



# Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

March 2024

## HS Girls' Soaring to New School Records



### Paige Corter

Most Free Throws Made in a Game – 10  
Most Free Throws Attempted in a Game – 16  
Most points in a game—41



### Alex Scribner

Most Assists in a Game – 13  
Most Steals in a Game - 12



## FHS FORENSIC SUCCESS IN BIG BATTLES

The 2024 Forensics Team is performing strong with wins at 3 Major Tournaments. In January, our Mighty Mustangs picked up a powerful 4th Place finish at Clearwater High School while competing against 19 other schools. Next, the Team captured a 1st Place Finish at Central High School, and later, a Big 1st Place Win at Douglass High School against 18 other schools which included El Dorado, Circle, Remington, Maize South, Kingman, Cheney, Rose Hill, Marion, Mulvane and Ark City. (Continued on page 18)



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## From the Desk of Superintendent, Brian Spencer

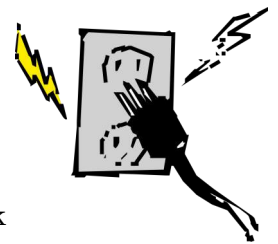
# *The Good, The Bad, and the Busy!*

Selecting a topic for this article each month is not normally too difficult. There is usually something relevant and timely that needs to be shared. Other months are more of a challenge. Sometimes the challenge is settling on just one thing among all the options. This month, with the help of some others, I have decided to address more than one thing. With apologies to Clint Eastwood for tagging onto the title of one of his best movies, I give you *The Good, The Bad, and The Busy* things happening at Flinthills.

The “Good” includes our students performing well in various events and activities, like the spelling bee, music events, and, hopefully, State Assessments that we are in the process of administering. However, the best good news that affects the most people is the replacement of the gym floor in the Big Gym. After a long process the Board of Education decided back in November the floor needed to be replaced, but we needed it to happen between basketball season and graduation. Fortunately, that time frame worked for the best bidder, Lankford Floors out of Bucyrus, KS, and they will be here the first week of March to replace the floor in the big gym. As long as the cement foundation is solid, level, and in good shape the process will easily be completed in time for graduation. This will affect many aspects of the way the school operates, so don't be surprised if you see P.E. classes meeting outside or if there is congestion in the parking lot, simply remember we are in the middle of replacing the gym floor. This means we will host the Donkey Basketball Game in the West Gym instead of in the Big Gym. That promises to be a fun event, and it will be good to have the community in the West Gym again.

The “Bad” concerns the facilities. We have some great facilities here at Flinthills, but maintaining them is an ongoing process. That is why “Replacing the Gym Floor” is listed in the “Good” category instead of in the “Bad” category. Once we have a plan to make it better and improvise it, we move it from the “Bad” list. We have some situations that we don't have a good plan to address yet, so they are in the “Bad” category. We have an electrical issue between the transformer and the wood shop. There is 3-Phase electrical service in the shop, but for some reason one phase is not carrying current correctly. We will have to replace the line that is currently buried below the cement sidewalk around the building. We are looking at options for repair. The bigger issue we have involves the area where our oldest building meets some of our newest revisions. The floor in the music room at the east end of the west gym is heaving to the extent the door will not open. If you are old enough you know that used to be the stage in the gym. Something has happened, and we believe we have identified it as a water leak under the floor that is causing the movement. The insurance adjuster is assessing the situation, and we will work together to address the damage and ensure we have stopped the problem from recurring. Again, we have great facilities, and we are dedicated to keeping them in good condition. Dealing with these types of issues is simply part of operating the school.

The “Busy” is almost ongoing for us here at Flinthills, but Springtime is the busiest time of the year. That is not only the season of Baseball/Softball and Track, but field trips occur, and there are many other events and activities like music concerts and play productions. Spring is simply a very busy time of year. Having these opportunities for our students is fantastic, but it is easy to get worn out and overwhelmed. Please try not to let that happen. Keep an eye on your children, and if they are showing signs of illness and fatigue, respond appropriately. Keep them home if they have a fever, even if it is a field trip day. When they are home in the evenings ensure they get to bed early and eat well. I mentioned maintaining our facilities is an ongoing process but so is maintaining healthy kids. That is very important to the success of our schools. I would even go so far as to say that having and maintaining good facilities for active kids is as important to us as gold and a good aim were to “Blondie” (*The Man With No Name*) in *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly* in 1966. It was a great movie. When things aren't so busy, find it online and watch it.







