



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

November 2023

MS FOOTBALL 14-0—TWO YEARS UNDEFEATED!

What a great start to the JH Boys Athletics this year. With ten 7th grade boys and thirteen 8th grade boys, we fielded the largest team, number of players wise, since 1998. Grades and behavior in and out of school was a point of emphasis all season. We, as a coaching staff, believe that if you cannot do what is expected of you in school, how can you do what is expected on the field? These kids did just that for the most part. We did have a few issues that, hopefully, the entire team learned what to do and what not to do and that there are consequences for grades and behavior.

The season was loaded with excitement. Our first 4 games were against the bottom 4 teams in the standings, and we got all players on the field quite a bit. Several times you would see us rotating 8 kids on and off the field or having a completely different 8 on special teams to give kids a solid breather. The first 4 games saw us win by at least a 3 touchdown margin and allow us to get other kids that game time experience for next year whether it be with us as 8th graders or with the high school team as freshmen.

Week 5 we got a rematch with South Sumner (3-1) after an exciting game last year. From the beginning of the game to the end, the Mustangs played solid assignment football. We finished with

a 26-8 victory over the Outlaws. This took us to 5-0 on the season and a matchup with Central of Burden, also 5-0.

We started out well against the Raiders and took a lead into halftime at Burden. The 2nd half, led by their quarterback's rushing abilities, managed to make the most exciting Junior High football game they have seen. With about 2 minutes to go in the game, Central scored a TD to bring

the score to 26-27, Flinthills with a 1 point lead. The Mustang defense stepped up and kept the 2 point conversion attempt out of the end zone. Flinthills needed a first down to run Central out of timeouts, but on a toss play to Garrett Jackson, he broke a tackle and went the distance

to score making it 33-26. We went for 2 but failed, and this left time for Central to come back. Central put a quick drive together and with 33.3 seconds left scored and converted the 2 point attempt to take a 34-33 lead. I remember looking at the clock and instead of talking about what we did wrong on that drive and conversion, I simply looked at them and said "Make sure we recover the kick and we have time". Coach Kemp had worked some Pistol Offense in and we moved Jackson to quarterback and ran sweeps with Cory Wells and Kaleb Grunder leading the way.



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Letter from Mr. Spencer, the Superintendent....

Other than raising children, being involved in Honor Flight is the most meaningful thing I have ever done. For those who don't know, Honor Flight is a national program that was started by Early Morse, a Physician's Assistant in Springfield, OH back in 2005. This was shortly after the WW II Memorial had been completed; Earl and his father took four WW II veterans to Washington D.C. to see the new memorial in their small Cessna airplanes. That maiden trip laid the foundation for the nation-wide organization that exists today.

I became aware of Honor Flight in 2007 and, subsequently, developed the first Honor Flight - Student Edition in the country. Lyndon High School Student Guardians took 35 WW II Veterans to Washington D.C. on November 7, 2007. It was a whirlwind one day trip that left us all exhausted but joyful. Lyndon has been taking Honor Flights regularly since then, and several other schools in the state have begun doing them as well. I am excited to share with you that Flinthills is joining that list.

We have identified Student Guardians and are planning our first trip, which is scheduled for April 21 and 22 next spring. We have been invited to join other schools on a joint trip. We will be traveling with Central Heights, Lyndon, Prairie View, Osawatomie, and Northern Heights High Schools. Teaming up with other schools allows the veterans to enjoy the camaraderie of a large group while relieving the fund raising and organizational burdens of one school.

An Honor Flight usually consists of 56 people because that is how many people can ride in a charter bus. The cost of an Honor Flight from Kansas for 56 people is approximately \$45,000! That is a significant amount of money for one school to raise, and the planning and logistics involved is a large undertaking. Teaming up has allowed several schools to get involved that would not have been able to get started on their own. Flinthills is an example of that. We have been granted thirteen seats in the group. (This will be a large group of 112 people. We are going to fill two buses in Washington D.C.)

Six Student Guardians have been selected, and they will each accompany one local veteran; one sponsor will go as well. By the time you read this, we will likely have identified the veterans, but our hope is the program will grow, and in the future we will have more seats available which will allow us to honor more of our veterans. Although we have identified some veterans associated with our guardians and the school for this initial trip, we have posted a Veteran's Application on the school web page. If you, or someone you are associated with, are interested in receiving an Honor Flight, please complete that application and submit it to me. We will create a waiting list and work through the list as quickly as possible. We often have veterans unable to make the trip at the last minute, and if we have a waiting list, we can usually fill that vacant spot.

The veterans are presented with their Honor Flight at no expense to them. They paid their price long ago with their service to our country. No district funds will be used to pay for this trip, which means the student guardians and those associated with the group will have to raise the funds necessary for the trip. The cost of this trip is anticipated to be approximately \$750 per person. That means we need to raise around \$10,000. That is a significant amount of funds to raise by April!

Raising funds is important to the program obviously, but it is not the goal of the program. The goal is to have our youth represent their generation by selflessly serving aging heroes on a tribute opportunity of a lifetime. That means we will accept funds by any means necessary. We will not simply try to raise the funds with traditional fundraising techniques; we are also open to ideas like seeking sponsorships and grants. Donations from patriotic Americans have been the secret of the success of the Honor Flight program. If you would be willing to donate to the cause, please contact me. If your group or organization is interested in sponsoring a Veteran, please contact me. If you would like to get involved and help us be successful, please contact me.

You will be hearing more about Honor Flight and our fundraising efforts over the next few months. We are just getting started with a program that has potential to be life altering for veterans and guardians. We hope the Flinthills Faithful will get behind our efforts.



Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

If your child is experimenting with drugs or alcohol, they may be able to hide some of the signs from you, but their eyes can often reveal what they are doing.

