



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

December 2023

Stuco Food Drive Brings in Record Numbers

On November 16, Flinthills Student Council held a food drive for the middle and high school students. The intermediate food drive went from November 13 to November 17. Throughout the week items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bodywash, floss, and loofahs were collected as well.

The items donated went to local families, Sunlight Child Advocacy Center, and Family Life Center of Butler County. The students really stepped up this year with their donations and were able to bring together more items than any other Flinthills Stuco food drive in the past.

The intermediate brought in about 325 items, the middle school brought in about 300, and the high school brought in around 550 items. This brought the total amount of donations close to 1,200 items! As incentive we had any teacher that received 50+ items give students a day of nontraditional classes.

Mr. Hunter agreed to a pie in the face if we hit the goal. Amazingly, the entire High School and Middle School staff reached the goal as well as Mr. Hunter. We hope to keep donation numbers high throughout the next food drives as the donations this year really helped local families and local organizations. Thank you to all who donated and participated in any way. (continued on p. 16)



From the Desk of Superintendent, Brian Spencer

There are two words related to school and winter that elicit strong emotions from various people. The words are Snow Day! Calling a snow day is one of those situations where I am very likely to have a split decision on whether or not it was a good decision or not. Honestly, the decision is not made easily or taken lightly. There are repercussions to many people when the decision is made to cancel school.

As a youngster I can remember the mornings my siblings and I listened anxiously as the cancellation list was read, usually alphabetically, but sometimes by USD number, over the radio. The excitement or disappointment built as the list got closer to USD 358, Oxford. (I grew up in Oxford.) If the decision was made the evening before we would learn about the closing by watching it scroll across the bottom of the TV screen, and one of us would be kneeling in front of the TV flipping the channels (We didn't have remotes. We had to "flip" the dial.) back and forth between the three stations (Yes, there were only three stations to choose from: 3, 10 & 12.) hoping to see it as soon as possible!

Of course, things are different today. Schools can send out one message and notify every family at the same time with a phone call, text message, and an email. Students don't find out about closings from the radio or TV. They get notified directly. The grandparents are the ones that see the list on TV and learn who is or isn't having school. Although the ways of notification are different, the decision-making process is still very similar.

I have always told people I have to have one important thing before I consider calling a Snow Day, and that one thing is snow! With everyone's access to the internet and forecasts provided as far as 10 days out, there are some administrators willing to make the call prior to having snow on the ground. I don't usually do that. I am old fashioned enough I wait on snow to arrive prior to canceling school. Additionally, having snow is certainly not all it takes to get a day off: the way it comes, when it comes, how much wind there is, and the temperature all play a part in the decision-making process.

Those seem pretty evident, but there are some other factors that not everyone is aware of that need to be taken into account. Things like the experience of the bus drivers is considered. Is the person who shovels the walks sick? Will the county maintainer be out plowing or is it still broken down? There are many things to consider that most people don't know anything about.

Perhaps the biggest factor in the decision is how conversations with the neighboring district superintendents go. We talk to each other. We drive roads, talk to people in the district and do our own research, and then we call each other. I once talked to a fellow superintendent who was stuck in a snow drift! He canceled, and so did the neighboring districts after speaking with him. The pressure to cancel builds as other districts close. Nobody wants to be the only district either in or out of school. We work in teams. More than once I have heard superintendents say, "I will do what you do. If you cancel I will cancel."

Additionally, the first one is usually the easiest one to call. After the first one it is tougher to call another one for fear you may need that day later. Nobody wants to have school on a day that is not scheduled because we wasted a snow day in November! We have some time built into the calendar for snow days, but we might not have four or five days. That is all part of the decision.

We have already had one snow day. I obviously don't know if there will be a need for more snow days or not, but if there is, I don't take the decision lightly. We do want to make sure everyone is notified as soon as possible. If you do not receive the calls from the school, call your child's building office and let them know so we can get your number correct in the system. If you didn't get a call, text, or an email on Sunday, November 26 letting you know that school was canceled on Monday the 27, something is not correct in the system. If you didn't get a call, I hope you saw it on Facebook or maybe on TV. However you heard about it, I would imagine when you announced it was a Snow Day at Flinthills, there were both cheers and boos! Some things never change!





Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

Let me start out by saying, before I publish any medical information in the flyer, I do a lot of research to give you the most updated information. Most of my information comes from my training, the CDC, KDHE, and NIH websites.

This month I am going to focus on immunizations. You have already received your student's immunization record from the school which is obtained from the KDHE website. It is a form that tells you what immunizations your student needs at this time or will need in the future. The information enclosed, also tells you what immunizations your child is required to have before they can enter school or a certain grade. When your student receives a vaccination, the facility where they get the vaccination, must enter it in the KDHE website. If the student has a medical or religious reason they cannot receive the vaccination, I must have this form filled out and in their file. For the medical exemption the doctor must sign this form. Kansas does not have a philosophical exemption.

Hearing and vision screenings have also been completed and you should have those results, if your student was tested. If you need financial assistance with an exam or glasses, please let me know because an individual has set up a trust for children to get an exam and/or glasses. An application will need to be completed to see if they qualify for this assistance. Dental exams will be done after the first of the year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Stay Well and Live Healthy

Nurse Rhonda



Booster Club and the Junior/Senior Fun Night committee are teaming up to run the concession stand at the home basketball game on Tuesday, December 19! We will also be selling homemade baked items and snacks (cookies, cinnamon rolls, cupcakes, snack mix etc.) Funds raised will be split between the two organizations.

Booster Club income will help support students with scholarships, state event t-shirts, teacher requested assistance, and more. The Junior/Senior Fun Night funds will be used to pay for a location for the fun night activities, as well as food and prizes for all Flinthills juniors and seniors.