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FUNNIER THAN  
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DATE: **March 16th, 2024**

TIME: **pre-game supper 5:30pm - games begin @ 7:00 pm**

PLACE: **Flinthills High School gym**

1st GAME: **Jack Assassins - JR/SR team vs. Dream Team - Mustang staff**

2nd GAME: **Asses of the Past - Alumni vs. Jacks of All Trades - community members**

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**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Flinthills Commons**

**Tickets available in  
Primary & Intermediate offices**

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

Dear Mustang Families -

As we move into spring, I am excited to extend an invitation to you and your child to attend our 6th Grade and 9th Grade Orientation event. This event is designed to provide you with valuable insights into the upcoming school year (2024-25) and to ensure a smooth transition for your child into middle school and high school.

Here are the details for the orientation:

Date: March 19th      Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.      Location: Auditorium

During the orientation, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Learn what faculty and staff members will be guiding your child through their middle school / high school journey.
2. Learn about our curriculum, extracurricular activities, and support services available to students.
3. Gain valuable information about school policies, procedures, and expectations.
4. Familiarize yourselves with key school locations.
5. Review New Graduation Requirements including IPS (Individual Plan of study) requirements

We understand that transitioning to middle school and high school can be both exciting and overwhelming for students and families alike. We encourage you to attend this orientation to address any questions or concerns you may have. We want to continue with the strong partnership Flinthills has between home and school to support your child's academic and personal growth.

Please RSVP to confirm your attendance. This will help us better prepare for the evening. If you have any specific topics or questions you would like us to address during the orientation, please feel free to include them in your RSVP.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Go Mustangs!

Mr. Michael Hunter – MS/HS Principal -  
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Mrs. Meggan Hansen – MS/HS Counselor  
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# COUNSELOR'S

## CORNER



March 2024

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### From Ms. Hansen

**Community Service Hours:** Seniors, please remember that your community service hours are due by April 30, 2024. You should have an updated email with how many hours you have documented. Please make sure you are seeking out opportunities to complete these hours prior to April 30!

**Community Service DAY:** We will be having community service day at school on April 10th. All middle school and high school students will participate. Please watch for more information regarding this as the date approaches.

**6th Grade & Freshman Orientation:** On March 19, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, we will be having a 6th grade and 9th grade orientation. We ask that you RSVP with Mr. Hunter or Ms. Hansen! Please watch for the letter regarding this opportunity!

**WorkKeys Makeup Testing:** We have a few students who will be making up the ACT WorkKeys test on March 27, 2024 in the morning. These students will receive an email regarding this reminder of their makeup testing.

### Word of the Month

## RESPECT

"Respect is seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2024)

### Butler Community College Classes

Enrollment for Butler Community College will begin on March 18th. If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior interested in taking college classes, please sign up on the sheet outside Ms. Hansen's office. After you sign up, you will then discuss if college classes are an option for you. In order to be prepared to discuss college options, please take a look at the classes you might be interested in taking! Representatives from Butler will be here on April 9, 2024 at 8:30 am to finalize enrollment and paperwork. Please stop by Ms. Hansen's office if you have any questions!

### Important Dates

- March 11–March 15: SPRING BREAK!
- March 19: 6th grade & 9th grade Orientation at 5:30 pm
- March 27: ACT WorkKeys Makeup
- April 9: BCC Final Enrollment at 8:30 am
- April 10: Community Service Day

### Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **RESPECT**

- What does respect mean in your own words?
- Why do you think respect is an important quality to possess as a leader?
- How can you be more intentional about showing respect?
- What do you think it means about seeing value in all people and things?





# We'd Like to Recognize...



## February HS Student of the Month

### Willow Kane

Parents – Nicole and Richard Kane

Hobbies – Making crafts, enjoying nature, solving puzzles

Activities – Writing, walking, and shopping

Favorite Class - English

## February MS Student of the Month

### Bellah Hickman

Parents – Bradley Hickman and Greta Griswold-Hickman

Hobbies – Basketball and running

Activities – Hanging out with friends and sleeping

Favorite Class - Math



## February Intermediate Student of the Month



### Aiden Bertsch

3rd Grade

Parents – Matthew and Stacy Bertsch

Hobbies – Playing soccer and chess

Favorite Class - Math



# Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

I'm not complaining and hope I don't jinx anything, but it appears we may have an early spring. From what the weather map shows, winter may be past us. So, with that being said, those of us that suffer with allergies, please get your allergy meds started. I know some of us take them year round to keep our immunity up. Things could be blooming soon, if not already, and those itchy eyes, runny noses and cough will be starting soon. Get yourself prepared. I do not have allergy meds to give students, except for Benadryl and that usually makes the student sleepy.

