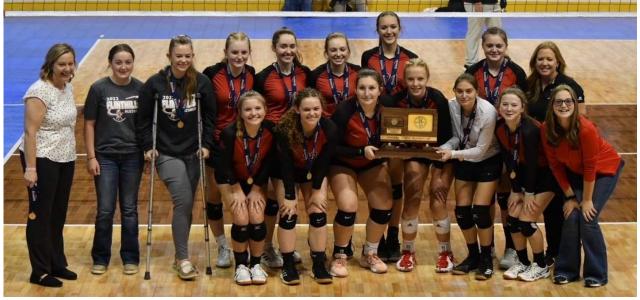




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# TWO TEAMS MAKE MUSTANG HISTORY

# HS VOLLEYBALL TEAM TAKES 2ND IN STATE



MS FOOTBALL TEAM GOES UNDEFEATED 8-0



Story on Page 20 Picture by Melissa Scribner

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#### From the Desk of Superintendent, Sandy Short

Happy November! I want to start by sharing a story that was shared with me a few years ago that came to mind today. I hope this speaks to you as much as it did for me.

An American tourist was on vacation in Jamaica, and while waiting to go on an excursion, asked a resort employee about how his day was going. The employee said, "Oh, this is a good day!" The American responded, "I'm glad it is a good day and not a bad day." The employee said, "You Americans don't understand. In Jamaica, we have good days, better days & best days. We do not have bad days! So when I am having a good day (today), I know chances are I will have a better day or a best day tomorrow, and when I have a better day, I appreciate

the day; but when I have a best day, I am grateful for every minute of it. You see in Jamaica, we are taught to live for the day (today) and we don't worry or fret about tomorrows. Here in Jamaica we are raised as young children to put our focus on today and not waste energy or time on things which cannot be controlled as you don't know if there will be a tomorrow. Each day we focus on life, loved ones, and that which happens in the

moment...today. We apply this to life and death."

The tourist asked why he said "And death"? The resort employee then explained that he lost his daughter at the age of 18. "She was attending college in Jamaica and was hit and killed by a drunk driver." The American told him, "I'm Sorry to hear of your loss." He quickly responded, "No! Don't be sorry! In Jamaica, we celebrate life and as such are thankful for the years we had together and find comfort in those days and memories. As such, we celebrate life and find comfort in those days and memories. So death for us is a celebration and there are no tears or sadness. So I celebrate and am grateful for the 18 years I had with my daughter. Each day I celebrate the memories made within those 18 years."

This is a powerful story and one that along with many other factors that have occurred in my life that help me to look at things differently each day and realize how grateful I am for many things. I am grateful for my family. I am grateful to be at Flinthills. I am grateful for the past 120 days that we have been together focusing on "Our purpose, their journey" providing great teaching and learning opportunities for our students. I'm grateful to our BOE members and principals, teachers, staff and all they do, and I am grateful for you, our students, parents and community members and all the work you do every day!

Have a blessed month!

Congratulations go out to our Lady Mustangs and their coaches for making USD 492 Flinthills Mustang History by being the class 1A Division 1 state volleyball team runner up! Congratulations to the team for their grit, resilience and perseverance throughout the season and especially these past two days! Great job student athletes, student managers, coaches and parents on this season of great success! It has been an amazing journey and memory we will not forget!

On behalf of the district, I also want to thank everyone, students, staff, parents, and community members for the send-off and to all of you who headed out to Dodge City to support the team in person as well as virtually for the past two days. Our Flinthills family came out in force to cheer on the team and it was amazing to watch! In football they call it the "twelfth man", for volleyball, I would call you the "seventh player." We want to thank you all for your time and effort to be here as you definitely had a positive impact on the team, and I believe made an impact on the opponents play as well. Thank you for being our "seventh player"!

Congratulations to all on a well-deserved success! I look forward to our next adventures!

# October MS Student of the Month Nilari Cabugo

<u>Parents</u> – Marybon & Vincent Cramer <u>Hobbies</u> – Drawing, being on my phone, hanging with my brother and being with friends <u>Activities</u> – Karate, basketball and track <u>Favorite Class</u> – Choir/Vocal





# **October HS Student of the Month**

Karynn Gleason

<u>Parents</u> - Wayne & Tessa Gleason <u>Hobbies</u> – Listening to music, drawing, playing video games and hanging with my parents <u>Activities</u> – Managing for football, basketball and softball <u>Favorite Class</u> – Graphic Design Fundamen-

tals

# September Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Casey Cartmell who was selected as Flinthills USD 492 September Employee of the Month.

She has served as the intermediate secretary for the past 9 years. Her nominator remains anonymous, but characterized her by saying, "Casey is a hard worker and always willing to help. She never complains when we throw things at her last minute. I appreciate all she does for our kids and staff."