If you can help in the concession stand on December 19th or donate baked items for the sale, please contact a Booster Club officer (Tresa Garcia, Stephanie Girty, Melissa Scribner and Alana Holcomb) or look for the Sign-Up Genius on the Booster Club Facebook page.

The next Booster Club meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 6:30 in the high school.

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

Mustang Families,

It is always important during the Thanksgiving season to reflect on all the things that you are grateful for. It is also essential to think on the significance of thankfulness within our school community. In a flourishing community, it is always important to have an attitude that fosters a positive environment. As I think of all the things that make our school a great and flourishing learning environment, I think and appreciate all of our dedicated teachers and staff members who care for the hearts and minds of our students. I also think about the partnership of our families and community who engage in the educational process of our Flinthills students. I am also very grateful for the many students who bring their many talents and gifts into Flinthills. Our community thrives on the bonds of gratitude that connect us all.

As we transition from Thanksgiving into the Christmas season, I'm excited for all the new and exciting events and opportunities that await our school community. I want to encourage everyone during these very busy seasons to pause and reflect on the many blessings that surround us. By cultivating a culture of thankfulness, we not only help to create a positive school environment but also contribute to the overall well-being of our school. As we continue the school year, let's remember to be grateful for everyone who has an impact here. We want an environment where everyone feels valued and appreciated. Whether you are a student, teacher, staff member, coach, alumni or patron, I am truly grateful for all of you. Each of us plays a small part in making our school a great community.



October Employee of the Month

Lisa Taylor was selected as the October Employee of the Month.

The person who nominated Lisa included the following on the nomination ballot. "Lisa is always helping out when we need someone to fill in, whether it is in the lunchroom, classroom, or library. She works extra to set up fun P.E. Centers that the kids just love. She set up a spooky room for P.E. on Halloween. She helps with the book fair and always tries to find new books that kids love, to add to the library. She goes above and beyond daily!"

Congratulations Lisa!

An Opportunity to Help

Wrenley is the daughter of Jordin Stephens and Nate Guillot and Granddaughter to Sheri and Clay Stephens. On May 17th, at just 3 months old, she was admitted to the ICU at Children's Mercy, where she was found to have a heart condition that would require a heart transplant. She received the amazing blessing of a new heart on August 8th! She and her family have a long road ahead and would greatly appreciate your support!



Ways You Could Help:

There will be a Cookie Sale and Raffle at Homecoming on February 2, 2024.

There is an account set up at the Emprise Bank in El Dorado that people can just drop in and donate under Melinda McBride and Sheri Stephens for Wrenley or cota.org (Children's Organ Transplant Association) 100% of the monies goes into an account that will stay with Wrenley for the rest of her life for whatever medical needs she will have in the future.

Veterans Day Assembly 2023



This year, the Flinthills Veterans Day Assembly was Friday, November 10th. We had a great time welcoming all the veterans and their families into our school. We had a very big turnout! In fact, we even had to bring extra chairs into the auditorium so the students could have seats!

The NHS (National Honors Society) members led the assembly with honoring the flags of each branch along with the American flag. The choir performed with a community choir, called the TrebleMakers.

Katie Hinde was our guest speaker. She spoke about honoring our veterans everyday, not just on veterans day. Her speech was very powerful and meant something to everyone in the audience.

Being able to honor our local veterans in this way means so much to everyone involved. Not only do we honor those who live in the community, but we honor student and staff family members that don't live nearby and people who have passed.

We showed a slideshow throughout the assembly of all the veterans that people have requested to honor. The closing of the assembly was made by the superintendent, Mr. Spencer. He talked about our honor flight program that we have started this year. Six students have been chosen to accompany six veterans to Washington D.C. in April 2024. Any veterans that asked were given applications so that they can have a chance to go to Washington D.C. and visit the memorials and museums that mean the most to them. This year's Flinthills Veterans Day Assembly was a huge success! We are excited to honor them again next year.

Callie Cordts (Senior, NHS member)



If you have a veteran that you would like to honor at next year's assembly, please email Meggan Hansen, m.hansen@usd492.org with the name of the veteran, what branch they are/were in, and how long they served or if they are still serving! You can also contact Meggan Hansen at 620.476.2215 anytime as well! We would love to include them in our assembly!

"Freedom is never free." Unknown

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND MADE OUR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY SUCH A SPECIAL EVENT!

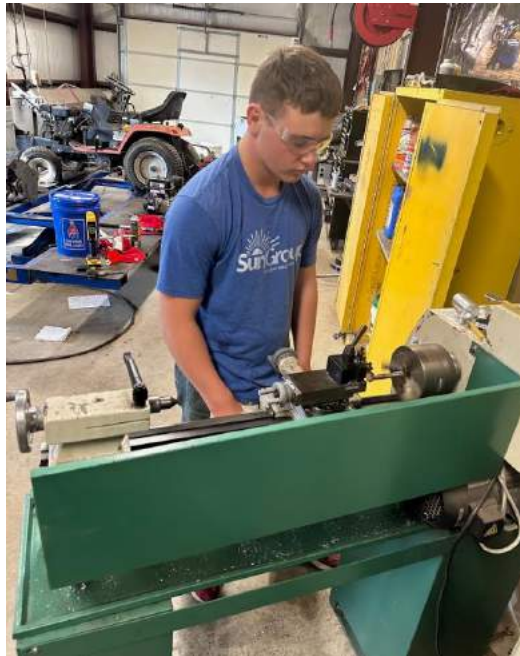


PROJECTS FROM SHOP CLASSES

Aidan Herrman
Rustic Cross



Tripp Carney learning how to
run a metal lathe



Lane Jenkins enjoying a ride
after bringing his pit bike back
to life.



