



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

June 2021

SKILLSUSA STUDENTS ON WAY TO NATIONALS

Middle School student Taylor Brown earned 1st place in the state wide T-shirt design for the state of Kansas. That means that next school year, all the Middle School students in Kansas SkillsUSA organizations will wear her T-shirt for all state competitions.

High School student Taylor Chambers earned 1st place in the high school pin design. Her pin will represent the state of Kansas at the National Convention and will be traded to students from the other 50 states and 3 provinces.

Both Middle and High School Flinthills chapters earned trophies for “Most Increased in Size Chapters” and Sponsor Tod Johnson earned “Advisor of the Year.”

SkillsUSA is a Career/Tech Ed student organization that caters to students for career oriented classes. Created in 1965, it was originally known as VICA. The FFA organization gave them the money to start because FFA does Ag, but SkillsUSA focuses on every other career opportunity like welding, cosmetology, dental, diesel mechanic, etc. It is open to any student at Flinthills.

SkillsUSA has students work towards their eventual career by doing what they are supposed to do in class and making connections with business and industry. The state competition is totally run by business and industry. For example, judging in the nursing section is done by Naval doctors. Another judge was the CEO of Caterpillar.

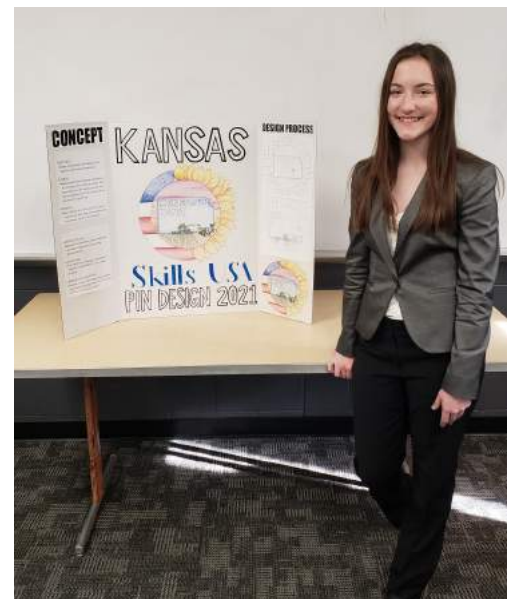
In the state competition, students are only limited by what is offered at their home school. Our students competed in job skills demonstration, t-shirt design and pin design. There are also many scholarships given at the state and national conventions.

Mr. Johnson started a new chapter at Flinthills last year with 8 kids. This year, the organization grew to over 20 which was the biggest 1A/2A chapter in the state and the biggest Middle School chapter in the state. We have one of only three Middle School chapters in the state; the others are at Bluestem and Wichita.

Covid interfered with their activities this year, but they still did two fund raisers to pay for state entry fees. They are already planning a rafting trip during the first weekend after school starts in the fall.

Sponsor Tod Johnson said, “The group of kids I had this year were very eager and took it seriously and want to advance farther in their careers.”

(More results on page 16)



**SkillsUSA**
Champions at Work®

Class of 2025



Pictures by Melissa Scribner



Hannah Elise Bailey
Carson Michael Bentley
Tagen Reïn Carney
Addison Cate Cartmell
Paige Estelle Corter
Cali Elizabeth Crossfield
Cameryn Elizabeth Finley
Karsyn Jean Flores
Helaina Rae Griffin
Konner Ray Griffith
Noah Bryce Lacey
Lilly Grace McNary
Jacob Roper Mead
Kyle Martin Parker
Kodee Lane Pinkerton
Harlee Jeanne Randall
Kaylee Dawn Schafer
Emily Rachel Scribner
Sydney Ann Wells
Rylie Paige Wight
Tylan James Willard
Brooke Isabella Wilson

