

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

March, 2017

MUSTANGS CHARGE THROUGH FORENSICS SEASON WITH MULTIPLE WINS QUALIFYING 15 EVENTS AND 16 STUDENTS FOR STATE!

The Mustang Forensics Team stamped into Oxford winning the 1st Place Tournament Title on February 23rd. 11 Schools competed to snatch the Winning Plaque, but Flinthills Students worked hard in 3 rounds of competition to come out on top. The week before, Flinthills took 2nd place at the highly competitive 4 Round Lyndon Tournament where 20 teams competed 1A through 6A. FHS placed second behind Paola High School. Earlier in February, the Mustangs brought home the 2nd place finish from Central of Burden after fighting for first with Mulvane, and at the first tournament on February 9th, Flinthills took 3rd at Olpe finishing right behind Basehor-Linwood and Bishop Seabury.

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FHS FORENSICS WINS 1ST PLACE!

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Students who led the FHS team and qualified to compete at the State Championships are: Brandon Henson – Informative Speech, Bailey Smith and Javen McCreight – Duet Acting, Taylor Bisbee – Humorous Solo Acting, Emily Green – Prose, Kolton Melugin and Adia Witherspoon – Duet Acting, Jada Humig – Persuasive Speaking, Matthew Adams – Prose, Tessa Bragg – Serious Solo Acting, Bailey Smith – Prose, Sarah Sorum and Sarah Hinnen – Duet Acting, Joey Whipple and Philip Humig – Improvised Duet Acting, Javen McCreight – Extemporaneous Speaking, Emily Green – Poetry, Paula Hartley and Destiny Lawrence – Improvised Duet Acting, and Jada Humig – Serious Solo Acting.

The Flinthills Forensics team is looking forward to competitions in Argonia, Lyons, and Udall beginning March 27th. April 1st, FHS will host a forensics tournament. Please contact Julie McCreight, FHS Forensics Coach, if you would be interested in judging OR if you know someone who would be a great judge. Training sessions will be held to prepare judges for competition. The Mustangs will travel to State Championship Competition on May 6th! Go Mustangs!

- Mrs. McCreight

Come Out to Flinthills High School to take part in our 4th Annual FFA Banquet, and 2nd Annual Labor Auction on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00p.m.

**Flinthills FFA Members, Remember this is a Requirement for
your Annual Contract.**

FFA Banquet	Labor Auction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banquet Begins at 6:00 p.m. • Awards will be given to Active members of the chapter • 2017-2018 FFA officer Team will be announced • Free-will donation fried chicken dinner will be provided after the banquet with the help of FFA parents bringing sides! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dinner will be provided after the Banquet along with a labor auction. • Students will be auctioned off in pairs for 8 hours labor after the dinner. • The FFA Advisor will also be auctioned off! • Begins after the Banquet and Dinner

Flinthills FFA Past, Present, and Future

The FFA Meats evaluation team and food science team traveled to Kiowa on February 8 to participate in meats, and food science judging. The Meats team placed 11th with a total score of 661 points. Peyton Girty placed 34th with a total of 234 points, Sarah Sorum placed 38th with a total of 229 points, Jeffrey Garcia placed 50th with a total of 198 points, and Bradon Totty placed 54th with a total of 179 points.

The Food Science team placed 12th at the district contest with a total score of 315 points. Jack Donner placed 16th with a total of 122 points, Braden Wight placed 46th with a total of 105 points, Josh Schultz placed 77th with a total of 88 points, and Lauren Donner placed 97th with a total of 77 points.

The FFA Livestock Judging team traveled to Topeka on February 11th to participate in a Statewide Livestock clinic and judging contest. The Senior Team placed 4th with a total of 1,079 points. Braden Wight tied for 4th place with a total of 379, Jeffrey Garcia placed 28th with a total of 347 points, Peyton Girty placed 25th with a total of 353 points, and Gavin Girty placed 42nd with a total of 317 points. The Greenhand team had a total of 710 points. Josh Schultz had a total of 355 points, Cylan Lakin had a total of 355 points, and Josh and Cylan both tied for 5th place.

The FFA Livestock Judging team traveled to Kiowa on February 22 to participate in South Barber Invitational Livestock Judging Contest. The Senior Team placed 5th with a total score of 1,226 points. Peyton Girty had a total of 411 points, Hadley Girty had a total of 409 points, Jeffrey Garcia had a total of 372 points, Braden Wight had a total of 406 points, and Jack Donner had a total of 346 points.