Thank you, Casey, for all you do for our kids.



#### Letter from Mr. Hunter, the middle/high school principal....

In Jim Collins book entitled, "Good to Great", he begins with these words. "Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great. We don't have great schools, principally because we have good schools. We don't have great government, principally because we have good government. Few people attain great lives, in large part because it is just so easy to settle for a good life."

School has only been in session for a few months, and we have seen some good to great moments in our district and have many *great things to celebrate already*! It is so fun to see the community involvement that we've had in our great sports successes this fall. It is great to see the parents, community, staff and students come out and support and play a big part in cheering on our student athletes in their individual team endeavors. Whether it was parents organizing a team meal, students and staff riding a pep bus, pep rallies and more, we've seen everyone come together I believe making our district great. Sure, it is always good to see our teams win; however, I believe the great part is seeing everyone come together making our district GREAT!

We are Mustang proud!





6-12 Band & Choir Christmas Program November 29 at 7:00

Grades 3-5 Vocal and Band Concert December 6 at 7:00

Primary Concert—December 12 at 7:00



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#### From Ms. Hansen

Happy November! We had a busy month of testing in October! We will have our make up testing for ACT WorkKeys on November 2nd in the morning.

For those students who will be attending college in the spring semester at Butler Community College, Loni will be here on Monday, November 7th at 8:30 am to finish the enrollment process. If you have questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me or stop by my office.

On November 18th during lunch, Flint Hills Technical College will be here for a visit! Please stop by their table at lunch during this time to find out more about their programs they offer!

### Word of the Month



### GRATITUDE

"Gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives"

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2022)

## **College Visits**

If you are planning on going on a college visit during school, please make sure you fill out the proper paperwork. Forms are available in my office. The form needs to be signed by your teachers, Mr. Hunter, and myself prior to going!

## **Upcoming Dates**

- November 2: WorkKeys (Makeup testing)
- November 2: NHS Induction
- November 7: BCC final enrollment for Spring 2023
- November 11: Veterans Day Program
- November 18: Flint Hills Technical College during

## **Intermediate News**

#### Word of the Month: GRATITUDE

- How you can you be more intentional in practicing gratitude?
- How does practicing gratitude make you feel?
- Write down 3 things you are grateful for each day. At the end of the month, reflect back.

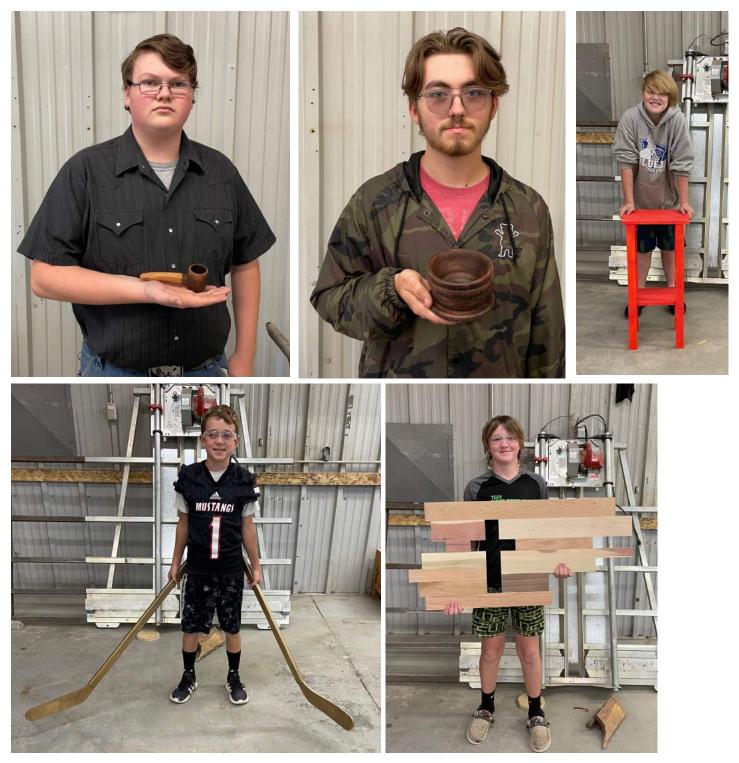
# **Classes—Where the Learning Begins**

# **Wood Shop Students Finishing Projects**

Joe Sterbenz and his tobacco pipe hand carved for display.

Klayton Griffith formed a walnut bowl on a wood lathe.

Josh Fulkerson made a side table.



Talon Scribner made hockey sticks.

Charles Farris made a wall hanging.