Class of 2021



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Bailey Mae Coleen Bugner

Matthey Gerard Green

Heaton Griffin

Reagan Saige Heimgartner

Morgan Rayna Holcomb**

Landon Cole Lamb

Austin Jeffery Mantanona

Lauren Kay Rose

Layton Samuel Rose

*Valedictorian

**Salutatorian

Kody Lee Schafer

Jeffrey Dwayne Thomas

Johnathan Von Thomas

Matison Lynn Totty*

Tucker Joshua Travníček

Kylee Ruth Weis

Chloe Virginia Wieckhorst

Emily Rose Wilson

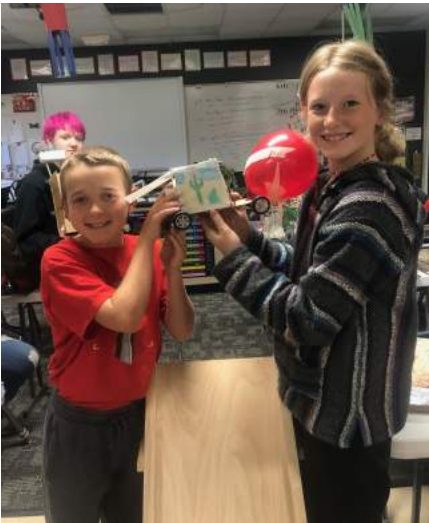
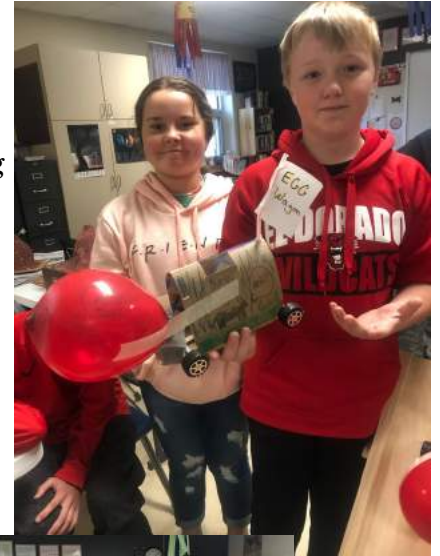


Classes—Where the Learning Begins

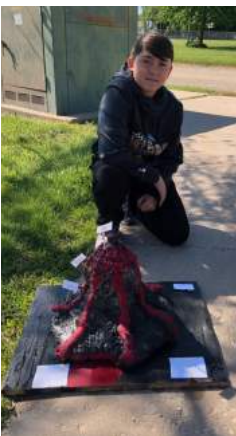
Middle/High School Science

Science students wrapped up the year with various projects. I am super proud of all of the students for their hard work and willingness to learn throughout this school year. It was a pleasure teaching each and every one of them.

6th grade students studied Newton's Laws of Motion. To demonstrate their knowledge with these laws, students built egg cars. They were given a budget of \$20 to purchase supplies to design and build an egg car. The goal was to build a car that could not only withstand a head on crash, but could also keep the egg safe from cracking. All students were successful in this challenge. I was amazed with the engineering that occurred during this project.



7th/8th grade students studied earthquakes and volcanoes. They made a model seismograph and also built and presented a model volcano. Their volcano had to represent one of the four types of volcanoes and feature given characteristics. Some students showed how their volcano could erupt. I loved seeing everyone's creativity.





10th grade students were introduced to dissection. They had the opportunity to dissect a flower, crayfish, and frog as they learned about classification and the characteristics of each kingdom. It was a great learning experience for students. I was impressed with the attention to detail many students showed during dissection.



Finally, all classes were able to enjoy local wildlife brought into the classroom and witness complete metamorphosis. Nearly 30 monarch larva were found on butterfly milkweed and brought into class for viewing. Students were able to watch the caterpillars eat, grow, and molt multiple times before changing into a pupa state. Due to school ending, the emerging of adult monarchs were not able to be seen by students. However, Ms. Swafford will video it to show next everyone next school year.



-Pictures and Article by Mrs. Jayme Swafford

ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

FFA FARM DAY

On Wednesday, May 12th, we hosted our 5th annual FFA Farm Day! There were seven different exhibits featuring several types of Livestock, Tractors/Equipment, Crops/Planting, and Old Fashioned Homemade Ice Cream!

This year we had the opportunity of hosting this event across the street from the high school at our new Ag facility. Our new location will allow events like Farm Day to expand and also create a hands on learning experience that will last forever!