Taylor Wood
Cypress Cross



Adrienne Rodriguez & Aidan Herrman
learning to MIG weld



Harlee Randall learning
how to temper metal

MS Band Members Attend WSU Clinic

Fifteen Middle School band members spent October 11 at Wichita State University. Under the direction of the university's band director Steven Oare, they learned about sightreading and had WSU band members play beside them. They had pizza and soda for lunch followed by a break. Then, they had sectionals where university students and professors who played the same instruments worked with the students and gave them hints and ideas to help them become better players. -Joan Grover



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

Mustang Seniors attend Butler County Government Day 2023

The senior class along with Mr. Casteel attended Butler County Government Day hosted on November 7th, 2023, by the American Legion Butler County Council Posts. Upon arriving at the historic Butler County Courthouse, the seniors toured the various offices that our local municipal and county governments offer to residents of Butler County. The seniors heard from the Butler County GIS/Mapping Department, Emergency Management Services, and Public Works Department. The seniors even had the opportunity to meet with the Butler County Commissioners including former Butler County Sheriff Kelly Herzet, now Commissioner from District 3, and Rosalia’s District 4 Commissioner Darren Jackson. After the courthouse tour the students crossed the street to the Butler County Judicial Center where they met with County Attorney Darrin Devinney and actually sat in the jurors box and tables for both the prosecution and defense lawyers in Courtroom B.

The American Legion then provided lunch to all students in attendance. Lunch included a presentation on flag etiquette and a ceremonial flag folding. The flag folding ceremony described in detail why the flag is folded 13 times when given to the family of a fallen hero. After lunch, the seniors toured the Butler County Detention Center and were able to interact with Butler County EMS, the Sheriff’s Office, the El Dorado Fire Department, and the Rescue Squad. Each department brought vehicles and equipment for the students to see and tour.

-Chase A. Casteel





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Mustangs Take 3rd at Caldwell Math Relays

On November 17th, twenty-six students on the high school math relays team made the trek down to Caldwell to compete against eight league schools in a variety of math subjects. Math relays is an extra-curricular activity that students compete in against different schools, in grade-level tests over diverse concepts, to show their mathematical whiz.

At the competition, we finished in 3rd place as a school, only 6 points behind 2nd place and 30 points ahead of 4th place. Our seniors and juniors led the way by both taking 2nd in their respective grade levels. In the team divisions, our Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Senior Teams all took second place. Individually, Kolter Flores led the freshmen with a 2nd as well as two 4th placings. Karynn Gleason and Alex Scribner led the sophomores, with Gleason taking home a gold and Scribner placing 2nd and 3rd in two tests. Kyle Parker led the juniors with one gold and one silver medal. Callie Cordts led the seniors with a 3rd and a 4th placing.

Overall, I am pleased with students taking the time away from one of their evenings to sit and take even more math tests! In the spring we will look to overtake 2nd place and compete for 1st at the league meet!

-Trevor Kemp



A record high 90%
of Kansas students graduated
from high school
in 2023.

Kansas was one of just six
states that maintained or in-
creased ACT scores with the
Class of 2022.

HS Band Goes to Emporia State

On November 18, ten band students went to the Emporia Band Clinic. A band clinic is a great chance to play in a really large group with many instruments we don't have. The ESU Band Clinic is unique because Gary Ziek, the ESU director, is a composer and writes new music for the clinic every year. Then, the students get the experience of working with the composer while they perform. They also got to hear the ESU Marching Hornets and the ESU Jazz Band. After spending the morning working on the music, they presented a concert in the afternoon.

-Joan Grover



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

MS MATH RELAYS ADD UP TO 2ND PLACE

On Oct 24, 2023 Flinthills Middle School Math Relays students had their first event at West Elk Middle School. Thirty-four students competed in many events. The Flinthills team had competitors in all events offered; sometimes students competed in areas above their class level. Flinthills took second place overall with the 8th grade team winning first place!