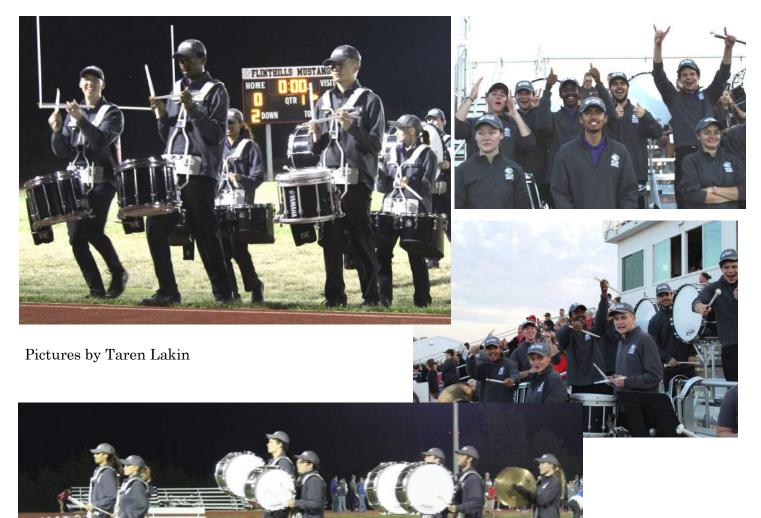
# BCC Drumline Performs at Flinthills Football Game

On September 30, the Butler Community College Drumline came to Flinthills. Mrs. Grover invited them to perform a half-time show, and they agreed. They came early and warmed up and marched to the field with our MS/HS Pep Band. They usually march four across and our band marches six, so they laughingly said they had to take some bigger steps when rounding corners.

They played with the band before the game started. At one point, they played a cadence that our drumline knows and has played at pep assemblies and games. After we played our version for them, they cheered for our drummers: Kyle Parker, Karynn Gleason, Kianna Mantanona, Hunter Davis, and Laura Scribner.

Most of them were from big schools, so only one had ever seen an 8-man football game before. That night also featured our Mini-Cheerleaders, so the drumline members had all kinds of new experiences. They acted like they had a lot of fun.

The game ended at half-time, but most of the crowd stayed for the drumline performance at halftime. They appreciated the crowd's response. -Mrs. Joan Grover



# **Classes—Where the Learning Begins**

# Mustang Seniors attend Butler County Government Day

The senior class along with Mr. Casteel attended Butler County Government Day on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The seniors toured the old historic courthouse and heard from the Butler County Health Department, Emergency Management Services, and Public Works Department. The seniors even had the opportunity to meet with the Butler County Commissioners, including former sheriff Kelly Herzet, now Commissioner from District 3, and Rosalia's District 4 Commissioner Mike Wheeler. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 the new District 4 Commissioner Darren Jackson will be seated.

After the old historic courthouse tour the students crossed the street to the Butler County Judicial Center where they met with County Attorney Darrin Devinney. After lunch the seniors toured the Butler County Detention Center, and we able to interact with Butler County EMS, the Sheriff's Office, Rescue Squad, and Fire Department. Each department brought vehicles and equipment for the students to see and tour. -Chase A. Casteel





# **Flinthills Attends League Honors Choir**

Our FHS choir had the opportunity to go to Cedarville/Dexter for our League Choir with 5 other choirs from our league. The choir students had learned the music ahead of time and spent the day working on these songs and worked hard on enhancing their vocal skills. These talented and dedicated students harmonized beautifully together for a stunning vocal concert of the new songs that afternoon in Dexter.

Ms. Grover was unable to go, so Sarah Wood went as chaperone. The students enjoyed singing in a large choir with four parts. They performed one of the pieces at the Pops Concert and will perform another at their concert on November 29. -Page by Ms. Sarah Wood









ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

# **TSA Attends State Conference**

TSA attended our Fall Conference in Andover Wednesday October 26. State Officers Adley Humig & Amanda Brown were our veteran members attending, along with new members Shane Steinhauer, Taylor Sutton & London Wallace. For the first time we had two middle school members, Newell Marsh and Deken Girty, join us.

Students participated in breakout boxes, robots and drones, along with several other activities. It was a busy, fast paced day! -Mrs. Michal Austin



# **RODEO IS BOTH WORK AND PLAY**

Rodeo is a very well-known sport. Did you know that there are lots of kinds of rodeo: Ranch Rodeo, Fun Showing, Timed Events, and Rough Stock.

Some of our students compete in rodeo. The Carney, Flores, Jones, and Scribner families all compete in Ranch Rodeo. That isn't what they just compete in; it is also a part of their everyday lives. They have events such as sorting, branding, stray gathering, and doctoring where they compete with four people on their team.

The Scribner, Decker, Bohnen, and other families compete in Fun Showing and Timed Events which consists of barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, keyhole, and team roping; they compete individually for the fastest time.

The Thomas family does Rough Stock where they haul and ride bulls to rodeos where they are competing for the best score in 8 solid seconds.