This virus bug that is going around now, is definitely a strange one. It affects everyone differently. All we can do is treat the symptoms and get lots of rest. Remember, if you want to check yourself or student for Covid, please stop by my office and I can give you home tests. At this time, I am not aware of any Covid cases in the school. Also, Butler County is listed as a low risk community for Covid according to KDHE.

Most of the staff at Flinthills in Rosalia and Cassoday are either trained or certified in CPR and First Aid. This is a great accomplishment in being prepared in case of an emergency. We want to keep our kids safe.

Stay Well and Healthy,

Nurse Rhonda

## FLINTHILLS BOOSTER CLUB



Booster Club and the Junior/Senior Fun Night committee teamed up to hold a Silent Pie Auction at the home basketball game on Friday, February 16. A huge thank you to everyone who bid, and to Phyllis Jackson, Kerri Smith, Kolby Holcomb and Emily Brenton for donating delicious pies. Your generosity raised almost \$500 to support our students.

The two groups also ran the concession stand and sold pulled pork sandwiches. Many thanks to all who worked in the concession stand or donated food items! We couldn't do it without you!

# Classes—Where the Learning Begins

## PROJECTS FROM SHOP CLASSES



First corral gate from our newly made gate and panel jig.



Aiden Davis and Harlee Randall—Calf Catchers



Harlee Randall—  
Horseshoe boot  
jacks



Portable Ticket Booth- This project was started from scratch. We built a portable building that could be used as a ticket booth, concession stand, snow cone dispensary, or somewhere for teachers to hide from students. Just kidding. We learned how to frame, install insulation, basic wiring for plug-ins and light switches. We also learned how to side and roof using metal. Door and window installation was learned also.





Open Top Horse Trailer- This project started as the old trailer picture. We installed new wheel bearings and racers, welded on a different tongue. Designed and built a bug guard for the front of the trailer. Built and installed solid sides and braces. Designed a gate and latches for the back. We even used a metal lathe to make all of our own hinges for the gate. Installed a new floor. Primed and Painted the trailer. Finally we put all new wiring and taillights on the trailer.



Noah Lacey—Gate Latch

Lawn Mower Trailer- This project was an old utility trailer. We cut off the rusty sides and floor. Added a wood floor and supports. Build a fold down tailgate that you can drive a lawn mower or utv up onto the trailer. Pulled and greased the wheel bearings. Painted and installed new wire and taillights.





## Classes—Where the Learning Begins

### ART STUDENTS BRING HOME THE GOLD!

Seven Flinthills High School art students received 9 awards in the Scholastic Art Competition this year! Alexa Hardin, Addison Cartmell, Yana Taylor, Taylor Sutton, Kianna Mantanona, & Austin Liggett all received Honorable Mention for their artworks, and Austin also received a Gold Key, the highest award you can receive. This is a national competition, and is an extremely difficult show to get in to! Only the top 15 out of 100 make honorable mention. Congratulations, art students!

-Michal Austin



Above: Taylor Sutton— *She is me; I am she*

Upper Left : Addison Cartmell—*Chip*

Right: Alexa Hardin—*Reflection*







Left: Austin Liggitt—*Pasture Ornament*

Middle Left: Alexa Hardin—*Beauty of Sadness*

Middle Right: Yana Taylor—*Black Light Flame*

Bottom Left: Kianna Mantanona—*King Kong*

Bottom Right: Austin Liggitt—*Grandpa's Favorite Spot*





# Classes—Where the Learning Begins

## LOOKING THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS

The Photography class has been exploring a variety of photography styles and learning about popular & famous photographers this semester. Making interesting photos out of relatively uninteresting subject matter (such as a banana on white paper), toy photography, unusual angles, and exploring different lighting are a few of the topics we've explored so far. In a time when everyone can take photos, capturing an image that makes an impression with the viewer is the challenge. These seven young photographers are doing fantastic! Featured photographers are Alexa Hardin (2 images), Ataya Nesser, Karynn Gleason, Alex Scribner, Parker Sutton, Colton Reust and Levi Beard.



Colton Reust



Parker Sutton



Alex Scribner



Ataya Nesser



Upper right: Levi Beard

Upper left: Karynn Gleason

Left: Alexa Hardin

Bottom left: Alexa Hardin





# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

## No Place Like Home-Coming! 2024

This year's Winter Homecoming theme was *There is No Place Like Home-Coming!* Monday's theme was "Munchkin Land," where students dressed up like little kids. The Juniors won the dress up with Freshmen in second. For the game, the students did a knee crawl race with the Seniors in first, Juniors in second, and Freshmen and Sophomores tied for 3rd.