-Jenna Anderson

6th Grade-

Integers- 4th, Kaydence Burling
6th, Bellah Hickman

Percents- 3rd, Makinsey Waller
4th Stella Edwards

Decimals- 2nd, Aubree Hays
6th, Luke Parker

Multiplication- 2nd, Emmie Marsh

Word Problems- 10th, Reece Jackson

Fractions- 9th, Bellah Hickman

7th Grade-

Integers- 5th, Makayla Caravantes

Ratios/Proportions/Percents-
2nd, Ellis Marshall
6th, Lane Jenkins

Charts & Graphs- 7th, Makayla Caravantes

Geometry- 5th, Emily Thorne
8th, Addison Thorne

Word Problems- 1st, Jake Scribner
9th, Trip Bohnen

Fractions- 5th, Addison Thorne

Prob & Stats- 9th, Delanie Scott
10th, Dane Edwards

Mental Math- 1st, Koleson Swafford
9th, Emily Thorne

8th Grade-

Ratios/Proportions/Percents-
3rd, Newell Marsh
5th, Coltin Dragoo

Equations- 7th, Delanie Scott
8th, Rylee Randall

Geometry- 5th, Riley Humbargar

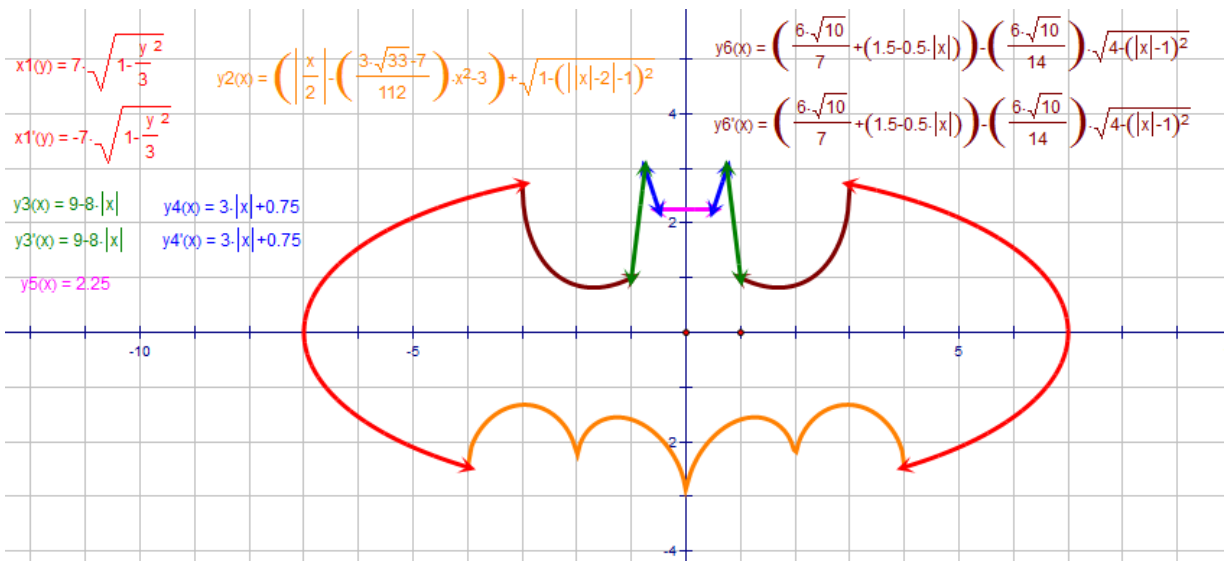
Order of Operations- 6th, Riley Humbargar
7th, Koleson Swafford

Word Problems- 4th, Rylee Randall

Prob & Stats- 5th, Koleson Swafford

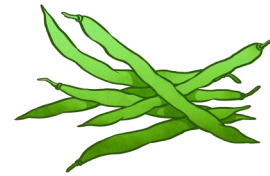
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ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

Stuco Food Drive (cont. from page 1)





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Shoe Us the Love! The HS Band



**Donate your gently worn,
used and new shoes
today!**

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

For the last two years, the high school band has traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, to compete in the Festivals of Music. They have earned a top rating both years.

To earn the money to compete this year, we are trying something new: a shoe fund-raiser. We will collect gently worn, used, and new shoes to be picked up by Funds2Orgs, LLC. They pay our band for every pound of shoes. After that, Funds2Orgs take the shoes to a 3rd world country and give them to people running microbusinesses to refurbish and sell in their stores. This year they are going to Central America.

Not only does it help us clean out our closets, it helps these small business owners, and raises funds for our band.

Look for more information in the next Flyer, but start saving your shoes now!

*As a general rule of thumb,
shoes should be replaced every
8-12 months for most people.*



Imelda Marcos, Phillipines' former First Lady, owned over 3000 pairs of shoes.



FLINTHILLS 4-H CLUB

The Flinthills 4-H club handed out candy at the Rosalia Trick-or-Treat again this year. Members filled bags of candy for it at their 4-H meeting.



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Safe Students Attend Conference

Nine Flinthills High School students attended the annual SAFE Conference in Manhattan November 7 & 8. SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) hosts a teen conference every year, rotating locations around the state, teaching teens about various topics including vaping, the effects of marijuana & alcohol, mental health, and a large variety of ways to implement safe driving. SAFE members then take what they've learned back to school to teach their peers through fun activities.

While at the conference we met Miss Kansas, who advocates for the visually impaired, and played a rousing competitive game of Singo Bingo. Two hundred and fifty students from across Kansas were in attendance.

Ataya Nesser opened the conference with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Cali Crossfield read a poem about teen suicide she had written. Alexa Hardin, Taryn Brittain, Keira Poston, Yeva Taylor, Taylor Dutton, Skylar Dutton and Katelyn Dutton rounded out our team.

-Michal Austin



If you happen to go into the Middle or High School restroom stalls you'll notice a new addition. SAFE has started putting flyers on the backs of the stall doors. These flyers will rotate every couple of weeks and include a large variety of topics that will help keep our students safe. Our first flyer focuses on the Graduated Drivers License, and the laws regarding each step required for youth to get their full license. Other topics will include driving drowsy, speeding, wearing a seatbelt, winter driving tips, among other things.

-Michal Austin

KANSAS GRADUATED LICENSE LAWS

- AGE 14 INSTRUCTION PERMIT ((VALID FOR 1 YEAR))**
Must be accompanied by a licensed driver 21 or older with at least 1 year of driving experience. May not use wireless devices except in an emergency.

- AGE 15 RESTRICTED LICENSE ((VALID FOR 1 YEAR))**
Must have had instruction permit for 1 year and have 25 hours of supervised driving. If applying before turning 16 must have also completed driver's education course. May drive solo between home and work or school, may drive elsewhere with a licensed adult. Must complete 25 more hours of supervised driving (10 at night). No non-sibling minor passengers allowed.

- AGE 16 (with a RESTRICTED LICENSE)**
For the first six months, may drive anytime between 5 am and 9 pm r to and from school activities or religious workshop services with one non-immediate family member as a passenger. May not use wireless devices except in an emergency.

- AGE 17 (FULL LICENSE)**
Must provide a signed affidavit of parent or guardian, stating applicant has completed at least 50 hourss of adult-supervised driving, with at least 10 of those hours being at night.



Seatbelts Are For Everyone

Did You Know?

If a Law Enforcement Officers sees you with a cell phone you can lose your license until you are 17.

Cell Phone Use is PROHIBITED in a vehicle you are driving until the age of 17.