These families travel all over to compete in these events such as Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, and Arizona. -Tagen Carney and Karsyn Flores



# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

In October, the Cassoday Boosters 4-H club took part in 48 Hours of 4-H. 48 Hours of 4-H was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities — "To Make the Best Better" and to make an impact in their communities, in the state, and in the world. It held at the end of National 4-H Week on October 8-9 in every extension unit across Kansas.

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For their service project, the Cassoday Boosters cut firewood that they hope to donate to families or individuals in need. If you need firewood, or know of someone that does, please contact Tresa Garcia at garciatresa@gmail.com.





# Flinthills 4-H Club

The October meeting of the Flinthills 4-H Club began with a potluck dinner. Members filled bags of candy to hand out at the Rosalia trick or treat. They also made holiday cards to give to nursing home residents for 48 hours of 4-H.

Anyone interested in 4-H can contact our leaders, Travis Holcomb at 316-323-4213 or Ryan Parker at 620-408-8989.

Luke Parker, Reporter



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# CASSODAY BOOSTERS 4-H



At their monthly meeting on October 17, the Cassoday Boosters 4-H club packed 12 Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child collects and distributes gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Club members donated supplies to fill the boxes. Each box will also include a picture of the members who packed it. The club looks forward to tracking where their boxes end up!



October 19th was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Shout Out to the Bus Drivers! It's great to be working with a group of people who work so well together.

-John Waller



# **Flinthills Theatre Presents**

Cinderella

# Join us for . . . A Dream Come True

#### By Kristi Cunningham

#### Friday, November 11 at 7:00

#### Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 and 7:00

Tickets will be pre-sold for Friday and Saturday Night Performances. If you would like to purchase a ticket, call the High School office between 1:00-3:00 for your reservation needs beginning on Wednesday, October 26th. Payment must be received for your tickets on Friday, November 4th or the seats will be released. A school all-call will be made discussing the number of tickets still available at this point. Tickets are \$7.

Tickets for the Saturday, Matinee at 2:00, will be sold at the door. All Children 12 and under who dress up like princesses or princes will receive a ½ off ticket discount. The costume must be an article of clothing and crown.



### The Cinderella Crew Includes:

Stage Manager: Emily Scribner

Assistant Stage Manager: Lilly McNary

**Backstage Crew:** Maddy Willard, Cali Crossfield, Yeva Taylor, Lilly McNary, Philip Harris, Larissa Lakin, Joliene Dragoo, Keira Poston, and Cameryn Finley

Light Crew: Tylan Willard

Sound Crew: Conner Sigg

Make-up Crew: Kolby Holcomb and Lilly McNary

Costume Crew: Kaily Gilman and Sydney Sorum

**Publicity Crew:** Philip Harris, Sydney Sorum, Kaily Gilman, Hannah Bailey,

House Crew: Danica Leis, Maddy Alvord, Karly Girty, and Taren Lakin

Props: Amanda Brown













# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



Friday, November 11 at 7:00

Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 and 7:00

The *Cinderella* Cast Includes:

#### **High School Actors**

## Jacques - Sydney Sorum Monsieur Renaud - Levi Beard Doctor - Hunter Davis Stepmother - Kaily Gilman Stepsister Odette - Brylee Heimgartner Stepsister Adelaide - Madilynn Thomas Cinderella - Adley Humig Algernon - Paige Corter Remi - Taryn Brittain Collette - Hannah Bailey Anouk - Garrett Jackson King Henri - Cody Williams Queen Isabella - Callie Cordts Bernard - Kolton Stanfield Prince Philippe - Braiden Neeley Fairy Godmother - Taylor Brown Genevieve - Alex Scribner Gretchen - Riley Garcia **Intermediate Actors** Frank - Reece Jackson

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#### Middle School Actors

Herald - Koleson Swafford Antoinette - Nilari Cabugo Page - Talon Scribner Minister - Kavin Flores Francesca - Delani Scott Diana - Dallas Griffith Priscilla - Ellie Kreidler Claire - Taylor Wood

#### **Intermediate Actors**

Maria - Emmerine Marsh Young Ella - Ellie Wilson Violet - Halstyn Ludwick Elizabeth - Harper Hinde Annie - Pippa Hebert Ingrid -Hollis Hebert Emily - Rylee Poston Mary - Audrey Grunder Emma - Jocelyn Oates Grace - Rogina Gadberry Sarah - Makinsey Waller Elizabeth - Brentley Decker Sophia - Aubree Hayes Michael - Noah Riemann



# HEY FLINTHILLS 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS... THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE ROSALIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH ARE TEAMING UP TO START A YOUTH GROUP IN ROSALIA!

#### Every Wednesday starting November 2nd from 6:00-7:30 PM!

We will be learning about the Bible, what God expects from us, what he teaches us, how to find answers to problems youth face today, and so much more!