The Greenhand team had a total of 1,054 points. Cylan Lakin had a total of 342 points, Josh Schultz had a total of 327 points, Lauren Donner had a total of 346 points, and Gavin Girty had a total of 366 points.

If you have any expertise or experience in any of our Career development events the Flinthills FFA members are looking for you! If you would like to help you can contact Skylar Myrick at (620) 224-6048 or email him at s.myrick@usd492.org.



Sarah Sorum brought her lamb to the Flint Hills Club February meeting and gave a talk about how to care for a lamb on a bottle.



The Flint Hills 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on February 12, 2017. Here they pose with one of Sarah Sorum's lambs.

LADY MUSTANGS FINISH REGULAR SEASON: PREPARE FOR SUBSTATE

The Lady Mustangs are currently 17-3 and have equaled the best regular season record in school history. It is getting harder and harder for me to describe what this team does using words. I hope that you have taken the time to watch a game the last few years. The girls currently hold or have broken 19 school records the last few years. We won the league championship for the first time since 1974. We will be the #1 seed in the upcoming Sub-State.

The Varsity team is not the only team to have success this year. The JV team finished the season with an amazing 13-1 record. I am so excited for the future of this program. We have great group of young girls that have improved a lot of this season. They transitioned well from Middle School to High School. This has to be the best or at least one of the best JV records in school history.

Below is the Game Summaries for both the JV and Varsity regular season games. Hope you all enjoyed watching the regular season. Thanks for the support, we hope to continue this success in the post season.

-Coach Monty Melugin

Varsity					JV				
Date		Opponent	Score	Opp Score	Date		Opponent	Score	Opp Score
12/2/16, 4:23 PM	at	Lebo	62	50	12/2/16, 3:39 PM	at	Lebo	53	28
12/5/16, 3:53 PM	at	Stafford	78	49	12/15/16, 2:58 PM	vs	Remington JV	41	23
12/9/16, 12:59 PM	vs	Otis-Bison	47	51	12/16/16, 2:19 PM	vs	Eureka	35	19
12/10/16, 1:30 PM	at	South Haven	49	21	1/3/17, 2:44 PM	vs	Yates Center	37	30
12/13/16, 4:04 PM	at	Altoona-Midway	48	26	1/10/17, 2:00 PM	vs	Cedarvale/Dexter	23	3
12/16/16, 3:45 PM	vs	Eureka	50	38	1/18/17, 2:45 PM	vs	Cedarvale/Dexter	30	5
1/3/17, 3:31 PM	vs	Yates Center	49	27	1/24/17, 2:35 PM	vs	Udall	25	16
1/10/17, 4:10 PM	vs	Cedarvale/Dexter	57	25	1/27/17, 2:29 PM	at	South Haven	9	6
1/18/17, 3:31 PM	vs	Cedarvale/Dexter	69	44	1/31/17, 2:01 PM	at	West Elk	24	20
1/20/17, 5:22 PM	vs	Caldwell	54	49	2/3/17, 2:43 PM	vs	Argonia	40	22
1/21/17, 4:25 PM	vs	Sedan Varsity	39	36	2/7/17, 2:03 PM	at	Central Burden	19	9
1/24/17, 3:57 PM	vs	Udall	38	43	2/10/17, 1:43 PM	at	Caldwell	19	24
1/27/17, 3:52 PM	at	South Haven	40	23	2/14/17, 2:27 PM	at	Oxford	21	3
1/31/17, 4:53 PM	at	West Elk	56	53	2/17/17, 2:29 PM	vs	Sedan JV	29	21
2/3/17, 3:38 PM	vs	Argonia	47	45					
2/7/17, 3:58 PM	at	Central Burden	58	42	Team Record: 13-1				
2/10/17, 2:56 PM	at	Caldwell	44	53					
2/14/17, 4:22 PM	at	Oxford	49	21					
2/17/17, 3:41 PM	vs	Sedan Varsity	44	40					
2/21/17, 4:03 PM	at	Hartford	50	32					
Team Record: 17-3									

THE BUTLER DID IT, AGAIN AT FHS!

In November 2005, *The Butler Did It* opened at Flinthills High School. On March 10th, 2017, *The Butler Did It, Again* (the sequel) will be on stage in the FHS Auditorium. Miss Maple and her writers will once again spend a weekend in an eerie mansion where unexpected happenings just may occur. The murder mystery written by Tim Kelly is packed with entertaining personalities and eventful action!