On Tuesday the theme was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," students dressed up in their class colors, and the game was Skittles tasting. The Sophomores won the dress up day followed by the Freshmen. For Skittles tasting, the Freshmen and Juniors tied for first place, the Sophomores second, and the Seniors were disqualified.

On Wednesday, the theme was "Which Witch is Which," where the students came to school twinning with another student paired with a three-legged race for the game. The Freshmen won the dress up followed by the Juniors. For the three-legged race, the Juniors took first followed by the Seniors, the Sophomores, and finally the Freshmen.

Thursday's theme was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road;" students came to school wearing college wear; the Juniors came in first for dressing up, followed by the Seniors, Sophomores, and, finally, Freshmen. The game was played on Friday due to school activities. Each class had a representative come and play cup pong against the other classes. Sophomores and Seniors tied for first, leaving Juniors and Freshmen tied for second.

Friday's theme was "School Spirit;" each class showed school spirit by wearing Red and Black. Juniors took first followed by the Freshmen, Seniors, and lastly Sophomores. The students were given the second half of the day to decorate a photo booth. The Juniors took first again, then the Seniors in second, Sophomores in third, and Freshmen in last.

At the game Friday night homecoming the King and Queen were crowned. The Queen Candidates were Riley Garcia, Alexa Hardin, Kolby Holcomb, and Yana Taylor. The King Candidates were Lane Alvord, Tate Leslie, Shane Steinhauer, and Javin Weis. Riley Garcia and Tate Leslie were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

-Alex Scribner









# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

## More 2024 Homecoming Shots



## *Caldwell MS Math Relays*

This month Flinthills Middle School students traveled to Caldwell and participated in this year's Caldwell Math Relays on February 15, 2024. Thirty-five students competed in 30 various mathematical categories earning Flinthills the title of Runner-up!

Integers 6- Noah Riemann, 1st place  
 Percents 6- Makinsey Waller, 9th Stella Edwards, 10th  
 Charts and Graphs 6- Emmie Marsh, 9th  
 Decimals 6- Aubree Hays, 4th  
 Multiplication 6- Emmie Marsh, 5th Brentley Decker, 10th  
 Word Problems 6- Luke Parker, 8th  
 Potpourri 6- Aubree Hays, 4th  
 Mental Math 6- Reece Jackson, 8th  
 6th Grade Team- 3rd Place

Ratios/Proportions/Percents 7- Ellis Marshall, 2nd  
 Charts and Graphs 7- Emily Thorne, 3rd Addison Thorne, 7th  
 Geometry 7- Reece Jackson (6th grader), 10th  
 Word Problems 7- Jake Scribner, 5th Addison Thorne, 6th  
 Fractions 7- Emily Thorne, 5th Addison Thorne 8th  
 Prob & Stats 7- Dane Edwards, 7th  
 Mental Math 7- Koleson Swafford, 5th  
 7th Grade Team- 6th place

Polynomials 8- Rylee Randall (7th Grader), 4th place  
 Ratios/Proportions/Percents 8- Garrett Jackson, 2nd Wyatt Dunbar, 3rd  
 Equations 8- Ian Forbes (6th grader), 10th  
 Geometry 8- Ty Finley, 2nd Coltin Dragoo, 3rd  
 Order of Operations 8- Bellah Hickman (6th grader), 3rd Riley Humbar-  
 gar (7th Grader), 5th  
 Word Problems 8- Rylee Randall (7th grader), 3rd  
 Prob & Stats 8- Koleson Swafford (7th grader), 10th  
 Fractions 8- Newell Marsh, 5th Ty Finley, 9th  
 Mental Math 8- Newell Marsh, 4th Ty Finley, 6th  
 8th Grade Team-2nd Place

-Coach Jenna Anderson





## ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



Fun Day 2024 will be held on April 20. The day will include lunch at Pizza Ranch, fun at All Star Sports and gifts and prizes for all students.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, we are currently collecting donations and prizes. 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. We would appreciate having all donations by April 12. If you have questions or would like us to pick up a donation, please contact Tresa Garcia at [t.garcia@usd492.org](mailto:t.garcia@usd492.org).