KANSAS GDL LAWS

At 14, you can get a **FARM PERMIT** if you live on a farm larger than 20 acres, work for a farm, and have parent/guardian permission. The permist allows you to drive solo going to/from work, home and school (NO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES) via the most direct route. NO cell phone use is allowe except in an emergency.

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KANSAS GDL LAWS

At 14, you can get an **INSTRUCTION PERMIT** (Valid for 1 year) and drive when accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 or older with at least one year of driving experience in the front passenger seat.

No one besides the supervising driver is allowed in the front seat.

NO cell phone use is allowed except in an emergency.

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Did You Know?

LEGALLY you can **NOT** have **ANY PASSENGERS** in your vehicle until you are 16 years old and have met the licensing requirement.



EYES UP.
PHONE OFF.
Save Lives.



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

FHS THEATRE'S *BEOWULF AND THE BARD* ENTHRALLS AUDIENCES

Were the people of the small village in Denmark saved from the hideous ogres of the swamp nearby? There was a chance...

Thanks to *Beowulf and The Bard*, visitors who were simply traveling through town. The desperate people were offered hope by The Bard's "Epic Hero Description" of Beowulf ... so there it was! He DID kill the ogre, by virtue of several leftover peanuts which caused the beast an allergic reaction. This unexpected plot twist added some comedic flair to the serious task at hand. Yet, the Mother Ogre still lived. Who would slay her down? After much discussion, sword fighting duels proved fatal as the King's very daughter, Warrior Princess Gunborg killed the monster with Beowulf bravely fighting at her side.

The cast and crew enjoyed creating a 15th Century locale, bringing interesting characters of literary classics to life and performing exhilarating stage combat!





ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

Future Farmers of America

We were very busy in the classroom before Thanksgiving break. Advanced Plant and Animal Science and the Animal Science class learned about castration and even got to do a lab on how to castrate by creating their own scrotum out of balloons, gum drops, and Jello and then cutting and pulling out the “testicles” (balloons and gumdrops) and cutting the “spermatic cord” (Yarn).

Ag Business has been learning about different businesses and had a speaker from Farm Bureau come and talk to them about different kinds of insurance.

Exploratory Ag has been getting ready for their first ever Middle School contest that we will go to on Wednesday.

Welding has been in the shop working on skill welds and we even learned about the different joint welds by welding with cheese and crackers.

Agriscience has been working on collecting bugs and identifying them.

We also have some exciting news that is happening over at the animal science facility, so be on the look-out for a post on our Flinthills FFA Facebook that will be coming soon!



Introducing this month's FFA Senior Spotlights:



LANE ALVORD

PARENTS: Bart & Sam Alvord

HOBBIES: working on his truck

ACTIVITIES: Fishing, Football Manager

Lane plans to continue farming after high school.

RILEY GARCIA

PARENTS: Genaro & Tresa Garcia

HOBBIES: Watching her iPad, spending time with her family & friends, taking care of her goats, playing games

ACTIVITIES: FFA, Cheer, Theater, Band, Basketball, 4-H, Special Olympics - Track, Tennis & Bowling, Meaningful Life - Dance, Baseball, Kickball & Bowling

Riley plans to attend Transitions Academy, Take some classes at Butler Community College, Raise & Show Dairy Goats



SYDNEY SORUM

Sydney is our Flinthills FFA Parliamentarian for the 2023-2024 school year

PARENTS: Erik & Connie Sorum

HOBBIES: Watching TV, playing with her dogs, spending time with her family, and spending money

ACTIVITIES: Softball, Football Manager, Theatre, Forensics, FFA Officer, STUCO President, Drama Club President, NHS, ITS, Scholars Bowl, Math Relays

Sydney plans to go to college and major in Allied Health to become a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.



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MS/HS Winter Concert

A Bluegrass
Prelude



The HS Jazz Band



The MS Choir

Guest Harpist Angela Spencer played with the high school choir, the high school band, and the finale.