A special thanks to Tiya Tonn, Gordon Stands, FFA Students & Parents, and all of our Flinthills community for making the day possible!
—Pictures and article by Mr. Holton Nelson

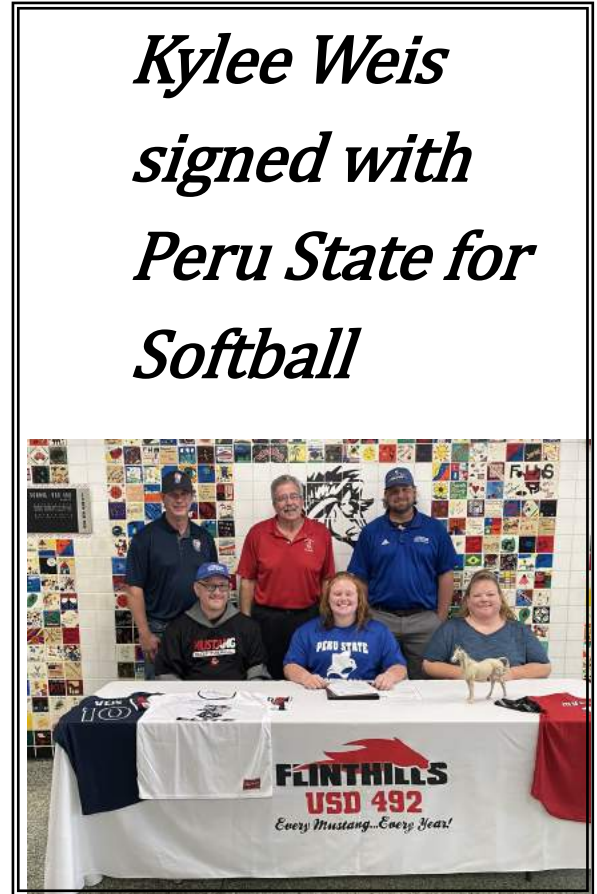




Sports News

Summer Activities Calendar

Strength and Conditioning	Begins May 25th	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	HS Boys- 6:00 AM HS Girls/Middle School 7:00 AM
HS Volleyball	Begins June 1st	Tuesday Mornings Thursday Afternoons	8:00 AM 3:30 PM
	Camp June 21st-24th		
HS Football	Begins May 25th	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	8:00 AM
	Camp	June 21st -24th	
HS Baseball	Begins May 26th	Wednesdays	7:00 AM
MS Basketball	Begins May 25th	Wednesday and Thurs- day Mornings	8:00 AM
HS Softball	Begins May 27th	Thursday Mornings	8:00 AM
Cheer	Begins June 1st	Tuesdays Thursdays	10:00 AM 5:30 PM



SCBL Junior High Track Meet Results 5/6/2021

8th Grade Girls: SCBL CHAMPIONS

- Discus 1st Place: Paige Corter
- Shot Put 1st Place: Paige Corter
- Shot Put 2nd Place: Rylie Wight
- Long Jump 2nd Place: Rylie Wight
- High Jump 2nd Place: Harlee Randall
- 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Harlee Randall
- 200m Dash 1st Place: Harlee Randall
- 800m Dash 3rd Place: Emily Scribner
- 3200m Run 1st Place Emily Scribner
- 400m Dash 1st Place: Harlee Randall



6th / 7th Grade Girls: 8th Place in League

- Pole Vault 1st Place: Alex Scribner
- 3200m Run 1st Place: Alex Scribner
- 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Alex Scribner



6th / 7th Grade Boys: 4th Place in League

- Discuss 3rd Place: Levi Beard
- Pole Vault 2nd Place: Peyton Wight
- Pole Vault 3rd Place: Talon Scribner
- 3200m Run 2nd Place: Talon Scribner
- 4 x 100m Relay 2nd Place: Talon Scribner, Tripp Carney, Parker Sutton, Peyton Wight

2021 SEASON AWARDS:

- Most Valuable Player: Harlee Randall / Levi Beard
- Team Leadership Award: Emily Scribner / Talon Scribner
- Most Improved: Joliene Dragoo / Parker Sutton
- Rookie of the Year: Alex Scribner / Peyton Wight
- Best Attitude / Work Ethic: Dallas Griffith / Mason Randall



The primary students accompanied by their teachers, para-educators and their parents enjoyed a day at Tanganyika Zoo on May 11. They got to see all kinds of wild life, and each child was able to feed a giraffe, a lemur, a rabbit, a hamster, and a lorikeet.

As a group they attended an educational encounter where they learned about a hedge hog, a bearded dragon, and a python. They were even allowed to pet the snake.

This educational experience was funded by the quilt money which the primary students made themselves with the help of a couple great community women. Thank you Jaque Sundgren, and Mary Young for all your help putting the quilt together, and to Russell Totty and Jim Vaught for driving us to Tanganyika.



What a *GREAT* way to end the year...Rodeo Day 2021 was quite a success! The rain held off just long enough that we were able to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine enjoying all that there was to offer.