The Cast Includes: Jane Doe – Emily Joseph, Chips – Holton Nelson, Miss Maple – Alyssa Howard, Mrs. Danvers – Cari Brown, Linda Hayes – Sarah Sorum, Chandler Marlowe – Javen McCreight, Rick Carlyle – Caden Sangals, Laura Carlyle – Haley Wright, Tony Tallchief – Peyton Girty, Louie Fan – Kolton Melugin, Father White – Cody Alvord, Ruth Dice – Bailey Smith, and Charlie – Himself.

The Crew Includes: Stage Manager – Ashley Melugin, Sound – Brayden Taylor and Bryant Harris, Lights – Trey McNemee and Bradon Totty, Costumes – Kayla Liggett and Sarah Harris, Backstage Running Crew – Nick Naill and Sarah Hinnen, Make-up – Alannah Travnichek and Tessa Bragg, Publicity – Rachel Bell, Emily Joseph, Adia Witherspoon, and Allison Gawith, House – Jada Humig, Emily Green and Kady Nuncio.

ATTENTION, ALL FLINTHILLS STUDENTS! PREPARE TO VOTE ON WHICH CHARACTER YOU THINK “COMMITTED THE CRIME!” BALLOTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON.



7 OF THE 12 CAST MEMBERS REHEARSE

Middle School Basketball

The middle school boys basketball season came to an end in the first round of the tournament. The boys played hard but Central Burden shot the ball well in the first half and we couldn't overcome their lead. The varsity's record was 2-12 and the jv's record was 5-8.

Cristopher Grimwood led our team in scoring and three point shooting percentage. Tucker Travnichek was our assist leader and led our team in steals. Dylan Taylor led the team in rebounds closely followed by Cael Sorum who also led the team in field goal percentage. Nate Becker and Austin Downard took turns finishing out the starting line-up. Hunter Lowmaster also provided some key playing time returning from an injury after Christmas. Other players who played were Tayler Brown, Cody Noel, Kody Schafer, Ethan Wilson, Philip Harris and Lucas Austin.

Coach Di and I enjoyed watching the boys get better throughout the season. Unfortunately the other teams also got better. The boys worked hard for us and we appreciated them playing.

-Coach Harms

Seventh Grade Science Class

It started out a normal day, until tutor time.... When Rachel Taylor went to the science lab to check on and feed our new rats. She was going to change the water until Tom (the crazy one) bit through the glove and held onto her finger. Rachel suddenly reacted and flung Tom across the ENTIRE science lab. She was yelling "HELP!" but nobody heard her. When Lauren Donner came in to help Rachel, Rachel yelled "HELP!" again but Lauren couldn't see Rachel, because she was bent down trying to capture the rat... so Lauren said "Rachel??" Rachel SCREAMED "THE RAT IS OUT!" Then Lauren started running across the room toward Rachel to help catch Tom. After a few failed attempts, Lauren told Rachel to keep the rat trapped in the corner, while Lauren went to retrieve more assistants...

Lauren went to go get Riggan Carney, who was across the hall. Lauren gestured to Riggan to come into the hallway, then that's when Jessie Mooney said, "I want to come." Lauren explained to Riggan and Jessie that Tom had escaped out of his habitat...



This is Tom acting all sweet and innocent.

They walked into the science lab, and the rat was close to the door, and Lauren yelled "SHUT THE DOOR!" so they closed the door REALLY fast and Lauren told Riggan to grab a box and apprehend it. When Rachel had cornered the rat, he was making a high-pitched squeal, and it dodged the box squeaking and sliding all around the corners. Lauren, Riggan, and Jessie tried to trap it several times, before they finally got it cornered in the back under a lab station with an oatmeal container. Tom is safe and so is Rachel, both are healthy and ambulatory . (:

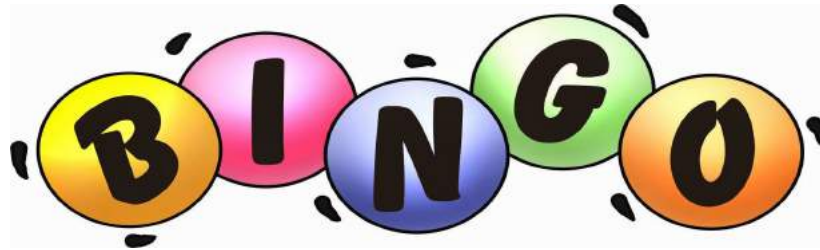
Your Seventh Grade Science Reporters:

- Brandon Gleason - Lauren Donner - Alexis Hatvick

Family Game Night

March 13th at Flinthills Primary

6:00-8:00 p.m.