Pictures by Melissa Scribner and Tiffany Cogdell





HS Choir and Music Appreciation Class

MS Band



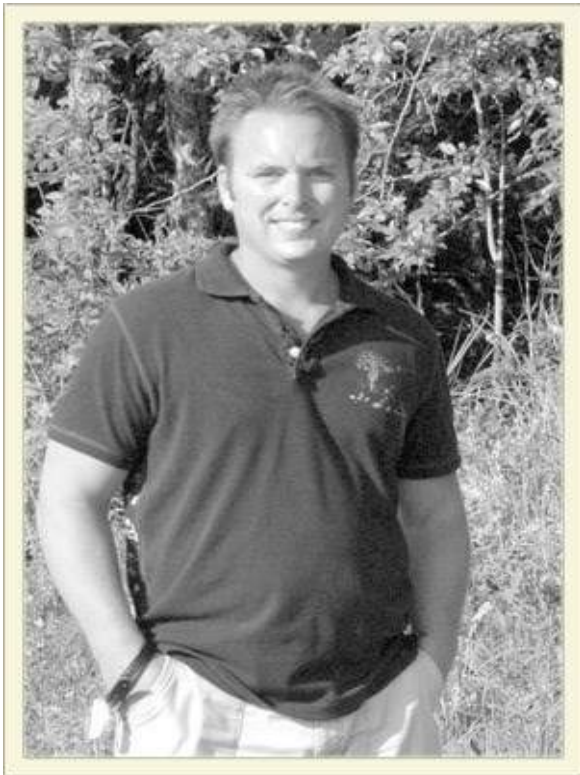
HS Band



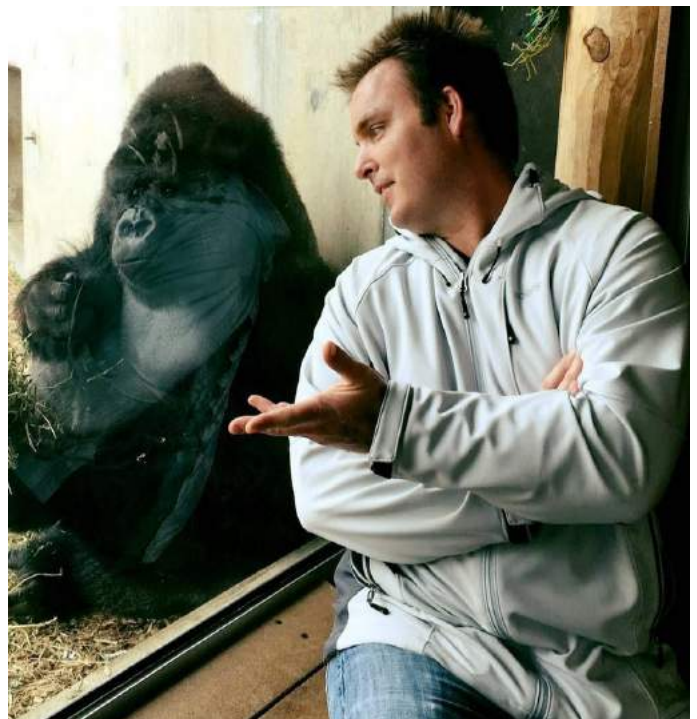
We ended the evening with our traditional Christmas carol sing-a-long with both bands, both choirs, and the audience.

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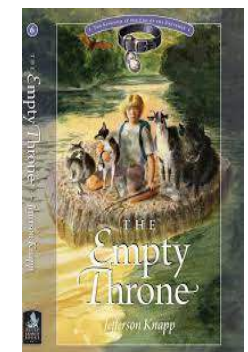
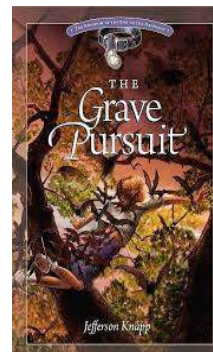
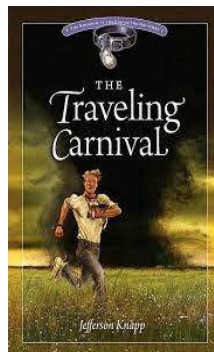
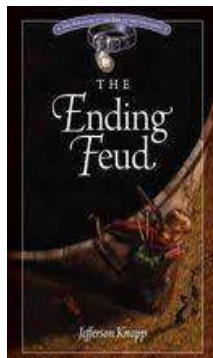
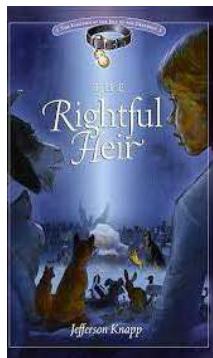
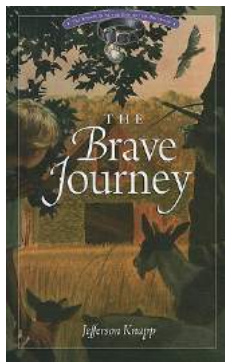
News From the World of Books



Local author, Jefferson Knapp, will be speaking to the Intermediate and Middle School Students January 10



Mr. Knapp is the author of the series, The Kingdom at the End of the Driveway.





Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club Fall Activities



The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club has had a busy fall! They kicked off the new 4-H year by celebrating National 4-H Week October 1-7. Members showed their 4-H spirit by wearing club t-shirts and by sharing about 4-H.

On the October late start day, the Cassoday Boosters organized and led afternoon activities for the intermediate school. In one rotation, students learned about parliamentary procedure while making a snack mix. They made motions, debated and voted to decide what ingredients would go into the snack mix. Emily Scribner led the second rotation where students teamed up to see who could build the tallest standing structure using toothpicks and candy pumpkins. The third rotation, led by Trena Garcia, 4-H members shared project experiences and answered questions about 4-H.



At the October 4-H meeting, the club completed their 48 Hours of 4-H service project. This year the club decided to pack gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The club packed 12 Christmas shoeboxes which will be distributed to children around the world. Club members donated toys, school supplies and hygiene items to fill the boxes.

Several club members attended the Butler County 4-H Achievement Celebration on October 28th. This event celebrates the accomplishments of 4-H'ers throughout the past year. 4-H'ers who submitted Project Reports were recognized, as well as Graduating Clover Buds, Graduating 4-H'ers, Achievement Pin recipients, Special Award winners and Volunteers. Cassoday Boosters submitting Project Reports were Riley Garcia, Trena Garcia, Agnes Leibbrandt, Emma Leibbrandt, Cally Miller, Cami Miller, Emily Scribner, Jacob Scribner, Addison Thorne, Emily Thorne and Case Rickard. Trena

Garcia was recognized as the Senior Champion in Dairy and Cami Miller had the Senior Champion Beef Project Record. Riley Garcia received a Blue Award for her Dairy Project Record and Cally Miller received a Blue Award for her Beef Project Record. The club received the Purple Seal Award for the year.

Special Award winners were: Riley Garcia – Service to 4-H and Community Award, Kansas Key Award, and was recognized as a new Butler County 4-H Ambassador; Cami Miller – “I Dare You” award and Kiwanis Junior Leader award; Cally Miller – BCC college scholarship; Trena Garcia – EW Nath college scholarship and 13-year graduate; Laura Scribner – 11-year graduate.

On Sunday November 12, the Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club observed 4-H Sunday by attending church services together at the Real Life Christian Church. Following the church service, the club toured the Butler County College Agriculture building and then met for lunch and the November business meeting.

The next meeting of the Cassoday Boosters will be on Monday, December 18. The club will meet at in Cassoday for Christmas Caroling.