We started our morning with the Grand Entry followed by the rodeo events that took place in and outside of the school. Students participated in events such as goat tail tying, horse back riding, bucking broncs, watering the stock, stick horse races, and this year they got to see some true to life rough stock. Rodeo events were followed up with the wild time events of tumble weed round-up and the rattle snake stomp, and a heart warming rendition of Happy Trails.

After our trail bosses, the teachers, released students from the events, everyone enjoyed an outside meal prepared by our cooks, LeNell and Mr. G, followed by a yummy ice cold snow cone. Thank you to all of those that helped make this years Rodeo Day a huge success: Andy and Callie Jones, Trena and Riley Garcia, Tyler and Keelie Thomas, Landon Poston, Tyson Brenton, and our very own PTO for the snow cones.



Shout Outs—5-7-21

Shout out to Crystal Ratcliff for covering primary PE all week so that the teachers could still get their plan time! -Halley Myrick

Shout out to Amanda Dragoo for her many, many hours of work on the Redesign team. -Halley Myrick

Shout out to the Forensics team for a great showing at STATE! -Michael Austin

Shout out to Danica & Taylor for your amazing pin designs for Skills! -Michael Austin

Shout out to PTO, Booster Club & the Flinthills admin team for all the goodies during Teacher Appreciation Week! -Michael Austin

Shout out to the Flinthills Primary Staff for working so well together and making this an amazing place to be for staff and students! It has been a GREAT year! 😊 -Crystal Ratcliff

Shout out to Kristin Sangals for a job well done as the new Intermediate Title I Teacher this year! She did a great job, and the new position definitely benefited our students! -Crystal Ratcliff

Shout out to our School Board and Administration who allowed us to have a pretty NORMAL school year! I'm so blessed to work here at USD492 and thankful we have made it to the end of the year with minimal disruptions to our students' learning. Woohoo! -Crystal Ratcliff

Shout out to PTO, Booster Club and Stephanie Girty for all the AMAZING food this week for staff appreciation! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Tresa Garcia & the students, Primary concert was a FUN night! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to our students at the primary school for raising over \$1200 on the quilt raffle. GREAT JOB! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Jim Vaught for building such GREAT relationships with the primary students. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to those that are working on the Redesign. Your hard work and determination will be a big pay off in the end. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Crystal Ratcliff and Sarah Grunder for covering PE and Marla Edwards, Chloe Fuzzel and Tresa Garcia for covering for Lisa Taylor in the kitchen this week. I love how we work together to cover the jobs that need done. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Dennis for making sure the grounds look really nice. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Emily Brenton for delivering all the PTO meals this week for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Marla Edwards for the assistance on the bus this year. All you do is truly appreciated! -Jim Vaught

Shout out to Greyson and Jamie Swafford for my succulent plant. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to ALL the moms of USD 492. May you all have a very Happy Mother's Day and may your tribe spoil you rotten. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Russell for clearing the Intermediate entrance. I appreciate you taking the time to help! -Casey Cartmell

Shout Outs—5-7-21 (Continued)

Shout out to Mr. Dunbar and the shop students for making a ramp for our Newton Egg Cars in 6th grade.

Shout out to our MS/HS staff for all your hard work and dedication this school year. -Mr. Hunter

Shout out to Crystal for covering PE this week!!! -Sarah Grunder

Shout out to Michelle for stepping in and helping me with the 2nd reading groups! They were so excited to get their books finished! -Sarah Grunder

Shout out to Chloe for ALL of your help in PreK! -Sarah Grunder

Shout out to the following HS Students who received "1" ratings in their individual music pieces at the State Competition: Taren Lakin, Laura Scribner, Savannah McCreight, Whitney Mantanona, Philip Harris, Reagan Heimgartner! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the following HS students who received "11" ratings in their individual music pieces at the State Competition: Kaily Gilman and Madilynn Thomas! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Percussion Ensemble including Trena Garcia, Kianna Mantanona, and Laura Scribner for their "1" Rating at State! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Woodwind Trio including Taren Lakin, Savannah McCreight, and Whitney Mantanona for their "1" rating at State! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Mixed Vocal Ensemble including Kaily Gilman, Madilynn Thomas, Alexis Farris, Philip Harris, Reagan Heimgartner, Taren Lakin, Megan Rose, Isis Coats, and Alexa Hardin for their "1" rating at State!