For book prizes

Math and Reading games in the classrooms

Come and enjoy a good time with your family

Refreshments will be served



Thanks to the Flinthills Alumni for coming and “showing you still got it” during the last basketball game of the season! Our hats are off to you!

Photography Class

One of the newer classes at Flinthills High School is Photography. This is part of the Visual Arts Pathway courses that starts with 8th Grade “Intro to Drawing”, followed by Graphic Arts and Computer Graphics classes in high school.

Photography students have been learning the functions of DSLR cameras, and experimenting with different views and lighting. They are showing strong promise in the field of photography!

Fruit photo taken by: Sarah Taylor
Student with black and white photo taken by:
Brayden Taylor
Baseball photo taken by: Janea Totty



WANTED:

**If your child is ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2017,
we want to see you at our**

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP!!

Flinthills Primary School, in Cassoday, Welcomes You!

Join us at the Primary School located at

200 N. Washington

Cassoday, KS 66842

On Friday, March 31st

From 8:00-4:00

Come and Go

- ◆ We will offer a free breakfast or lunch for each aspiring kindergartener and their parents.
- ◆ Breakfast will be served from 8:00-8:15 and lunch will be between 11:30-12:10.
- ◆ If you come for breakfast you will be able to join the students in their morning pledges! Watching is ok too but you do NOT want to miss this very special part of the day.
- ◆ Please, if you plan on attending any part of our day, call the office so we can get you a packet in the mail detailing why Flinthills will be a perfect fit for you and your child!

Flinthills Primary 620-735-4428

Superintendent News

Schools For Fair Funding - Brady Report and Robb's Crystal Ball... Not good... Stay the course at "no cuts"

Here is the Brady Report.

The House and Senate both concluded their work on Thursday afternoon before recessing until March 6th. Leadership had high hopes for an agreement on a 2017 rescission bill and perhaps a revenue package but the effort came crashing down when the Senate came up three votes short of overriding Governor Brownback's veto of HB 2178. So here we sit six weeks into the 2017 session and the Legislature has little to check off in the completed column.

The Senate appears to be the biggest challenge at this stage in the session. Republicans control the Senate 31-9 but within the Republican caucus there appears to be three distinct factions. The three groups are divided between those who align themselves closely with Governor Brownback and his plan, those led by Senate President Susan Wagle and Majority Leader Jim Denning, who prefer a combination of budget cuts and a smaller tax increase and the moderates, mostly new members who prefer a larger revenue package to avoid further cuts and not rely on large amounts of one time funding resources. Add the nine Democrats to the moderate group and you have the only coalition large enough to pass legislation but not large enough to override a Gubernatorial veto.

So where do we go from here?

The ball appears to be in the laps of Susan Wagle and Jim Denning. They chose not to support HB 2178 although they remain critical of the Governor's budget and revenue plan. If you recall they attempted to push the Senate into an across the board cut to K-12 and higher education arguing that cuts had to happen before any attempt was made to raise revenue. That plan was strongly rejected by the majority of Senators. We can expect a renewed effort on the part of Wagle-Denning to turn the attention of the Senate toward budget cuts. Both Wagle and Denning have stated that they oppose the retroactivity provision in HB 2178. They will only support an increase in income tax rates prospectively. Proponents of HB 2178 argue that a retroactive rate increase is nothing new and without making the tax legislation effective for calendar year 2017, the state will see little additional revenue until 2019. Without additional revenue in calendar year 2018, extremely painful budget cuts are inevitable. We are including the Senate and House votes on the veto override. Please take the time to thank those who had the courage to vote to deal with the revenue shortfall. It is also important to continue to talk to those did not vote to override and explain the harsh consequences to public education if this problem is not addressed.

Moderate/Democrat coalition continues to work in the House.

All 40 Democrats, along with 45 Republicans, which represents more than half of their caucus, voted to override the Governor. Led by House Tax Chairman, Steven Johnson and Ranking Democrat, Tom Sawyer, the compromise plan included a repeal of the LLC provision on non-wage income, along with modest increases in income tax rates and the return to a third tax bracket for upper income tax earners. Proponents are quick to point out that even with increases in rates, the percentages are still below pre 2012 levels. For many the plan was not large enough because it did not go back to the rate levels before the Brownback tax cut but for others the plan was at the upper end of comfortability.