Please, parents, be watchful.

How to Tell if Someone is on Drugs by Their Eyes

Constricted Pupils	Red Eyes	Dilated Pupils
		
Heroin Morphine Oxycodone Fentanyl Methadone Codeine Hydrocodone	Marijuana Cocaine or Crack Benzodiazepines (i.e. Xanax) Depressants (i.e. Alcohol or Sedatives)	Amphetamines Methamphetamines Cocaine or Crack Hallucinogens (i.e. LSD or mushrooms) Opiates (prescription painkillers) Heroin Marijuana Speed

Our school district has several life saving devices or medications, which, although we hope we never have to use them, it is comforting to know they are available. We have the AED (life saving defibrillator), Epinephrine for a severe allergic reaction, Narcan for an overdose of an opioid, and we have now obtained a device called the Dechoker. It helps a victim when they are choking, after the Heimlich and back blows have been tried and the object is not removed. All staff have been trained on how to use this device and when to use it.

Stay Well and Live Healthy,

Nurse Rhonda

Letter from Mr. Hunter, the Middle/High school Principal....

Mustang Families,

Thank you to all the parents and guardians for coming to this year's Parent -Teacher Conferences. I believe the partnership with home and school is vital to student success, and we appreciate the cooperative effort from each of our Flinthills' families. Thank you to our faculty and staff for the extra hours you put into each of these conferences and the care you have for our students. We appreciate you!

We have a couple of events coming up that I want to make sure everyone is aware of. Friday, November 10th we will be celebrating our local Veterans at our annual **Veterans Day Assembly** at 10:00am. Please call the school office to reserve your spot to attend.

Our Fine Arts department is thrilled to announce the upcoming production of, "**Beowulf and the Bard**" Friday, November 10th & Saturday, November 11th at 7:00pm. These performances are always entertaining and a great way to bring our community together.

KINDNESS WEEK

October 30 - November 3

LET'S COME TOGETHER FOR KINDNESS AND ENJOY OUR WEEK OF SPIRIT IN KINDNESS!



MONDAY

ROUND-UP YOUR KINDNESS - WEAR YOUR WESTERN GEAR!



TUESDAY

"POWER IN NICENESS AND KINDNESS." BE INTENTIONAL AND KIND TO OTHERS AND ROCK SOME PINK!



WEDNESDAY

THINK WITH YOUR HEAD, BEFORE SPEAKING AND BE KIND! WEAR A HAT!



THURSDAY

YOU ARE ENOUGH AND SO ARE OTHERS! WEAR YOUR INSPIRATIONAL SHIRTS OR OUTFITS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL AMAZING!



FRIDAY

SHARE THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS - WEAR MUSTANG GEAR OR SCHOOL COLORS!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



November 2023

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From Ms. Hansen

Testing has begun at school this week with PreACT and ASVAB for the sophomores! Freshman and juniors will be testing in the next few weeks! November 1st is our last testing date until juniors take the ACT in February 2024. We walk to the community building to take the assessments, so please come prepared for the weather the day you are testing!

Juniors had the opportunity to go to the career fair at Circle High School and enjoyed their conversations with local businesses. Seniors went to the college fair at Butler Community College and talked with advisors at the schools they might be looking at post-secondary!

Seniors, if you are interested in going on a college visit, please make sure you fill out the college visit sheet and turn it into the office!

*Grateful
and
Thankful*

Word of the Month GRATITUDE

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

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2023)

FAFSA Update

With the new FAFSA updates, the opening date has been pushed back with an expected opening date in December 2023. Please check email or Google Classroom to be notified regarding about the official opening date for 2024-2025 FAFSA. While you wait, please make sure to create your FSA ID to be able to use the FAFSA website when it opens!

Important Dates

- November 1 - WorkKeys (11th grade)
- November 8 - Apply Kansas Event (Seniors only)
- November 9 - K-State on campus during HS lunch
- November 10 - Veterans Day Program
- November 14 - WSU on campus during HS lunch
- November 14 - Butler CC on campus to finalize enrollment
- November 28 - ESU on campus during HS lunch

Intermediate News

Word of the Month: GRATITUDE

- **How can you be more intentional about practicing gratitude?**
- **How does practicing or showing gratitude towards others make you feel?**
- **Name 3 things that you are grateful for today.**



Marla Edwards

Cassoday Bus
Monitor



Background

Marla, or Mrs. E as some call her, grew up in Ransom, KS where she graduated in 1973. She lived in Germany for 3 years from 1976 to 1979. Marla has 4 children of her own, however many of the children she works with/around are like her children as well.

Driving Career

Marla began driving a bus in 1986 so she could be home with her children. Although, she is not a full time route driver, she still holds her CDL and will fill-in from time to time to help out.

Favorite Things

A few of her favorite things to do would be fishing, camping, and quilting. She greatly enjoys their family vacations to camp and fish! Last summer her and her husband Bill were able to take their grandson along making their hearts full.

October Intermediate Student of the Month



Addison West

4th Grade

Parents - Derek and Amy West

Hobbies & Activities - Playing school, drawing and playing the piano

Favorite Class - Art, Drama and Music

We'd Like to Recognize...