## FHS FORENSIC SUCCESS

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The following students have qualified for State Championships in 13 events:

Sydney Sorum - Humorous Solo Acting, Duet Acting, and Prose

Callie Cordts - Oration, Poetry, and Prose

Taryn Brittain - Serious Solo Acting, and Poetry

Ember Kinning - Informative Speaking

Taylor Brown - Duet Acting and Serious Solo Acting

Keira Poston - Informative Speaking

Brylee Heimgartner - Oration and Informative Speaking

Other team members include: Luke Jenkins, Cole Beard, Nilari Cabugo and Skylar Dutton

We are so close to having a full team of 16 maximum entries at State. Our team is working to qualify 3 more events to complete our full team.

On Friday, March 22, we host our Evening Home Forensics Meet. If you are interested in judging, please contact Mrs. McCreight.

Our Forensics Showcase is Saturday, April 27th at 6:30. Please join us and see the Forensics Team perform.

State Championships are Saturday, May 4th!

# FHS THEATRE PRESENTS *STEEL MAGNOLIAS*

Our FHS Stage has transformed into a Louisiana Hair Salon where six spunky characters will show a memorable glimpse of their lives! Our actresses are sharing a fun adventure ...traveling back to the late 1980s where friends experienced the best and worst of times.

The Cast Includes:

M'lynn - Sydney Sorum

Truvy - Callie Cordts

Ouiser - Taryn Brittain

Annelle – Brylee Heimgartner

Shelby - Taylor Brown

Clairee - Keira Poston

Theatre Doors open at 6:30 for the 7:00 Show, and School Doors will unlock at 6:00.

Tickets are \$7.



Come enjoy an evening complete with some Good Old Fashioned Southern Charm!

## ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



# Cassoday Boosters 4-H



Cassoday Boosters February 2024 meeting

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club met at 7 pm at the Flinthills Primary School on February 19th. Vice President Emily Scribner conducted this meeting.

Beef weigh in will be on Saturday, February 24th at the Flinthills High School Agriculture buildings in Rosalia. 4-H days will be held on Sunday, February 25th at Butler Community College. The club approved to donate a hundred dollars to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The club also approved to pay for 4 livestock tags for each of our members.

The club will begin selling Blue & Gold sausage products for a fundraiser soon. Orders will be due on March 24th. We will be bringing ideas for a club booth at the 4-H Mini Fair to our next meeting. Next month's meeting will be on March 18th at 7pm in Rosalia. It will be Parent's Night so the parents will take over the offices of their kids.

## ***Tri-M Students Attend State Music Convention***

Mrs. Julie Rosenquist brought eleven music students belonging to Tri-M (Music Honor Society) to KMEA where they met up with Mrs. Grover. In their first meeting, they interacted with nationally renowned motivational speaker Tim Lautzenheiser. They spent the rest of the morning visiting booths from various colleges and exploring new ways of making music. We also ran into alumnus Reagan Heimgartner.





# MS Scholars Bowl Team Has the Answers!!

The Middle School Scholars Bowl team was a dedicated crew! Practices were held two mornings a week at 7:00! They worked hard and competed well!

Our first meet was at Caldwell. The varsity placed 1st and the JV gained a lot of confidence in taking chances to answer questions. Our second meet was in Sedan, where the varsity placed 3rd and the JV picked up their first win of the season.

The next week, we hosted a meet at Flinthills and the varsity came out swinging. They dominated most rounds and rolled to an easy 1st place and the JV picked up another two wins.

Our final meet was the league tournament in Udall. The JV competed well, but came up short. The varsity team made it out of pool play by going undefeated. Going up against a strong Central Burden team in the semi-finals proved to be a battle of the buzzers. The two teams combined to answer 13 of the 16 questions in the round. Unfortunately, we came up one question short. After an impressive 110 - 20 win over Sedan, the varsity team ended in 3rd place.

It was a great season with an amazing group of young people. Varsity members were Coltin Dragoo, Newell Marsh, Jacob Scribner, Koleson Swafford, and Brentley Decker. JV team members were Emily Thorne, Gleb Taylor, Bellah Hickman, Emmie Marsh, and Addison Thorne. Thank you for representing Flinthills so well!

—Tammy Brown



The Cassoday Boosters will be selling Blue & Gold sausage products until March 24. Sausage is 2 ½ pound rolls for \$9.75. Three pounds of bacon is \$19.25 and five pounds of chicken fritters are \$26.50. Money raised will be used for project enrichment, leadership development, service projects, club activities and event scholarships. To place an order, contact any member of the Cassoday Boosters! Or contact Tresa Garcia at [garciatresa@gmail.com](mailto:garciatresa@gmail.com). The Cassoday Boosters will be selling Blue & Gold sausage products until March 24. Sausage is 2 ½ pound rolls for \$9.75. Three pounds of bacon is \$19.25 and five pounds of chicken fritters are \$26.50. Money raised will be used for project enrichment, leadership development, service projects, club activities and event scholarships. To place an order, contact any member of the Cassoday Boosters! Or contact Tresa Garcia at [garciatresa@gmail.com](mailto:garciatresa@gmail.com).