A meal will be provided to all 6th-12th grade students.

Flinthills students must arrive to the church at 6pm and parents/guardians must pick up students promptly at 7:30pm.

#### "You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read." December John Macarthur S Т F S W T W 4 5 3

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If vou would like to help with food. drinks. or supplies please contact Davis or Samantha





Fun Night 2023 will be held on April 6. The evening will include will include bowling, miniature golf, games, food and prizes. A google form was recently sent to all junior and senior parents regarding Fun Night. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please fill it out as soon as possible. We would really appreciate your feedback!

We are trying to get a head start on prizes and could use your help! Items that make great gifts include things that students will need as they graduate and move into apartments – dishes, pots and pans, coffee makers, blenders and other small kitchen appliances. They also appreciate gift cards for food, gas or shopping. Anything that you think a junior or senior student would like will be appreciated!

If you would like to donate prizes, links to our Amazon and Walmart wish lists are available on the Flinthills Booster Club Facebook page. The lists are just ideas! You are welcome to order from them and the items can be shipped directly to the school. However, you are also welcome to purchase gifts wherever and whenever you like (maybe Black Friday shopping?!). If you have questions, would like us to pick up a donation, or would like to help plan this event, please contact Tresa Garcia at t.garcia@usd492.org.



# BOOSTER CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Booster Club will be running the concession stand and the hospitality room for the Flinthills Wrestling meet on Saturday, December 3. Income from these events will help Booster Club support our students with scholarships, state event t-shirts, teacher requested assistance, and more.

We are planning a baked potato bar for both the concession stand and the hospitality room. Ways that you can help are by signing up for a shift in the concession stand or by donating toppings, desserts or breakfast items. Please respond on Sign Up Genius or contact Tresa Garcia (t.garcia@usd492.org) if you are able to help! The Sign Up Genius link will be sent out via email and is available on the Booster Club Facebook page. Please let us know by November 18<sup>th</sup> if you will be able to help us so that we can finalize plans.

The next Booster Club meeting will be November 22 at 6:30 in the high school.

#### Lady Mustangs 2022 State Runner-Ups (cont. from page 1)

The Lady Mustangs won their sub-state at Udall on October 22, 2022 to punch their ticket to the Class 1A Division 1 State Tournament

Kolby Holcomb go down with a knee

in Dodge City. The next week was filled with a whirlwind of activity to prepare for the trip and squeezing in every opportunity at practice to improve in preparation to face some of our toughest competition all season.

The school gave us quite the send-off on Thursday afternoon with an exciting pep rally and a tunnel of supporters wishing us good luck as we loaded up and headed west. We enjoyed the time together as a team, but what we were all waiting for was the chance to take the court at the state tournament on Friday.

We were excited to see Olpe, a familiar team, for the first match in pool play. The stands were packed with Mustang supporters and an excited student section who made the long trip on the pep bus. The Mustangs defeated the Eagles 25-14, 25-14 in electrifying fashion.

Next up would be the defending state champions, Spearville. They were a strong team with some power hitters. The Mustangs fell in the first set 21-25, but battled back in the second and third to win 25-19, 25-23. This win locked in the opportunity to play on Saturday in the semi-finals.

The final match of the night on Friday was versus Little River. The Mustangs came out strong and won the first set 25-23, even after seeing

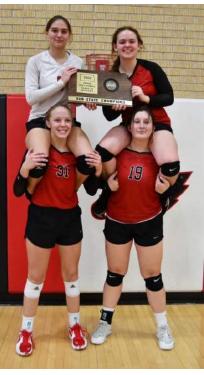
injury. In the next two sets, the Redskins dominated the Mustangs who were physically and emotionally exhausted from the ups and downs of the day. The Mustangs left the floor hoping to see Little River again on Saturday.

In the semi-final match on Saturday, the Mustangs faced another Mustang team from Doniphan West. We came out a little shaky and lost that first set 17-25, but then gave the crowd plenty of excitement by coming from behind to win the next two sets 25-22, 25 -22. This win put the Lady Mustangs in the championship game, making school history.

The championship would bring us against the Little River Redskins once again. The Mustangs fell in the first set 11-25, but battled back even despite another injury to win the second set 25-18. Unfortunately, in the third set the tough Redskins team stepped up and finished the match with lots of momentum, defeating the Mustangs 25-9.