Shout out to Mrs. Grover for getting those kids to State in Instrumental and Vocal Music! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mrs. McCreight and our State Forensics Team for a 3rd Place Finish at State! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Savannah McCreight for being named the State Champion in Poetry at State Forensics! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Kaily Gilman for finishing 2nd at State Forensics in Poetry! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Savannah McCreight for finishing 2nd at State Forensics in Original Oration! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Alexis Hatvick for finishing 4th at State Forensics in Original Oration! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Laura Scribner for finishing 2nd at State Forensics in Extemporaneous Speaking! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Cael Sorum and Morgan Holcomb for their 4th Place finish at State Forensics in Improvised Duet Acting! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Sydney Sorum and Kolton Stanfield for their 6th Place Finish at State Forensics in Improvised Duet Acting! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs—5-7-21 (Continued)

Shout out to Cael and Morgan for their 5th Place Finish at State Forensics in Duet Acting! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the talented Taylor Sutton and Amanda Brown for their Award winning Art Pieces! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to all of our State Competitors this year in Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Forensics, and TSA! What a Phenomenal Year! -Jeremy Boldra

To Mrs. Grover for lending me some of her students to deliver smoothies to teachers Friday! -Michal Austin

Shout out to PTO for making this week special 😊 -Janet Johnson

Shout out to PTO for all the amazing treats!! -Sarah Grunder

Shout out to Stephanie, admins, and PTO for making this week amazing! -Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to all of our staff for a great year! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Stephanie and PTO for all of their work to make this week special for all of our staff! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Steph and our admin for all the great treats this week for Teacher Appreciation Week! -Kristin Sangals

Shout out to PTO for all the wonderful goodies this week! -Kristin Sangals

Shout out to the Booster Club for the goodies for Teacher Appreciation Week. -Karen Hinnen

Shout out to the school for the goodies. It is appreciated. -Karen Hinnen

SKILLSUSA Members state results -

High School Pin design

1st Taylor Sutton will be going to nationals representing KANSAS

3rd Danica Leis

Middle School T-shirt design

1st Taylor Brown will be going to nationals representing KANSAS

2nd Emily Scribner

3rd Charlie Bohnen

Job Skills Demo

1st Emily Scribner will be going to nationals representing KANSAS

2nd Karson Flores

Shout Outs—5/14/21

Shout out to Joan Grover for a wonderful program. The kids are awesome! - Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Tresa Garcia for a wonderful music program. The kids did a great job. -Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Casey for making my awards!-Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Holton Nelson for organizing a fun farm day!-Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Juli Willhite for keeping track of our RC points and prizes. -Tiffany Cogdell

Shout to Brandon, Johnathan, and Dawson for the awesome video on the web page, it's nice to see something new and up to date. Great job Boys! -Erik Sorum

Shout out to the softball girls for coming together as a whole team and getting the win in extra innings against West Elk! Fought till the end! Way to go!! So proud to be a Mustang! -Coach Allie

Shout out to Tiya Tonn, Gordon Stands, and all of our Ag Parents for their hard work and contributions to Farm Day! - Mr. Nelson

Shout out to Holton Nelson and the Ag students for a well-run FARM DAY - Leesa

Shout out to the PreK students and Mrs. Grunder for a great night at PreK graduation. -Larry Gawith

Shout out to Mrs. Garcia for a great Primary and Intermediate concert. -Larry Gawith

Shout out to Mrs. Grover for a great 5th grade band concert. -Larry Gawith

Shout out to my staff for a great 2020-2021 school year, all your hard work shows in our student's scores. -Larry Gawith

Shout out to Mrs. Cartmell, Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. Smith for taking care of our sick and injured students. From hang nails, paper cuts, scraped knees, bumped heads, fevers and upset tummies you treat them all with a gentle touch. -Larry Gawith

Shout out to the district and PTO for all of the appreciation shown last week and the support throughout the year. -Tammy Brown

Shout out to the entire Intermediate staff for all of their support in guiding through my first year of teaching. -Tammy Brown

Shout out to Mrs. Grover and Mrs. Garcia for an amazing concert! -Tammy Brown

Shout out to Mrs. Cartmell for always going above and beyond in everything she does for our students and staff. -Tammy Brown

Shout out to our support staff for everything you do to make Flinthills a wonderful place to be! -Tammy Brown