October High School Student of the Month



Ember Kinning

Parents – Shayla Steele & Jeremy Kinning

Hobbies – Bassist, Writing and Make-up

Activities – Forensics

Favorite Class - Choir

October Middle School Student of the Month

Lane Jenkins

Parents - Ryan Jenkins and Danielle Jenkins

Hobbies - Hunting, Sports

Activities - Basketball, Football

Favorite Class - PE



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

PROJECTS FROM SHOP CLASSES

Braxton Naill—
Video game
controller
holder



Braxton Naill—
Viking Chair

Harlee Randall—
Boot Rack



Cohen O'Neal—
Walnut Piizza
Tray





Parker Sutton—Tool Box with Burned Finish



Aidan Herrman—Rustic hat rack with burned finish



Ty Finley—Double walnut headphone rack



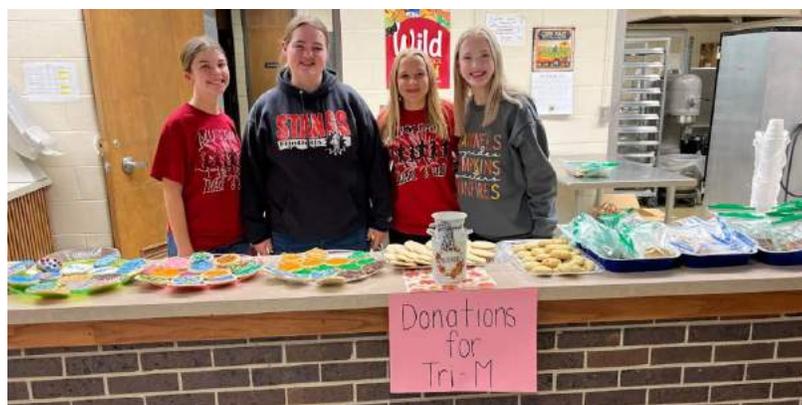
Kodee Pinkerton—Bike Rack



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

Choir Presents Third Annual Pops Concert

Members of the high school choir had a good time on October 16 at their third annual Pops Concert. The students choose the music they like which ranged from “Run Around Sue” to “Have You Ever Seen the Rain?” to “Apologize.” Part of the fun of the night is seeing what music the singers like to listen to on their own. Tri-M, the Music Honorary Society, served refreshments.





VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

November 10, 2023

10 am

Flinthills High School Auditorium



- Chicken and noodles will be served for lunch
- Lunch and t-shirt is provided for veterans
- Additional lunch - \$4.45 each
- Additional t-shirts - \$10 each
- Please call the office to let them know how many will be attending by November 7th, 2023



Want to help your child get out of class?



Stuco is sponsoring a Canned Food Drive Nov. 16. Each teacher with 50 canned items will have class canceled for the whole day! The items will be counted in the big gym during lunch.

Canned Items Include:

- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen
- Canned Meat and Vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Instant Potatoes



Other Items Needed:

- Shampoo / Conditioner / Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes



FHS Free Store

In 2014, Stephanie Girty started wondering why she was donating clothing to places where our students and families would then have to pay for these articles when she could just offer them to other students. And the Flinthills Free Store was born.



Every year it has grown and this year, Cheryl Alvarez stepped up to help Stephanie. The clothing is displayed in the board office for the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall and in the spring. During that week, students and teachers can go in during the day and browse. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the Free Store is open to the public while Parent-Teacher conferences are taking place.

Stephanie said, "Every year, somebody goes through and picks out something they really love. A lot of the kids shop for parents or siblings. It's really just a blessing for everyone involved."

If anyone would like to donate, you can bring freshly laundered clothing, shoes without any holes, purses, bags, etc. Anything that is left over is donated to a business that will support the families of Butler County. This year, the clothing will be going to Butler County Special Families.

Join Us on November 17
For an Evening of Music
7:00 in the FHS Auditorium



Prelude starting at 6:45—Bluegrass Music by
Luke and Cody Williams

A Little Jazz with the High School Jazz Band

Mrs. Angela Spencer will be
playing the HARP with the
High School Band



Choirs singing
Bands playing

Our traditional Christmas Sing-a-
long to kick off the
Holiday Season



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

FHS THEATRE PRESENTS

BEOWULF (and the Bard)

By Vidas Barzdukas and Christopher R. Bartlett

What if Beowulf (the mighty warrior you have all heard about) influenced one of the greatest writers of all time? In the FHS Production, Beowulf (and the Bard), he does just that! What will really happen in this play which carries the namesake of the epic story so many have read? Well, writers sometimes make decisions to throw in some comedy, plot twists, interesting characters and the average guy truly DOES become a Hero, after all.

Cast includes: Tylan Willard, Sydney Sorum, Callie Cordts, Jacob Hudson, Braiden Neeley, Taryn Brittain, Cole Beard, Nilari Cabugo, Brylee Heimgartner, Dallas Griffith, Cali Crossfield and Taylor Brown.

Crew includes: Emily Scribner, Yeva Taylor, Keira Poston, Talon Scribner, Emersyn Myers, Krystal Sterbenz, Ember Kinning, Cameryn Dutton, Karynn Gleason, Conner Sigg, Skylar Dutton, Alex Scribner, Luke Jenkins, and Phoebe Wyman.

Production nights are Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th. Tickets are \$7 (our theatre program functions from show proceeds and sponsor contributions) and the shows begin at 7:00. The FHS lobby doors will open at 6:15. Theatre doors will open at 6:30, and seating is first come first serve.

Don't miss this delightful staging of two famous characters forging a path to their destiny! Oh, and what if an Ogre or two just happen to appear? Add a little Adventure and Romance, Go by the Code of Courage, Honor, Loyalty...then, Voila...you have Beowulf (and the Bard)!