This concluded an amazing, record setting season for your Lady Mustangs! They finished as State Runner-Ups with a record of 40-4. I look forward to sharing some of the other records these girls set in the next issue. Thanks to everyone who supported us this season! -Coach Crystal Ratcliff













Pictures by Melissa Scribner







# Flinthills High School Football Secures 2<sup>nd</sup> Playoff Berth in as Many Years

The 2021 season was a special one for the Flinthills Mustangs. Making the 2021 playoffs was the first time in 15 years that the high school football team had seen post season action. The Mustangs have now secured their 2<sup>nd</sup> Playoff berth in as many years with their second district win over Yates Center on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Mustangs have already beaten Cedarvale Dexter in a district matchup. The season has not been an easy one for the Mustangs as the injury bug hit them early and often. In fact the Mustangs did not get back to full strength unitl October 14<sup>th</sup> for the game against Yates Center. The Mustangs have battled all year and seen the entire offensive lineup change multiple times. Despite these obstacles the Mustangs put together two district wins and will travel to Burlingame to take on the Bearcats on Thursday 10/27 at 6pm. -Chase A. Casteel



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#### MS Football Team Makes History (continued from page 1)

What a great Start to the Middle School boys' athletics this year. With six 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and twelve 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys, we fielded the largest team number of players-wise in years. All season long, from the first day of practice till the final game, we only had one practice where we did not have enough kids to line up 8 vs. 8. We had one injured and two with doctor appointments and had to practice with only 15 on the final Tuesday of the year.

Grades were maintained, behavior was good in school, and when they showed up for practice, they were ready to listen, learn and get better every day. Big credit to the parents of these young men for the support we had at all games this season, home or away.

As a philosophy of mine, we do play to win, but I also want to get as many kids on the field as I can so we have them ready to step into major starting roles next season and we can maintain success. We had players that did not have big roles on the team last year but saw the field and improved. We had better attendance in the weight room this summer than any other group of athletes in our school. We had individuals working to get better all the time. "If you are waiting around to get better, others are WORKING to get better."

The season was loaded with excitement. We did not blow people out of the water weekly; in fact, we only had one victory over 24 points above our opponents. The last 3 weeks of the season we went to South Haven to play South Sumner, South Haven and Caldwell combined. It was a matchup between two 4-0 teams. After trailing at half-time and behind by 10 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the Mustang offense and defense started to click for a 30-24 win. Next, we had the 3-2 Raiders from Burden. We did not play really clean that night but were good enough to win 36-24.

This set up a game with the BIG team from Oxford. They were 5-1 with the only loss coming from South Sumner when they were missing half their starters. Oxford put on a HUGE fight on that final game of the season to see if Flinthills would win the league title by themselves or have to share with a 3-way tie.

The Mustangs kicked off and forced a punt in the first quarter. After the Mustangs ran 3 plays, we were forced to punt for the first time this season. Oxford ate up the rest of the first quarter with a drive and our offense barely saw the field. Flinthills would score on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Charles Farris to Garrett Jackson. At the end of the first half, we made a few mistakes and let them score leaving the game at 8-8 at half.

The second half started with a kickoff return by Farris down to the 2-yard line. We pounded the ball in to the end zone with Tripp Carney for the touchdown taking a 14 - 8 lead 13 seconds into the second half. Oxford drove the ball back down the field and scored with 1:46 on the clock to tie at 14 all. After 2 incomplete passes, Carney caught back to back throws of 25 and 20 yards for a touchdown, taking only 31 seconds to score and convert the 2-point conversion for a 22-14 lead.

After a personal foul by Oxford on the conversion, Peyton Wight kicked off, and a hard roller down the middle was fielded by the Mustangs on the Oxford 16-yard line. A run by Carney following some good blocks took the ball to the 3-yard line on the first play. Back to back runs by Wight up the middle resulted in the Mustangs 4<sup>th</sup> touch-down of the night followed by a Ferris run for 2 more points. The Mustangs had a 30-14 lead with 12 seconds still on the clock in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

We thought we had a little breathing room, but Oxford drove the ball right down the field and scored only 28 seconds into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and converted to pull back to within 8. On the on-side kick we tried to pick up the ball, but it slipped through our fingers and Oxford recovered getting the ball right back. The Wildcats drove the ball down and scored with 5:44 on the clock to tie at 30.

With plenty of time and not being stopped often this year, the Flinthills offense was ready to drive. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9, Ferris made one of his only mistakes of the night and threw an interception around mid-field. I really think he did play his best game of the year in our last game of the year showing great improvement week to week. With 3:49 left in the game, Oxford had the ball back in Mustang territory. The Mustangs allowed one first down and got the ball back when Oxford turned it over on downs at the 16-yard line with 27 seconds remaining in the game.

Why not, time for overtime? No, on the first play Ferris hit Jackson about 30 yards down field and Jackson out ran the Wildcats to the endzone for the go-ahead touchdown in just 11 seconds and 64 yards to take the lead 36-30. Oxford needed 65 yards to score, ran the ball for 15 and then completed an amazing catch at the 24-yard line with 1 second on the clock. On the last play of the game, pressure by Cole Beard caused an interception by Carney to win.