-Tresa Garcia



Sports News

Middle School Boys Basketball

The Middle School Boys have gotten off to a good start this season. We currently have 27 boys on our roster, and are being led by a great group of twelve 8 th graders. We began our season with some tough losses to Wichita Classical School, but have played well in all of our games and have picked up some wins.

Our varsity boys have had significant league wins against Udall and Cedar Vale/Dexter. The B-Team and C-Team boys have improved and have picked up wins also. All of the boys have been working hard at practice, and they have been coming together as a team, showing great teamwork and defense.

We have a few more games in December, and we will be practicing a few times over the break, as we will return on January 4th with a home game against Sedan. We hope to see you all there!

-Coach Jackson

2023-24 Flinthills Middle School Boys Basketball Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
A.J. Bertsch	7	Terence O'Rourke	7
Trip Bohnen	7	Noah Riemann	6
Chris Bowlin	8	Nolan Riemann	6
James Corter	8	Jake Scribner	7
Coltin Dragoo	8	Koleson Swafford	7
Wyatt Dunbar	8	Remington Waller	7
Dane Edwards	7	Cody Wells	8
Ty Finley	8	Cory Wells	7
Ian Forbes	6	Braylin Wiening-Conn	6
Aidan Herrman	8		
Deken Girty	8		
Kaleb Grunder	8		
Garrett Jackson	8		
Reece Jackson	6		
Lane Jenkins	7		
Joey Kane	8		
Newell Marsh	8		
Teghan O'Rourke	7		



Middle School Girls Basketball

Middle School Basketball is under way with a constructive start to the season. Fifteen girls have committed to a season of growth. The lone 8th grader, Adrienne Riemann, looks to lead a talented group in a competitive South Central Border League. Come out and support our student athletes this winter. We play on the 11th and 14th of December starting at 5 and 6 pm.

The Mustangs split their first two games with Wichita Classical on the 13th with the B- team score of 11-17 (Loss), and the A-team score of 20-18 (Win). Adrienne and Lanie both scored seven in the win. They again split with Udall on the 16th (B-team score 17-8 with a win, and A-team score of 16-26 with a loss. Rylee had eleven in the loss. With a well-deserved Thanksgiving break, we host Cedar Vale/Dexter on the 28th.

-Coach Clark



Jersey Number	Player	Grade
1	Addison Thorne	7
2	Lanie Scott	7
3	Stella Edwards	6
4	Victoria Dennis	6
10	Brentley Decker	6
11	Kinsey Waller	6
12	Adrienne Riemann	8
14	Rylee Randall	7
15	Makayla Caravantes	7
20	Aubree Hays	6
21	Emmie Marsh	6
23	Emily Thorne	7
24	Ellie Kreidler	7
30	Kynlee Naill	6
34	Bellah Hickman	6

Sports News

Post Season Recognition



SCBL All-League 1st Team
KVA All-State Team Class 1A-D1 2nd Team
Grasslands All-Stars 1st Team



SCBL All-League 1st Team
Grasslands All-Stars 1st Team



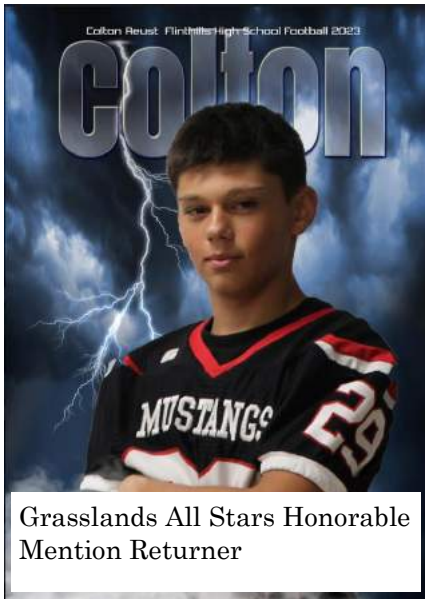
SCBL All-League 2nd Team
Grasslands All-Stars 1st Team



SCBL All-League Honorable Mention
Grasslands All-Stars Honorable Mention



SCBL All-League Honorable Mention



Grasslands All Stars Honorable Mention Returner



SCBL 1st Team All-League Defensive Safety
Grasslands All Stars 2nd Team De-



SCBL All League Honorable Mention Offensive Line
Grasslands All Stars 1st Team Offensive Line



Grasslands All Stars Honorable Mention Offensive Line



SCBL 2nd Team All League Kicker
Grasslands All Stars Honorable Mention Kicker



Grasslands All Stars 2nd Team Defensive End



Grasslands All Stars Honorable Mention Quarterback



Grasslands All Stars 2nd Team Defensive Linebacker

Sports News



Flinthills High School 2023-24 Basketball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>EVENT LOCATION</u>	<u>JV TIME</u>	<u>Varsity TIME</u>
12/1/23	Lebo	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
12/4-9	Fairfield Classic	Langdon	None	TBD
12/12/23	Altoona-Midway	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
12/15/23	Eureka	Eureka	6:00	6:00
12/19/23	Bluestem	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
1/5/24	Classical School	Wichita	4:00	6:00
1/9/24	Sedan	Sedan	4:00	6:00
1/12/24	South Haven	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
1/15-20	TBD	SCBL Tournament Week	None	TBD
1/26/24	Udall	Udall	4:00	6:00
1/30/24	Cedar Vale/Dexter	Dexter	4:00	6:00
2/2/24	Caldwell*	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
2/6/24	Central	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
2/9/24	Argonia	Argonia	4:00	6:00
2/13/24	West Elk	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
2/16/24	Oxford**	Rosalia	4:45	6:00
2/19-2/24	TBD	Regionals	None	TBD
2/26-3/2	TBD	SubState	None	TBD
3/6-3/9	TBD	State Tournament Week	None	TBD

* Homecoming ** Senior Night

Stuco Sponsors Blood Drive

On Nov. 15 of this year, the American Red Cross came to the Flinthills for a blood drive sponsored by the Flinthills Student Council. Students and teachers donated blood in the multipurpose gym and donated a total of 21 pints of blood. There will be another on March 19, 2024. If you are interested in participating in the Drive, please contact either Mr. Sorum or Student Council President Sydney Sorum for scheduling.



Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

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

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas season. Our Character Ed trait for the month is Gratitude. We are starting our Fall Fastbridge testing November 28-December 8.

Primary School

The Primary had a Veteran's Assembly on November 8. Mrs. Garcia and staff put on a program with the students singing and having speaking parts. Thank you to all of our veterans!



Flinthills Intermediate School

The Intermediate participated with the MS/HS for a Veterans Assembly on November 10.

The students brought in over 30 blankets to help the Sunlight Children's home in Andover for a blanket drive with Youth Leadership Butler.



The Intermediate also participated in a Food Drive with Stucco.

Mrs. Angela Spencer was a guest in Mrs. Garcia's music classes November 13. She played the harp for the students. For most students, this was their first time seeing and hearing a harp being played. We appreciate her love for music and sharing with our students and staff!



COUNSELOR'S

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December 2023



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From Ms. Hansen

Hoping you all had a wonderful and restful break over Thanksgiving! As a reminder to all high school students, your IPS (Individual Plan of Study) and Xello (what you log in through PowerSchool), are something you should be working on and updating often! We have time during seminar here at school, but please make sure you are completing these activities, lessons, and updating your IPS in order to be ready for spring conferences!

During spring conferences, we will be holding a FAFSA event on February 15, starting from 4 pm - 8 pm. If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA or need help with anything, please come that night!

Apply Kansas was a great event! We had a great deal of the seniors apply colleges, technical colleges, and fill out job applications during this event!

Word of the Month EMPATHY

"Empathy is understanding and connecting with other peoples feelings."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2023)



FAFSA Update

With the new FAFSA updates, the opening date has been pushed back with an expected date in December 2023. Please check email or Google Classroom to be notified regarding about the official opening date for the 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 (it takes about 2 to 3 days to receive this ID).



Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **EMPATHY**

- What do you think it means to understand other people's feelings?
- How have you experienced empathy in your life?
- How can you show empathy towards others?
- Why is empathy important to show to others?

November Intermediate Student of the Month



Aniya Bowlin

4th Grade

Parents - Chris & Dori Bowlin

Hobbies & Activities - Cheer & arts & craft

Favorite Class - Drama & Math

October Intermediate Late Start Pictures

Pictures by JoAnn Craighead

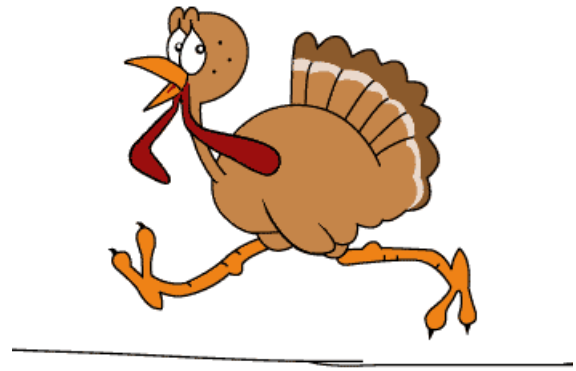




Turkey in Disguise

Mrs. Myrick's Kindergarten class had a fun at home project, disguising a turkey for Thanksgiving! Each student created a unique disguise with the help of their families! Happy Thanksgiving!





PTO PIE RAFFLE

**TICKETS:
\$1 EACH OR
6 FOR \$5**

Drawings will take place following the Primary & Intermediate Christmas programs. Purchasing \$20 or more in tickets automatically enters you into a special prize drawing. We appreciate your support!



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 HS BB vs. Lebo 4:45	2 HS-Wrestling— El dorado
3	4 HS Scholars Bowl @ Udall 4:30 MS BB vs. Remington 5:00 HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon; Girls at 6, Boys at 7:30	5 FFA Meeting 6:30 3-5 Vocal & Band 7:00	6 Staff Dev 7:40-9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 SCBL Meeting FFA MS Academy @ Maize	7 MS BB @ Sedan 4:00 HS BB Fairfield—TBD	8 FFA Beef Expo @ Lyons HS BB Fairfield—TBD	9 MS Theatre Presentation 7:00
10	11 BOE Cassoday 7:30 Primary Concert 7:00 MS BB vs. West Elk 5:00	12 HS BB vs. Altoona- Midway 4:45	13 FFA MS Academy	14 MS BB vs. S. Haven 5:00	15 HS BB @ Eureka 6:00 HS Varsity Wrestling Marion 3:00 HS— JV Wrestling Council Grove— 3:00	16
17	18 Holiday Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45	19 HS BB vs. Bluestem 4:45	20 HS Finals 5-6-7	21 End of 1st Semester 1:00 Dismissal Drama Christmas Basket Delivery HS Finals 1-2-3-4	22 NO SCHOOL AM Staff Dev.	23
24 NO WINTER PRACTICE	25 Christmas Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	26 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	27 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	28 Winter Break NO WINTER PRACTICE	29 Winter Break	30
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Flinthills Flyer

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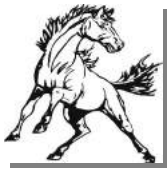
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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 6—Late Start Wednesday

December 21—Early dismissal at 1:00

December 22—No School, Staff Development

December 24-28—Winter Buffer Week

January 5—No School. Teacher Staff Development and Work Day

January 8—Return to School; Full Day

January 10—Late Start Wednesday