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## *ThinkFast*

ThinkFast is a fast paced interactive game show that combines traffic safety and pop culture. This month Thinkfast visited our school where grades 6-12 competed for gift cards. Cody Williams won the dance off, Javin Weis won the argument on why seatbelts are important, and the 8th grade team won the final round. Ty Finley, Cody Williams, Talon Scribner & Javin Weis competed in a series of questions where the fastest buzzer with the correct answer won. Hosted by SAFE this activity is memorable, engaging and hopefully will help our young drivers and riders to understand the importance of buckling up!

-Michal Austin





# FFA week February 19th-February 24th

On Monday we started the week with officer interviews and a barn cleanup. Students who interviewed for next year's officer positions had to submit an application, get two letters of recommendation and complete an interview with a panel of judges.

Congratulations to the following students who will be the officers for the 24-25 school year.

- President: Karsyn Flores
- Vice President: Jacob Mead
- Secretary: Luke Jenkins
- Treasurer: Kolter Flores
- Reporter: Charli Bohnen
- Sentinel: Corbin Araiza
- Parliamentarian: Kyle Parker



On Tuesday we had an FFA lunch for students who are active in our FFA chapter. The dress up day was Hillbilly day.

On Wednesday we had an appreciation breakfast for our amazing staff at Flinthills. The officers helped make biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole and a fruit salad. We also got the opportunity to have Payton Ryba come and talk to our students about motivation. The dress up day that day was Western Wednesday.

On Thursday we went to Cassoday and put on a Mini Barnyard Olympics for our Prek-2nd graders. The officers did an awesome job putting on 4 different stations for the students. The dress up day that day was America Day.

Friday's dress up day was blue and gold. We ended our day with putting on a Barnyard Olympics for our middle and high schoolers. We had 10 teams sign up and the Flinthills staff team ended up winning the whole thing.

On Saturday we ended the week by hosting the Butler County Beef Weigh in at our facility.





# Sports News

## Rally in the valley

Monday, February 12, 2024 the MS cheerleaders competed at the Rally in the Valley Cheer and Dance competition hosted at Valley Center High School. This was the first competition for the majority of the squad and we were one of only TWO small schools! Although the girls were intimidated starting out, by the end of the night, the girls were already mentioning competing again next year! This Cheer competition was rated on performance levels (much like you would see for band and/or choir). Flinthills walked away with an “Excellent” Rating, and list of very helpful comments that we will be working on next year! It was definitely a great way to end our season of CHEER!

Be on the lookout in the months to come about MS Cheer training in May, and signups for next year!  
-Coach Jenna Anderson







## **MS GIRLS BB TEAM MADE IT TO THE LEAGUE TOURNAY**

So proud of the group that willed themselves into the league tournament with a two point victory against Cedar Vale/Dexter in the final minute. The improvement that these young ladies showed through the course of the season is remarkable. The odds were stacked against them and they showed grit to battle through adversity. We finished 5-10 with a very young group. The experience will only pay off going forward. -Coach Steve Clark





# Sports News

## Middle School Boys Basketball

The Middle School Boys Basketball Team wrapped up its successful season in early February. It was a great season for all of our teams. We had 27 boys on the team this year which allowed us to have a varsity, junior varsity, and C-Team. All of the boys improved tremendously throughout the season.

The varsity boys finished the season as the SCBL Tournament Runners-up. Our first-round game was against Argonia. We played very well and ended up with a 47-33 win. Our second-round game was against a tough Sedan team. This was the third time we matched up against Sedan this season with the first two games being tough losses. This was a very hard-fought game, and we came home with a 36-34 win with a buzzer beater to seal the victory. This win moved us into the Championship game against Central. This was also our third match-up with Central this season, and we had split the regular season by each of us winning at home. It was also a very hard-fought battle until the end, but we lost a close game by a score of 34-36.