This win marked a 7-0 season, an outright championship: both are firsts for a Flinthills Football Team. This is a great bunch of kids, Peyton Wight probably played as off as I have seen him; usually, he is our big play maker and tackler along with Carney, but tonight it just wasn't there. The nice thing is, you can take one of our top players and shut them down like Oxford did and others step up. I don't hear "what about me?" These kids all have a bright future in athletics here at Flinthills. — Coach Erik Sorum



# MS Volleyball has Winning Season

Record: 13-8 Most Improved: Riley Humbargar Leader: Jordyn Finley

This season was a lot about learning. The girls had to learn new rotations and spots along with how I coach and what I expect. Every girl throughout the season grew and improved on their skills.

During the league tournament, I was very impressed with how the A-team competed and was able to apply everything that they were taught throughout the season. We peaked at the right time but fell short of moving on to Monday night.

To the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, it was a pleasure coaching you for your last year in middle school. I wish I could have you for 2 more years, but I know you will do great things in high school volleyball and I can't wait to watch you grow on and off the court. Thank you for a great year. -Coach Emily Dennison



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# MS Cheerleaders Show Mr. Hunter How to Cheer





Pictures by Jenna Anderson

# 2022 FMS Outsiders



# **Cheerleaders Support More Than Sports Teams**

The Flinthills High School Cheerleaders had a great Fall cheer season. Our team participants were: Seniors- Kaily Gilman (Captain), Larrisa Lakin, Philip Harris, Megan Rose, Juniors- Rebecca Holstine (Captain), Yana Taylor, Riley Garcia, Sophomores- Cali Crossfield, Addison Cartmell, Freshman- Keira Poston, Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor, Alex Scribner, Taylor Brown and London Wallace.

We started off our year this summer practicing twice a week in the month of June. We had a threeday camp in August before school started to work on stunting and adding new cheers. We held our annual Mini Mustang Cheer Clinic this year with 41 Kindergarten –  $5^{th}$  grade participants. The kids came to our clinic on Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> for a two-hour practice. There were four stations the mini cheerleaders rotated through learning jumps, kicks, cheers and a dance. The kids then cheered with the cheerleaders during the first quarter of the home football game that Friday night. They performed the "Go Big Red" dance after the first quarter of the game. It is a fun time for both the high school cheer team and the kids. Thank you to everyone who came to the clinic and the game.

On Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> the cheerleaders were asked to help at Cassoday Days. The team helped lead kid games, served food and helped the organizers with anything needed. We want to send a special thank you to the Cassoday organizers for supporting our cheer team.

On Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> we performed our dance at halftime of the football game. This year we had a few team members out for sickness and challenges getting everyone together so we really had to practice a lot the week before our performance. The team worked hard implementing new stunts up until the day before we performed, so we were thrilled when it went well.

We have had a great year so far and are looking forward to our Basketball Cheer Season. Go Mustangs! -Coach Hunter









# Flipthills Primary and Intermediate

Letter from Mrs. Cooper, principal....



Have a blessed Thanksgiving this month. Consider having a gratitude jar at home for everyone to write down each day what they are thankful for and then read them daily or at the end of each week. A great activity to remember the blessings in our lives.

#### **Primary School**

The Pumpkin Patch Field Trip was a success to Walters Pumpkin Patch for grades Pre-K through 2nd grades. Students had a lot of fun.

#### **Flinthills Intermediate School**

We had the Kansas State School for the Blind bring a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Unit for 3-12th grades. Students had fun learning about Braille and using different senses along with the STEM activities. We appreciate the school coming to present.



# October Intermediate Student of the Month

**Colton Anderson** 

4th grade

<u>Parents</u>: Curtis & Jenna Anderson <u>Hobbies & Activities</u>: Exploring Nature <u>Favorite Class</u>: Science



The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to all who came out and supported our school by purchasing items at the fair. We earned enough money to buy all the books that teachers requested for their classroom libraries and also books for the libraries at Cassoday and Rosalia.



# **3rd Grade has Puppet Power!**

This year, the 3rd Grade has some new Characters in their Drama class ...Lincoln the Lion, Queen Isabella, Princess Penelope, Chef Roberto and Merissa the Mermaid to name just a few! Students have learned to use voices and movements appropriate to the puppets they are working with. Their puppets can even sing songs! Next, students will explore storylines where the puppets will interact with one another.







# Getting in that Halloween Spirit...























# PUMPKIN PATCH FUN

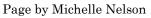
On Thursday, October 27 the primary school had a field trip to Walter's Pumpkin Patch. The students enjoyed a story of Spookley the Square Pumpkin, a tractor ride to the pumpkin patch, a picnic lunch, and a day outside playing on all that Walter's has to offer. A great big thank you goes out to our PTO group for paying for our tickets.

