NOVEMBER 10TH AND 11TH @ 7:00

ADMISSION \$7

FLINTHILLS THEATRE PRESENTS

BEOWULF



(AND THE BARD)

By: Vidas Barzdukas & Christopher R. Bartlett

November 10th & 11th @ 7:00pm

Admission \$7

ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

FFA

A few of the Flinthills FFA members had a busy summer participating in the Butler County Fair. Riley Garcia showed her dairy goats and got Reserve Champion Lamancha Goat. She also received Grand Champion in Senior Foods. Kolby Holcomb and Cody Williams showed their hogs this year. Kolby breezed through Showmanship, won Grand Champion Showman and qualified for Round Robin. Cody Williams got 3rd in Showmanship and 2nd in his Market Class. They both did amazing in their first year of showing hogs! Kyle Parker received Grand Champion in Leather Craft and showed his heifer and steer. Kyle also participated with Cody Williams in the Livestock Judging contest that Butler Community College puts on at the fair. Cody brought home 2nd place and a new judging notebook. Everyone who participated in the fair this year worked super hard and did an amazing job!



Page by Danica Leis

The Flinthills FFA officer team had their officer retreat this year in Chanute, Kansas. The team stayed in an air BnB and planned the FFA chapter's upcoming year. They planned things such as future meetings, what fundraisers to do next, this year's t-shirt, and National Convention. On the retreat, they also went to the Girard Rodeo, swimming at a private lake, golfing, made s'mores over a campfire, and had steaks cooked for us by Mrs. Clark's parents. The officers had a lot of fun and can't wait to go on the retreat again next year!



We had our October FFA meeting and discussed the next events FFA had coming up, ate tacos for dinner, and had a pumpkin carving contest with Mr. Spencer as the judge.

Karsyn Flores and Danica Leis were nominated for the best pumpkin!



5 Students went to State Land Judging in Langdon. The team placed 9th, and it consisted of Cody Williams, Karsyn Flores, Luke Jenkins, and Kyle Parker.

Kyle Parker individually placed 11th and Luke Jenkins 26th.



6 student went to Kiowa for the livestock judging contest and they did not disappoint! The Senior team gave 2 sets of reasons and the Junior team gave a set of reasons and had a set of questions.

Senior Team placed 9th our of 37 teams Junior Team Placed 6th out of 28 teams.

Cody Williams placed 8th/138 students; Charli Bohnen was 10th/93 students; Kyle Parker placed 14th/138 students; Kolter Flores 35th/93 students; Karsyn Flores and Luke Jenkins 42nd/93 students



8 students went to the district Dairy Cattle contest in Harper. Only 2 of the 8 had judged dairy cattle before and they all did amazing!

Greenhand Team (freshmen) 5th place Senior Team 10th/43; Luke Jenkins 5th/208 students Kyler Parker 4th/128 students; Kolter Flores 18th/208 students Karsyn Flores 26h/128 students; Charli Bohnen 23rd/208 students Jacob Kane; Tripp Carney Cody Williams



The FFA Officers were asked to serve dessert and drinks and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Butler Water District Banquet in El Dorado. They did a great job and represented the chapter very well.



Sports News



Flinthills/Bluestem HS 2023-24 Wrestling Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
11/30	Humboldt	Humboldt	5:00 P
12/1	Kan/Okla	Caney	4:00 PM-JV
12/2	Kan/Okla	Caney	10:00 AM-Boys
12/2	McPherson Tournament	McPherson	10:00 AM-Girls
12/9	Minneapolis Tournament	Minneapolis	9:30 AM
12/15	Marion Invitational	Marion/Hillsboro	3:00 PM-Boys
12/15	Council Grove Tournament	Council Grove	3:00 PM-JV
12/15	Wichita North Invitational	Wichita North	TBD
1/6	Charles McMillen Invitational	Herington	9:30 AM
1/11	Hoisington Tournament	Hoisington	2:00 PM
1/12	Halstead Invitational	Halstead	4:00 PM
1/13	Halstead Invitational(Cont.)	Halstead	9:00 AM
1/16	Bluestem Jamboree	Leon	3:00 PM
1/19	Eureka Jamboree	Eureka	4:30 PM-JV/Girl
1/19	Council Grove	Council Grove	2:00 PM-Boys
1/20	Eureka Invitational	Eureka	9:00 AM
1/27	Marion Tournament	Marion	9:00 AM-JV
1/27	Fredonia	Fredonia	9:00 AM
1/30	Tri-Valley League	Cherryvale	3:00 PM
2/2	Circle Invitational	Towanda	1:00 PM
2/3	Circle Invitational(Cont.)	Towanda	9:00 AM
2/10	Regionals(Girls)	TBD	TBD
2/17	Regionals(Boys)	TBD	TBD
2/22-24	State(Boys/Girls)	Salina	TBD



Flinthills Middle School

2023-24 Basketball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	JV <u>TIME</u>	Varsity <u>TIME</u>
11/13/23	Wichita	Classical School	5:00	6:00
11/16/23	Udall	Udall	4:00	6:00
11/20/23	Rosalia	Cedar Vale/Dexter	5:00	6:00
11/30/23	Burden	Central	4:00	6:00
12/4/23	Rosalia	Remington	5:00	6:00
12/7/23	Sedan	Sedan	4:00	6:00
12/11/23	Rosalia	West Elk	5:00	6:00
12/14/23	Rosalia	South Haven	5:00	6:00
1/4/24	Rosalia	Sedan	5:00	6:00
1/11/24	Caldwell	Caldwell	4:00	6:00
1/18/24	Dexter	Cedar Vale/Dexter	4:00	6:00
1/25/24	Rosalia	Central	5:00	6:00
1/29/24	Howard	West Elk	4:00	6:00
2/1/24	TBD	SCBL Tournament Play-In	None	TBD
2/3/24	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD
2/8/24	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD
2/10/24	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD

Sports News

Cheerleaders Do Much More than Cheer at Games

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. That's the Mustang battle cry! The Flinthills High School Cheerleaders have shown their school spirit this year by supporting our Mustang athletes and doing numerous activities over the last few months.