The boys ended the season with a record of 11 wins and 5 losses. They should be proud of the way they competed all season. We lose a great group of twelve 8th graders and will miss their leadership, but we will be returning a solid group of 6th and 7th graders for next season. We want to thank all of the parents, families, and fans for all of their support throughout the season. -Coach Steve Jackson



Pictures by Melissa Scribner





# Sports News



## Flinthills High School 2024 Mustang Baseball/Softball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/18	Rosalia	Yates Center	2	10:00
3/21	Eureka	Eureka	1 V-1JV	4:30
3/25	Rosalia	Udall	2	4:00
3/28	Rosalia	Bluestem	2	4:30
4/1	Sedan	Sedan	2	4:00
4/8	Rosalia	Cedar Vale/Dexter	2	4:00
4/11	Howard	West Elk	2	4:00
4/15	Rosalia	Central	2	4:00
4/22	Oxford	Oxford	2	4:00
4/25	TBD	SCBL Makeup Date		TBD
4/29	South Haven	South Haven/Caldwell	2	4:00
5/2	TBD	SCBL Makeup Date		TBD
5/6	TBD	League Tournament	2	TBD
5/7	TBD	Tourney Rain Date		TBD
5/9	Winfield	League Tournament	1	TBD
5/10	TBD	Tourney Rain Date		TBD
5/13-16	TBD	Regional Tournament		TBD
5/23-24	TBD	State Tournament		TBD





**Flinthills High School  
2023-24 Mustang  
HS Track Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/29	Oxford	Oxford Inv.	3:30
4/9	Eureka	Eureka Inv.	3:00
4/16	Iola	Gene Farrow Inv.	9:30
4/18	Fredonia	Fredonia Inv.	3:00
4/26	Madison	Madison Inv. V/JV	3:00
4/30	Burlington	Burlington HS Inv.	3:30
5/3	Remington	Remington Inv.	3:00
5/10	TBD	SCBL League Meet	3:00
5/11	<i>TBD</i>	<i>SCBL Rain Date</i>	<i>TBD</i>
5/17	TBD	Regional Track Meet	TBD
5/24-25	WSU-Wichita	State Track Meet	TBD

**MS Track Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/26	Burden	Central Inv.	1:30
4/2	Eureka	Eureka Inv. 1	3:30
4/10	Emporia	Hartford Inv.	9:30 AM
4/16	Yates Center	Yates Center Track	3:30
4/18	Udall	Udall Inv.	1:30
4/23	Rosalia	Flinthills Inv.	3:00
4/25	Eureka	Eureka Inv. 2	2:00
5/2	TBD	SCBL League Meet	1:30

# Sports News

## *Lady Mustangs Achieve Great Things In Spite of Low Numbers*

Before Sub-state, the girls had a 17-4 record and were the #1 seed in our sub-state. It has been a crazy fun season. We have been so low on personnel at times that we have had to suit up both managers and a cheerleader at different points in the season to make it through. In spite of that, the girls stepped up and broke numerous records this year like the longest winning streak in school history at 10 games. We had the high team free throw percentage of 94%. Paige and Alex broke some individual records as well. The HS Girls Basketball team ended their season at 17-5 with a loss in the first round of sub-state. It was a tremendous season with everyone being a contributor. -Coach Daniel Scribner





Pictures by Melissa Scribner





# Sports News

## HS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM SHOWS GROWTH

As we conclude another competitive season of basketball, I find myself very grateful for the incredible effort and attitude this year's team displayed. This season was marked by growth, determination, and a relentless pursuit to improve each day.

Reflecting on where we started at the beginning of the season and where we finished, it is evident that we've grown as a team. We may not have ended with the record we envisioned, but the lessons learned along the way can help this young team achieve greatness in the future.

This season was about more than just wins and losses. It was about building a competitive foundation for the future, both on and off the court. I am excited to watch each one of these student/athletes develop not only as athletes but more importantly as individual young men.

To our senior players, thank you for your leadership and dedication. The coaches really appreciate the last two years.

I also want to thank all of our families for helping with meals and supporting our team. I am excited to see how this team will grow in the future.  
--Coach Hunter & Coach Kemp







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# Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

Letter from Mrs. Cooper, the primary/intermediate principal....

Spring Break is March 11-15, 2024. I hope all of you get to have a relaxing Spring Break with your children and families. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Our Character Strong words for March are Peace/Respect. I encourage you to have conversations with your children about peace and respect and why they are important.

Thank you all for your help in making our Parent/Teacher Conferences a success at both elementary schools!

## Primary School -2<sup>nd</sup> grade PE class playing Capture the Hearts with Mrs. Taylor.



## Intermediate School- Mrs. Brown's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class enjoying Math outside.





# FFA Mini Barnyard Olympics

We could not have asked for better weather February 22 when the high school FFA students came to our school and hosted a mini version of Barnyard Olympics. The Pre-K through 2nd grade students enjoyed about an hour of competitive fun running a 3-legged race, jumping over hay bales, turning and burning with a barrel race, and the old fashion sack race. FFA also provided a snack for us that afternoon which was also enjoyed outside.

