-0.



On December 5, the boys traveled to Burden to face the Central Burden Raiders. The C-Team won 26-5. The JV Boys lost to primarily due to turnovers. The Varsity boys won a close game against Central 35-32. Landon Boldra scoring 14, followed by Tate Leslie with 8, Kolton Stanfield with 7, and Wyatt Beard with 6. The Varsity is now 4-0, the JV is 2-1-1, and the C-Team is 2-0. Keep up the good work!

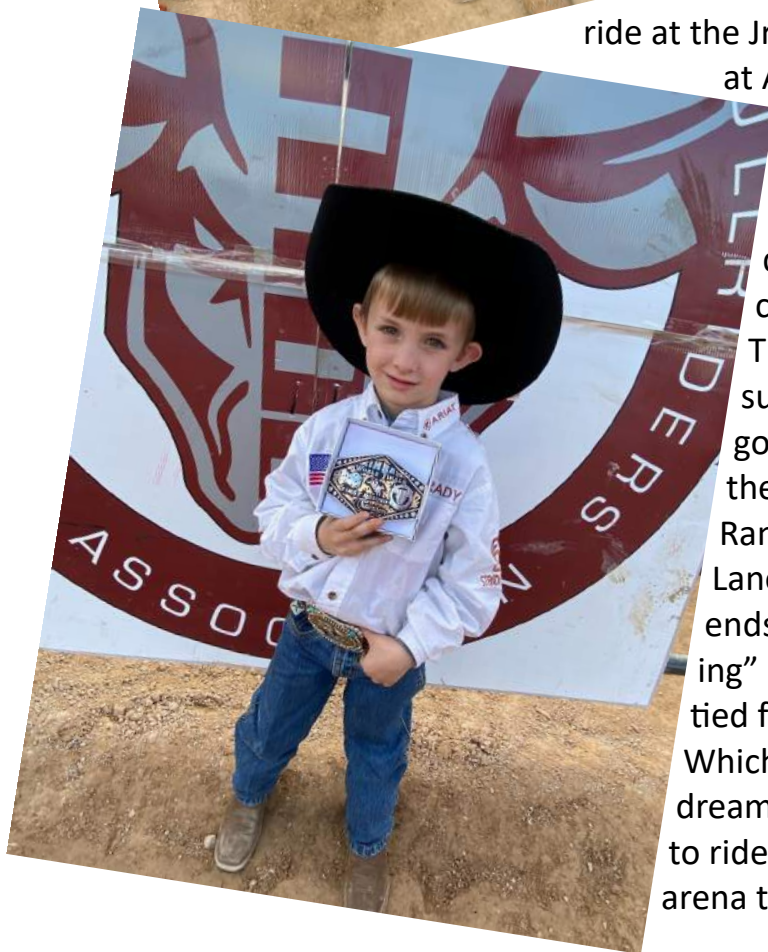
By: Janea Totty

# LEGEND



Brady Thomas, a Kindergartner at Flinthills Primary, recently got the opportunity to go to Las Vegas and compete in the 2019 International Mini Bull Riding World Finals. Brady rode 4 bulls while at the finals and won the first go round with a 80.5 point ride and won a Champion buckle. He also ended 5th in the world. Brady has been riding bulls for about a year he started riding sheep when he was 3 and always said he wanted to ride in Vegas. He worked super hard and put a lot of work in to achieve his goal of riding in Vegas. Brady is already looking forward to 2020 and is wanting to win the world. He also

wants to ride at the Jr. American at AT&T Stadium and make more of his dreams come true. This past summer he got to ride at the Lane Frost Ranch for "The Lane Frost Legends in the Making" and finished tied for 4th place. Which was a huge dream of his to get to ride in the very arena that Lane



# SAFE News

November 2019 we had a visit from Vince & Larry, the crash test dummies from the 1980s & 90s. While they were here they were photographed in several areas around the school. Students were challenged to add captions to the



photos as part of our student SAFE campaign, focused on awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Some memes were SAFE related, others aligned more closely with student life. Staff voted on their favorites. These were the winning memes.



## Forensics

Last year, Flinthills High School's Forensics Team took 1st at the SCBL league and they were the State Runner-ups for State Competition.

Morgan Holcomb is a competitor in Forensics and has many medals from her achievements in Forensics. When interviewed she said, "I hope to place in my individual events and will hopefully go to state. As for the team, to do their very best and go to state." Morgan's pieces are a Serious Solo Act (SSA) and a Improvised Duet Act (IDA) with Philip Humig. Morgan wishes that many people will join and with doing so they will get out of their comfort zone.

There is many people in Forensics that are striving to do their best and places in as many competitions as they can so they can compete at State.

As for now they still are practicing on their pieces and getting them ready for their first tournament of the season on January 30th. Good Luck Forensics!

By: Matison Totty

## High School Basketball

By: Chloe Wieckhorst

The High School basketball teams started practice back in November. Both teams are 3-4 records for the season. The teams started 2020 playing Altoona Midway on Monday, January 6th. The girls had a fantastic win playing against them and the boys had rough spots but they pulled through to get the win. The following day they played against Bluestem. While the boys had a tough time they could not get a win with 78-81 with Hunter Lowmaster leading the boys with 31 points. The girls got through the tough times and got the win with 52-15. Nine girls scored that night: Lauren Donner scored 16, Sarah Sorum with 13 points, and Janea Totty scoring 9 points. Sarah Hinnen and Riggie Carney lead the team in assists while Morgan Holcomb, Sarah Hinnen, and Lyndee Martin brought in the most rebounds for our Lady Mustangs.

## The 2019 Winter Band and Choir Concert

The 2019 Band and Choir concert was held on December 3rd. The students did very well and Director Joan Grover received many accolades for the performance. Middle school and high school students performed as a group for two songs that amazed the audience. "Christmas Carol Collage" and "Ancient Voices" were two pieces the high school and middle school band and choir collaborated together on to conclude the night.

By: Libby Rierson

# Tyson Nielsen European Hunt Fundrasier

8:30am Saturday, January 18, 2020

Flint Hills Hunting Preserve: 7474 NE 20th El Dorado, KS 67042



*Officer Nielsen is the school resource officer for the El Dorado Schools. After being in an altercation and having his leg broken it was discovered that he has cancer and his leg will have to be partially amputated. Let's all come together and help our brother in blue. 100% of proceeds will be donated to help the family with medical expenses. Donations will also be accepted.*

## THE HUNT INCLUDES:

- 100 Ring-Neck Pheasant
- Pulled Pork Lunch
- Dogs Welcome

### Cost:

- \$140 per hunter
- Minimum 20 hunters
- Lunch will be served after the hunt

### Remember:

- Wear Hunter orange and eye/ear protection.
- Kansas Hunting License or Controlled License is required to hunt.
- Dogs are welcome to help walk up missed birds.



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