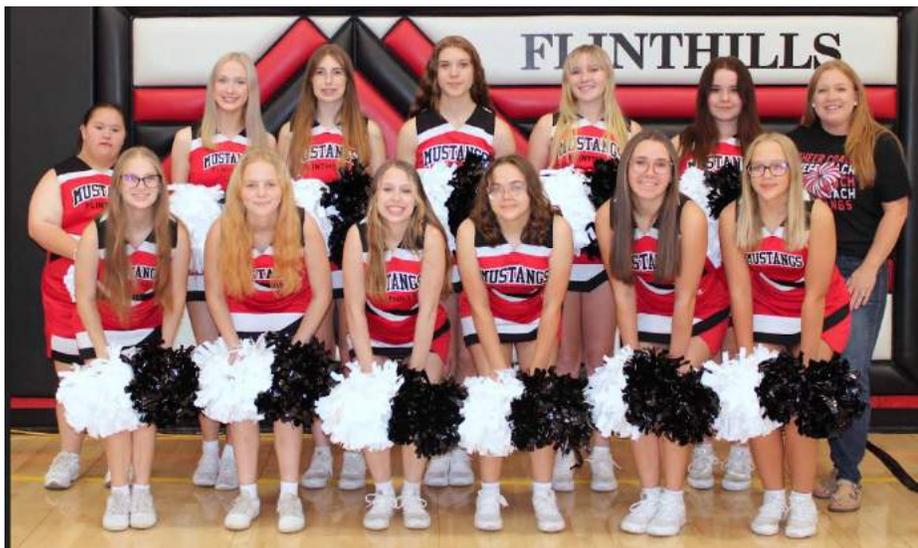
They attended the Spirit Spreader Cheer Clinic in Chanute where they worked with UCA staff and spent the day with other high school squads practicing cheers and stunts.

Then, the squad invited the high school football and volleyball teams to perform dance routines at the pep rallies this year. Both performances were a big hit and brought a lot of school spirit.

One of the most enjoyable moments for the cheerleaders this year was getting to work with the kids at Flinthills. The team spent the day in Cassoday at the Fall Festival helping out where needed. They did face painting, made jewelry with the kids, helped serve dinner, and more.

The Mini Mustang Cheer Clinic was a huge success also. There were 48 elementary students signed up for the 2-day clinic. They learned cheers, kicks, jumps, and a dance. A lot of memories and friendships were made.

As the fall season ends, the cheerleaders and their coach, Robin Hunter, will be getting ready to cheer on our basketball teams. Go Mustangs!



FMS Volleyball

The season started August 14 with seventeen girls, but by our first game we had added three, making our number an even twenty. We played Sedan on August 31st and came away with a victory. It would be the only victory we would get against them.

It seems we struggled for several weeks after that, but once we found our game we went on a roll. We went into pool play for the SCBL Tournament with a record of 7-11, finishing our season with a record of 8-14.

While our record doesn't show the winning season we would have liked it to, we had amazing growth in our volleyball skills.
-Coach Michelle Nelson



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2023 HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

FINISHES 37-2

Varsity Team

Flinthills Invitational Tournament – Champions
 Spartan Invitational Tournament – Champions
 Remington Invitational Tournament – Champions
 Regular Season SCBL League Play – 2nd Place
 SCBL League Tournament – Champions
 Substate Tournament – 1st Seed
 Substate Runner-Ups
 Record 37-2

The Lady Mustangs fell short at the sub-state tournament, but they have had a fantastic season with much to celebrate. The JV team ended the season 10-9, and the varsity team ended their season 37-2.

-Coach Crystal Ratcliff

JV Team

Flinthills JV Invitational Tournament – 3rd Place
 Remington JV Invitational Tournament – 3rd Place
 Record 10-9





RANDALL MAKES FHS HISTORY

Harlee Randall became the first Flinthills volleyball player in history to reach 1,000 career kills.



SCRIBNER MAKES FHS HISTORY

Emily Scribner reached the 1,000 career assists milestone. She ended this season with 714 assists, a single season high in the history of Flinthills volleyball.



Sports News

HS Football and Senior Card Signing

The High School football team wrapped up their regular season at home against Sedan on Friday 10/20. They finished the regular season with a 2-6 record and will host Madison to wrap up their season on Thursday 10/26. 10/20 was also Senior Night and the seniors held their annual Trading Card Autograph session that Thursday before. The Trading Card Autograph session is a great event to connect upperclassmen with elementary students and is meant to inspire young students to pursue sports. This year's seniors even discussed remembering when they were the young ones going through the line and getting their cards. They remember how much they looked up to the high school athletes and the role they played in leaving a lasting legacy of positive leadership. -Coach Chase Casteel





Sports News

FMS Mustang Cheer



Who rocks the house? I
said the Mustangs rock
the house, and when the
Mustangs rock the house
we rock it,
All the Way Down!

FMS, ALL THE WAY!

The FMS Cheerleaders started their season in May of 2023 with a cheer camp that they themselves hosted. It ran from May 22 –24 with our very own Addison Cartmell teaching tumbling, and Hadlye Clark from Tabor College in Hillsboro teaching us new chants, cheers and stunting. We cheered for our first game on August 31, 2023 at home, and have been going strong since. We finished our fall season supporting our undefeated Mustang Football team at Oxford and took on a concession stand fund raiser at the high school football game on October 20 to raise money for new cheer shells and slimmers, which are fancy words for cheer tops. Again, we thank those that encourage us, support us and cheer with us. #MustangProud!

Photo Credit: Melissa Scribner



Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

Letter from Mrs. Cooper, the Primary/Intermediate Principal....