Shout out to the Senior Class for finishing strong. - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to the 8th grade Class for finishing strong. - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to Mrs. Grover and students for a wonderful spring music program. - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to Mrs. Mettling and Mr. Hunter for a great Awards Assembly. - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to Mrs. Hinnen and Mrs. McCreight for our work on the Communications Redesign Committee. - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to the Flinthills' Primary staff, you are such a great TEAM to work with. -Lisa Taylor

Shout Outs—5/14/21 (Continued)

Shout out to the Primary Staff for working so well together to get done what needs to be done, covering for those that are gone and just taking the bull by the horns! -Marla Edwards, Michelle Nelson

I would like to give a shout out to everyone at the Flinthills schools. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family. We will miss all of you greatly and thank you for the opportunity we had there at Flinthills. Thank y'all. -Candy Wright

Shout out to the wonderful administration, staff, students, and families of Flinthills! It has been a joy to work with all of you and I will truly miss you! -Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Flinthills Seniors! Job well done and best wishes on your future! -Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Mr. Hunter on a wonderful first year at Flinthills! Your leadership has been amazing! -Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Leesa for ALL she does! -Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Mr. Gawith for all of his help with passwords and testing this year! -Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Mr. Boldra, Mr. Hunter, and Ms. Girty for their understanding and kindness while I was sick with COVID. -Alan Vancil

Shout out to Mr. Hunter for a great job of leading us this past year. -Alan Vancil

Shout out to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sorum for helping me with my iClass students when I returned from being sick. -Alan Vancil

Shout out to the entire Flinthills staff! We survived and thrived teaching during a pandemic! -Michal Austin

Shout out to all who helped pull off League Softball and Baseball at our place with about an hour's amount of notice, and especially Mrs. Garcia for getting a concession stand put together in that amount of time! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Austin, and Mrs. Mettling for the planning and running of great Promotion and Graduation Ceremonies! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out and Congratulations to Kent Harms on being named the "Teacher of Influence"! Thank you for all of your years of service in the classroom and on the court/field! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Mrs. Grunder and Mr. Gawith for the wonderful Pre-K Graduation Ceremony! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to the Graduates of 2021! Good luck in all of your endeavors! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Russell and crew for all of the work on setting up for graduations/promotions as well as the clean-up, especially of the silly string! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Dennis for having all of the grounds looking good during a time when we have so many guests! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out once again to all of our students, staff, and Board for all of your hard work during the unforgettable year of 2020-21! -Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Reagan Heimgartner and Landon Lamb for coming back on Monday to help with the Intermediate Talent Show! -Mr. Boldra

Shout Outs—5/14/21 (Continued)

Shout out to the principals, the secretaries, the cooks, Russell, and select teachers for all your work to prepare for Summer Enrichment starting next week! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Stephanie Girty for all that she does for me and for our district throughout the school year! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Tresa for the excellent program, talent show, and music awards. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Conner Sigg for helping with the intermediate music program. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Julie for drama awards for the intermediate. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Tiffany for organizing our staff glow-in-the-dark talent dance. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Tammy, Kristin, Tiffany, and Steve for performing the glow-in-the-dark staff talent dance. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to all the intermediate talent show students who were so brave to perform. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Casey and Matison Totty for all their work on organizing the intermediate awards & envelopes. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Steve for all the support he has provided in my classroom this year. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Kristin for helping with assessments, covering STAR, and organizing an awesome field day. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Juli for keeping track of reading counts awards and library books. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Kent Harms for an amazing career- Happy Retirement! -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Janae for being an amazing counselor- best of luck on your new journey! -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Larry for taking students to Freddy's. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Allie and Dawn for supporting my classroom and always going above and beyond this year. -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to all those who helped and organized Farm Day- the students loved it! -Jenna Casteel

Shout out to the whole primary staff, we finally made it to the last day of school. You are all AMAZING people, teachers, paras and co-workers! Have a wonderful Summer. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to the Graduates of 2021. May you all follow your dreams and succeed in all you do. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to our school board members for a successful school year in unprecedented times. Because you made some resolute decisions for us, we were able to enjoy a year as close to normal as possible. Thank you! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Russell for getting the gym ready and tables out for field day! -Kristin Sangals

Shout out to the 7th graders that helped with field day. You did a great job and helped the intermediate students have a fun afternoon! -Kristin Sangals

Shout out to PTO for providing snow cones and Junilda, Melissa, Emily, and Kerri for serving them! The kids always look forward to that part of field day! -Kristin Sangals

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