We are thankful for the nice weather!

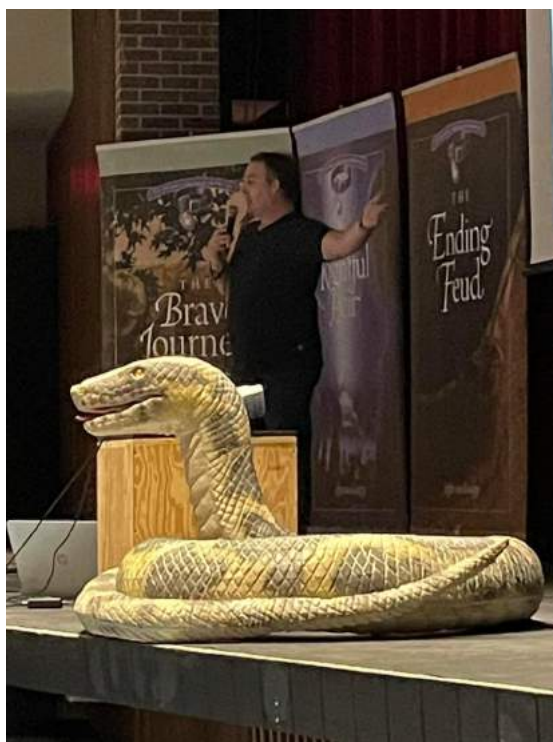




# *The Kingdom at the End of the Driveway*

With the weather finally cooperating, local author Jefferson Knapp visited with the Intermediate and Middle School students on February 7th. Mr. Knapp is the author of the series, *The Kingdom at the End of the Driveway*. He shared with us about his childhood growing up between Leon and Augusta and one event he experienced that eventually led to the book series. He walked us thru his process of writing a book and how he came up with the characters and story lines. After his talk there was time for a question and answer session for the students. Mr. Knapp was accompanied by some of his larger than life characters.

If interested in any of Mr. Knapp's books please contact the Intermediate office.





# Fifth Grade Builds Machines to Perform Tasks

The 5th grade class, as part of their engineering unit, collaborated to research, design, and construct Rube Goldberg machines. Each group was challenged with the task of building a Rube Goldberg machine that could complete two tasks. We found that building successful machines was not as easy as we thought it would be. However, we worked together to troubleshoot the problems and persisted in our efforts to develop successful products!

-Tammy Brown



**Rosalia Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, March 30th**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Rosalia Football Field**





# March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meals are subject to change.	Guests eating lunch with a student need to notify the school 2 days in advance.	This is equal opportunity provider and employer.		<b>1</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Sliced Turkey & Cheese on Bun Natural Fries Green Beans Lettuce & Tomato Tropical Fruit Bunny Grahams Milk
<b>4</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Biscuit Milk	<b>5</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Strawberry Mini Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Taco Crunch Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Salsa Sliced Pears W.G. Cinnamon Buns Milk	<b>6</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Oatmeal Breakfast Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Grilled Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peas Lettuce & Tomato Sliced Pineapple Tiger Bites Milk	<b>7</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Breakfast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Quesadilla Corn Broccoli & Cheese Sidekicks Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>8</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Combo Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy California Blend Veggies Tropical Fruit W.G. Rolls Milk
<b>11</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>12</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>13</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>14</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>15</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>18</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Cereal, PopTart, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Breaded Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches W.G. Rolls Milk	<b>19</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Fajitas on Flour Tortilla Corn Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Peppers & Onions Applesauce Salsa Milk	<b>20</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Sausage Gravy & Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Beef Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Peas Green Beans Mandarin Oranges W.G. Muffin Milk	<b>21</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Carrots Cauliflower Sliced Pears Fruit Juice Fruit Roll-Up Milk	<b>22</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Chocolate Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Baked Potato Bar Chili Broccoli & Cheese Ham & Cheese Pineapple Garlic Breadstick Milk
<b>25</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Red Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Rosy Applesauce W.G. Rolls Milk	<b>26</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Cereal Bar, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Hamburger on Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Pickles/Onions/Tomatoes Sliced Peaches Cookie Milk	<b>27</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Garlic Bread Pizza Marinara Corn Vegetable Juice Tropical Fruit Strawberries & Bananas Milk	<b>28</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy California Blend Veggies Sliced Pears W.G. Rolls Milk	<b>29</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>





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