Our Character Ed trait for the month of November is Gratitude. I encourage students, staff, and families to start a gratitude journal. It is a great way to think about what you are thankful for in your life. It is a wonderful way to start or end your day.

We had a great turnout at Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 18-19. We had 100% participation at both the Primary and Intermediate Schools. Thank you to all staff and parents for our conference success. I am thankful for each and every one of our Mustang family!

The next school board meeting will be November 15 at 7PM in the Board Office in Rosalia. Site Council will meet in the Board room at 5:30PM. PTO will meet in the library at 6PM.

Primary School

The Primary attended the Walter's Pumpkin Patch on October 12. Students had a wonderful time. Thank you to PTO, staff, parents/ grandparents for making this day awesome!



Flinthills Intermediate School



The Intermediate Walk-A-Thon hosted by PTO was October 11. Third grade attend the Butler County Ag Day October 12.



TOP HAND YOUTH RODEO

The last rodeo of the season for Top Hand Youth Rodeo in Eureka, KS, was September 30, 2023-October 1, 2023. Flint Hills participants were Brentley Decker, Kendall Jones, Lacey Jones, Brayden Valle, Mayley Decker, Weston Downard, and Jace Decker.

Year End All-Around Winners

Junior Boys (7-10)

Calf Riding—Weston Downard



Junior Girls (7-10)

Breakaway—Mayley Decker

Goat Tying—Mayley Decker

Poles—Kendall Jones

Barrels—Mayley Decker

All-Around—Mayley Decker

Reserve All-Around

Lacey Jones



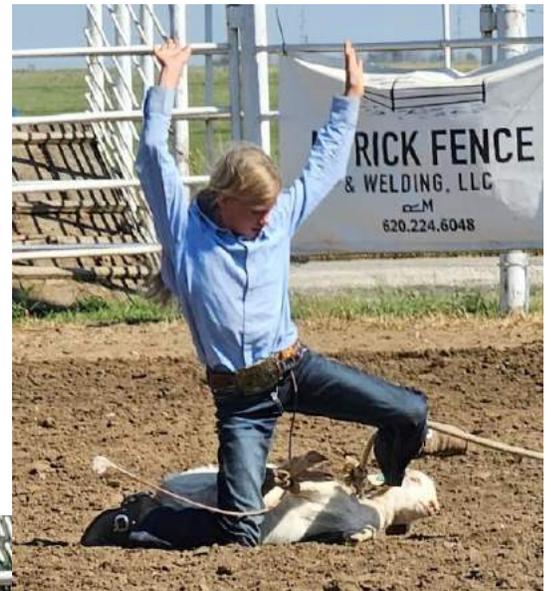
Intermediate Girls (11-14)

All-Around—Brentley Decker

Poles—Brentley Decker



Congratulations to all of our Top Hand contestants!! -JoAnn Craighead



PTO is off and running!

The Flinthills PTO held their meeting on Monday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mrs. Cooper, Chloe Fuzzell, Teresa Wagoner, Holly Stands, Kailey Brooks, and Emily Brenton. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

We discussed a playground re-vamp. We are planning to apply for grants for financial assistance for this project. The primary students will be traveling to the pumpkin patch on Thursday, October 12th. This field trip will be funded by PTO. Intermediate Walk-a-Thon will be held on Wednesday, October 11th. Each class who reaches their goal will receive an ice cream sundae party. The primary Walk-a-Thon is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th. DJ Casteel will be joining us again this year.

Burger Co will be hosting a “give back night” as soon as their staffing situation improves.

Bingo night is tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2024. We will be planning and discussing details of that event in the coming months.

We will be selling glow sticks and hosting “musical desserts” at the final home football game on Friday, October 20th. We plan to have one round of the cake walk following senior recognition and a second round during halftime.

We are currently awaiting an estimate from Mr. Scribner for a covered patio and picnic tables for both playgrounds.

We will once again be providing lunch for both schools on December 21st prior to early dismissal for Christmas vacation.

Evening with Santa is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 1st .

Our next meetings will be Wednesday, November 15th & Monday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Rosalia.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Emily Brenton : President & Secretary * Kailey Brooks : Vice President
Symba Newman : Treasurer

The Intermediate students held their Walk-a-Thon on October 11th . It was an extremely successful event. With the tremendous generosity of our community, our students were able to raise over \$4,300. The top three fund raisers were Rogina Gadberry, Audrey Grunder, and Rylee Poston. We truly appreciate everyone’s hard work. All intermediate classes reached their goal and got to enjoy an ice cream sundae party.

We will be hosting Evening with Santa on Friday, December 1st at the Rosalia Community Building. This will be our third year and we are excited to see everyone. Please join us for cookies and hot cocoa. Santa will be there from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Primary and intermediate students will be selling Holiday Pie Raffle tickets once again this year. Drawings will be held immediately following both the intermediate and primary Christmas programs in December.



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the intermediate library. We hope that you will make plans to attend. Bring a friend and your ideas!

We appreciate your continued support. It’s a great year to be a Mustang!

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Jackson got us down to the 12 on 3 runs and out of bounds all 3 times to preserve the clock. We ran a misdirection shovel pass from Grunder to Chris Bowlin and instead of going for the pylon he turned back and tried to run their best player over. It did not work, and we called timeout with 5 seconds left on the 3. After having made a few extra point kicks, I debated whether to kick the field goal for the lead, but then I decided we had a time out and time to run a play. We ran a toss left around to Ty Finley at the end and he had a great block as Jackson took it to the pylon for the TD with 0.9 left on the clock. Bowlin plowed his way into the endzone on the conversion for 41-34 win. Defensively, we got great play out of Deken Girty and Cohen O'Neal, 2 of our offensive lineman who blocked well along with Dane Edwards. The team rotated many players around on defense for Coach Kemp and they had only given up 34 points in the first 5 games. Big win, setting up a game at Oxford with a 5-1 record and their only loss was a 6 point loss to Central week 1.