Hello There Pumpkin!









# **October Late Start STEM Challenge**

Every month on our late start day, the intermediate students work together to complete a STEM challenge. This month's challenge was to build a platform that could hold a small pumpkin off the ground. The students worked in groups of three and the only materials they had available were twenty plastic drinking straws and masking tape. They began by putting their heads together to plan how they could best use their straws to construct something that could hold the weight of the pumpkin. Many groups built, tested, and then revised their structures. At the end, each group was able to test their final platform in front of the other students. Several groups were successful in holding the pumpkin up off the ground without collapsing, while several other groups had good ideas but needed some minor changes to make them work. It was great to see the students problem-solving and working together to complete the challenge. -Kristin Sangals





















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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Meals are subject to change.	1 BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Breakfast Cook- ie, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH:	2 BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH:	3 BREAKFAST: Grape Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk	4 BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH:	
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<b>7</b> <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk	8 <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Chocolate Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>9</b> <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Combo Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	10 BREAKFAST: Cereal, PopTart, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>11</b> BREAKFAST: Red Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
LUNCH: Breaded Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Cali. Blend Vegetables Applesauce Biscuit Milk	LUNCH: Lasagna Peas Sliced Pears Garlic Breadstick Milk	LUNCH: Hot Dog on Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Tropical Fruit Cheddar Goldfish Milk	LUNCH: Chicken Crispitos Corn Green Beans Sidekicks Mandarin Oranges Fruit Roll-up Milk	LUNCH: Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches W.G. Roll White Cake Milk	
14	15	16	17	18	
<u>BREAKFAST:</u> Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk	BREAKFAST: Biscuit & Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk	BREAKFAST: Bagel with Strawberry Cream Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk	BREAKFAST: Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk	BREAKFAST: White Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	
LUNCH: Chicken Quesadilla Broccoli & Cheese Fresh Carrots with Ranch Sidekicks Applesauce Tiger Bites Milk	LUNCH: Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peas Lettuce & Tomato Pineapple Tidbits Milk	LUNCH: Cheese French Bread Pizza Celery & Peanut Butter Corn Tropical Fruit Milk	LUNCH: Turkey Slice Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Vegetable Juice Sliced Pears Pumpkin Pie W.G. Rolls Milk	LUNCH: Pork Egg Rolls Cauliflower Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Apples Milk	
<b>21</b> <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Cereal, Mini Loaf, Fruit, Juice, Milk	22 BREAKFAST: Sausage and Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk	23	24	25	
LUNCH: Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Fresh Carrots Pretzel & Cheese Sliced Peaches Milk	LUNCH: Sliced Turkey & Cheese on Bun French Fries Mixed Vegetables Lettuce & Tomato Sliced Pineapple Cookie Bar Milk	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!	NO SCHOOL	
28 <u>BREAKFAST:</u> French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>29</b> <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>30</b> <u>BREAKFAST:</u> Red Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk		***	
LUNCH: Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy California Blend Veggies Sliced Pears W.G. Rolls Milk	LUNCH: Sausage Links Tater Tots Cream Gravy Vegetable Juice Mandarin Oranges Biscuit Milk	LUNCH: Beef Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Peas Green Beans Tropical Fruit Muffin Milk	Parents eating lunch with their kids need to notify school 2 days in advance.		

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2 A SCBL Meeting NHS Induction 1:30	3 <b>B</b> HS Scholars Bowl @ Caldwell 4:30	4 <b>C</b> Regional Football	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 <b>A</b> BUFFER WEEK HS Scholars Bowl @ South Haven 4:30	8 <b>B</b> BUFFER WEEK HS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45	9 <b>C</b> BUFFER WEEK Staff Dev 7:40-9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 FFA @ Lyons	10 <b>A</b> BUFFER WEEK HS Scholars Bowl @ West Elk 4:30	11 <b>B</b> BUFFER WEEK Cinderella 7:00 Veterans Day Assembly 10:00	12 BUFFER WEEK Cinderella 7:00 MS/HS Band— Parade El Dorado Cinderella Matinee Performance 2:00
13 BUFFER WEEK	14 <b>C</b> BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 1st Day of Practice MS BB vs Wichita Classical 5:00	15 <b>A</b> HS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan 4:30 FFA @ Wellington	16 <b>B</b> STUCO—Blood Drive	17 <b>C</b> MS BB vs Udall 5:00 School Picture Retake Day	18 <b>A</b> Sub-State Football	19 HS Band—Emporia Honor Band
20	21 <b>B</b> MS BB @ Dexter 5:00	22 <b>C</b> FFA Meeting 6:30	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 State Football
27	28 <b>A</b> HS Scholars Bowl @ Argonia 4:30	29 <b>B</b> MS/HS Band & Vo- cal Concert 7:00	30 C			



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