Oxford is a much bigger team than us again this year, but on the first play from scrimmage we ran the same play we did against Central and took it for the TD and kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead 15 seconds into the game. The Mustangs took a 19-8 lead into halftime. Oxford started to move the ball more effectively in the 2nd half. With 1.9 seconds to go in the game and Flinthills leading 26-20 Oxford scored. Ty Finley and the defense came up big again, stuffing the full-back at the goal line to leave it tied 26-26 at the end of regulation. After losing the coin toss, we went on offense first and scored right away taking a 32-26 lead, but missed the conversion. On 2nd and goal from the 10, Oxford attempted a pass to the endzone, but the quarterback was pressured by Girty forcing the ball out early and Finley came up with the interception and took a knee for the win!

This win marked a 7-0 season, an outright championship for the 2nd year in a row. This is a great bunch of kids. There are too many to mention individually, but they are resilient; not much bothers them. Many calls in the last two games did not go our way, but we did not let it bother us, just kept plugging away. Thanks to all the parents and relatives, we had bigger crowds all year. Also, thank you to the coaches and those who have worked with them coming up; everyone has a part of this season and last. The 8th Graders managed to go 14-0 in Junior high, this is something that will not ever be beaten. The 7th graders can only tie them. These kids all have a bright future in athletics here at Flinthills.

-Coach Eric Sorum





Ever wonder what happens with all the money that you give to students that ask if you would like to sponsor them for their walk-a-thon, or purchase a particular item or quilt ticket? Well here you have it, this is what part of your funds helped PTO accomplish this Fall. On Friday October 20th, Colten Armstrong, Tyson Brenton, PTO President Emily Brenton, and our School Board President, Justin Grunder installed our new pebble bridge on the primary playground. This particular piece of equipment alone cost \$4,294.00 and it plays a vital role in the development of young children. It make them use their balance and agility while enjoying a fun and challenging playground activity. Here at the primary school with funds from our quilt raffle last Spring, we have purchased a new gas grill as well as a solar light for our flag pole. Now if we could just get the Kansas winds to cooperate so we could get a nice calm day to install it.

Our PTO group is working diligently to improve the playground at the intermediate school as well. Currently they are waiting on an estimate from our high school shop class for a shaded pavilion and picnic tables, and looking for grants to help purchase new playground equipment that would be challenging for that age group.

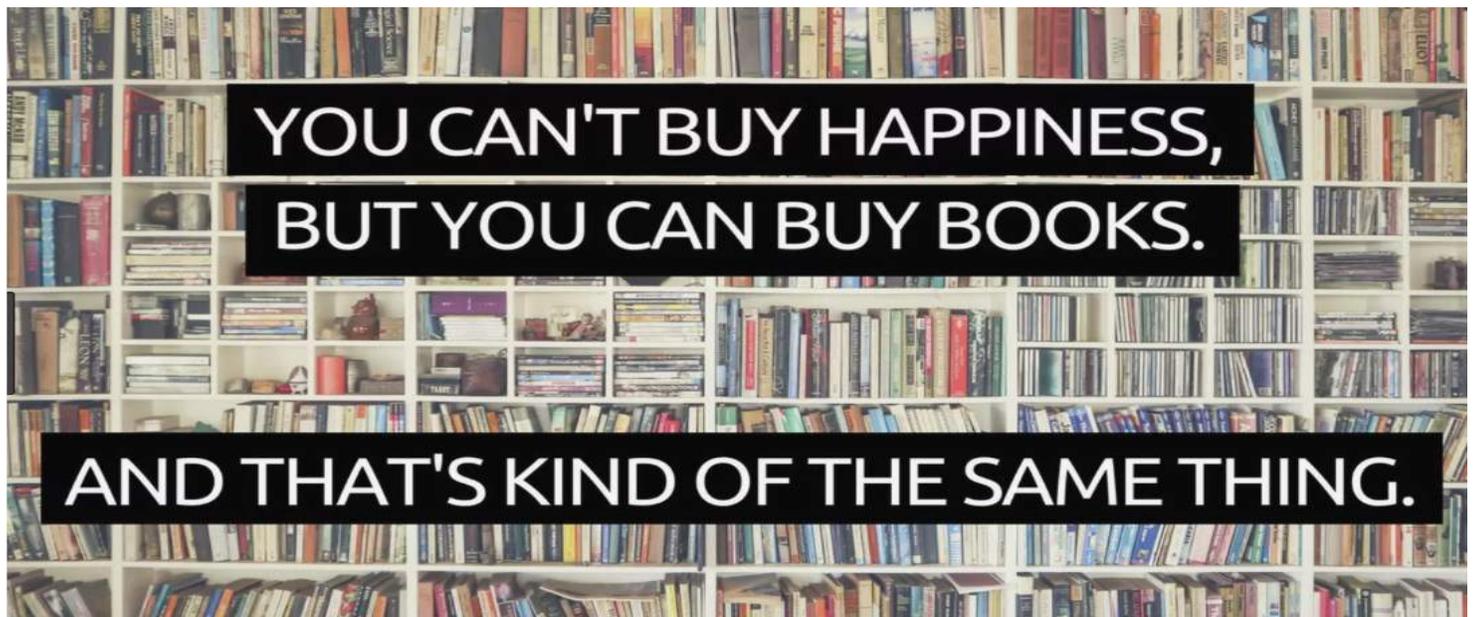
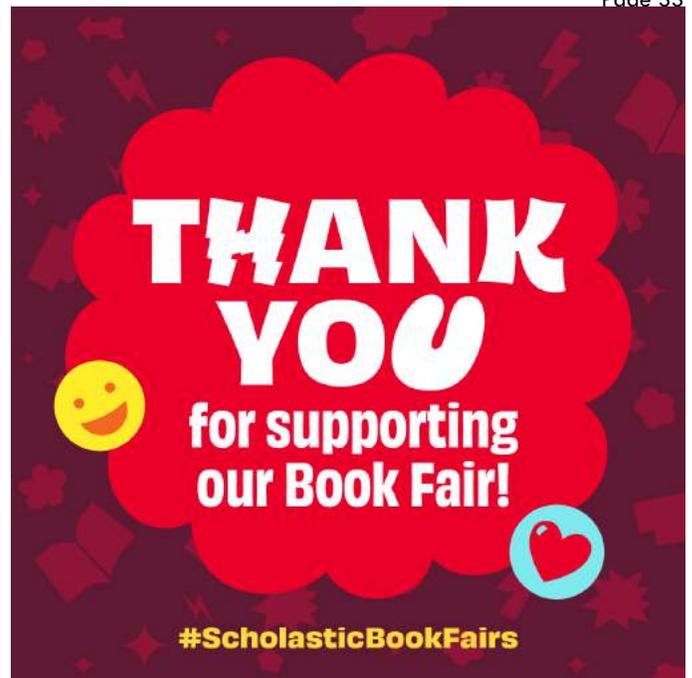
All of this would never be possible without the help of our community. Thank you for always being supportive and helping our district thrive. #MustandProud!!!



Book Fair Was A Success!

Another successful book fair is in the books. The Scholastic Book Fair was held October 16th thru October 19th during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair. There were enough Scholastic Dollars earned to purchase books for classrooms and the library at Cassoday and Rosalia. Thank you to all the fantastic helpers, Kristin Sangals, Amanda Dragoo, Lisa Taylor, Tammy Brown, JoAnn Craighead, and Curtis Willhite, who helped set up, work the fair and pack up.

-Juli
Wilhite





NOVEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Meals are subject to change.</p> <p>This is equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>	<p>Guests eating lunch with a student need to notify the school 2 days in advance.</p>	<p>1 BREAKFAST: Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Beef Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Peas Sliced Pears Muffin Milk</p>	<p>2 BREAKFAST: White Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Rib Patty on Bun Savory Fries Baked Beans Pickles & Onions Pineapple Tidbits Cheez-Its Milk</p>	<p>3 BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Cauliflower Sliced Peaches Biscuit Milk</p>
<p>6 BREAKFAST: Cereal, PopTart, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chicken Fajitas on Flour Tortillas Corn Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Peppers & Onions Applesauce Salsa Milk</p>	<p>7 BREAKFAST: Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Sausage Links Tater Tots Cream Gravy Vegetable Juice Mandarin Oranges Biscuit Milk</p>	<p>8 BREAKFAST: Chocolate Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Cauliflower Steamed Carrots Sliced Pineapple Fruit Roll-Up Milk</p>	<p>9 BREAKFAST: Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chili Crisпитos Broccoli & Cheese Green Beans Tropical Fruit Sliced Pears Milk</p>	<p>10 BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches W.G. Roll White Cake Milk</p>
<p>13 BREAKFAST: White Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Peas Mandarin Oranges W.G. Rolls Milk</p>	<p>14 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Tater Tots Pickles/Tomatoes/Onions Sliced Peaches Cookie Milk</p>	<p>15 BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Breakfast Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans Fresh Carrots w/ Ranch Tropical Fruit Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>16 BREAKFAST: Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Turkey Slice Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Pears Biscuit Pumpkin Pie Milk</p>	<p>17 BREAKFAST: Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Garlic Bread Pizza Marinara Corn Steamed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Fruit Juice Milk</p>
<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peas Lettuce & Tomato Pineapple Tidbits Tiger Bites Milk</p>	<p>28 BREAKFAST: Bagel with Strawberry Cream Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Taco Crunch Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Salsa Applesauce W.G. Cinnamon Buns Milk</p>	<p>29 BREAKFAST: Red Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Beef Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Corn Green Beans Sliced Peaches W.G. Muffin Milk</p>	<p>30 BREAKFAST: Combo Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk</p> <p>LUNCH: Sliced Turkey & Cheese on Bun Natural Fries California Blend Veg. Lettuce & Tomato Mandarin Oranges Cheez-Its Milk</p>	

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 SCBL Meeting WorkKeys—11th Grade FFA National Convention	2 HS Scholars Bowl @ Caldwell 4:30 FFA National Convention	3 FFA National Convention	4 FFA National Convention
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 BUFFER WEEK HS Scholars Bowl @ Burden 4:30	7 BUFFER WEEK SAFE Conference HS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45	8 BUFFER WEEK Staff Dev. 7:40-9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 SAFE Conference	9 BUFFER WEEK	10 BUFFER WEEK Fall Theatre Production 7:00 Veterans Day Assembly 10:00	11 Veterans Day BUFFER WEEK Fall Theatre Production 7:00
12 BUFFER WEEK	13 BOE Rosalia 7:00 1st Day of Practice MS BB @ Wichita Classical 5:00	14 HS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan 4:30	15 STUCO Blood Drive FFA Parliamentary @ Wellington	16 School Picture Retake Day MS BB @ Udall 4:00	17 MS/HS Band & Vocal Concert 7:00	18 HS Band—Emporia Honor Band
19	20 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL MS BB vs. CV/Dexter 5:00	21 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	22 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	23 Thanksgiving	24 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 HS Scholars Bowl @ Argonia 4:30	28 FFA Meeting 6:30	29	30 MS BB @ Burden 4:00		

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