The House accepted the use of the PMIB reserves to deal with the 2017 shortfall and saw the revenue generated by HB 2178 as giving it the flexibility to fund the budget in FYs 2018-19 without additional school cuts. There appears to be a fundamental understanding in the House that even with revenue generated by HB 2178, there will not be enough to deal with a Supreme Court decision on adequacy. We expect the House to stay firm on a revenue package similar to what is contained in HB 2178. We expect both Houses to debate and reject the Governor's tax plan shortly after returning in March. His plan, SB 175, includes large increases in cigarette and liquor taxes along with a registration fee for LLC's. SB 175 raises less than half of the amount raised by HB 2178.

School finance debate will heat up.

We expect the House K-12 budget committee to begin assembling a formula. Schools leaders have done an excellent job staying engaged and outlining the importance of the various weightings through the early discussions. The Rooker bill, HB 2270, appears to be the vehicle the committee will use to build a plan. SFFF and others have outlined specific concerns regarding HB 2270 with the move to a census funding plan for at risk, as well as, a number of equity concerns that need to be addressed in the bill. The challenge facing the committee is immense and became even more difficult when the revenue bill was killed.

First adjournment April 7.

The next four weeks will be critical. The schedule will be to adjourn April 7 and return for the Veto Session, May 1. Please keep open the lines of communication during this upcoming break and through the final weeks before first adjournment. As you can tell from my report, EVERYTHING is still very much up in the air. We have many Legislators paying attention to what we have to offer, so it is critical that we keep our concerns front and center. As always please share information that you feel is relevant.

Bill Brady

John Robb's comments, Schools For Fair Funding attorney, that I would also echo to you...

Crystal ball... the numbers. The failed tax bill would have raised about enough revenue for the state to stay flat on its budget without resorting to one-time moneys or cuts for FY18. With the flame-out of the veto override in the Senate, school cuts are very much back in the picture. Cuts are coming at the schools from TWO directions... the rescission bill to get out of FY 17, and, now, with insufficient revenues for FY18, again for FY18.

What are the numbers? You have already seen the \$128M cut for a 5% reduction yet this year. Cuts for FY18 depend on what revenue bill can pass. An indication is that Sen. Denning, the Senate Majority Leader, who voted NO on the override, objected to the veto override because the tax bill was retroactive to January 1, 2017. Yesterday he filed an identical bill to the failed tax bill but without it being retroactive. It would become effective January 1, 2018. This delay of one year on raising revenue is predicted to cost \$100M for FY18. This means that if the Denning bill passes and its veto gets overridden, they will have to cut another \$100M from next year.

Many conservatives are demanding that the schools share the pain and take more cuts. If they look to the schools to take the FY18 cut, it equates to a 4% cut next year.

Worst of both worlds. In a worst case scenario, schools could see a 5% cut yet this year and another 4% cut next year. This is \$228M in cuts due to the Brownback tax experiment that the governor insists is working. The legislature has backed itself into a corner and this may be their perceived best way out. Their message: "Sorry it was necessary." Our needed message: "No it is not necessary and is unacceptable." **FYI... a \$228M cut is equated to reducing teaching staff by about 4500 teachers statewide next year.**

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The constitutional right to funding. The schools have a constitutional right to be adequately funded. The trial court has found the schools to be about \$800M underfunded already. Inflation at 2% adds to the underfunding at about \$100M per year. Our children's right to an adequate education is NOT dependent on the balance in the state checkbook, any more than your free speech rights or freedom of religion rights. We would not even THINK of suppressing those rights because of a budget crises. It is time to insist that the constitution be followed.

Stay the course. It is extremely harmful to tell legislators that schools understand the budget crises and are willing to do their part and take cuts. Messages that cuts can be sustained resonate and build support for the cuts. Promises to restore the cuts when a new formula is adopted are simply not credible. They cannot comfortably fund you at your CURRENT level, let alone funding increases in a new formula. As previously mentioned, it will take about a \$200 cut to the current foundation (base) to make Rooker's formula bill expenditure neutral.

We expect legislators eventually to look for any excuse to simply end the session and go home. We expect to hear that the tax packages simply will not pass and that the cuts are a last resort that are unavoidable. Please do not accept or acquiesce in this reasoning. If the cuts are unacceptable, they simply should not vote for them. If they cannot pass a revenue plan and cannot make cuts they will simply have to keep working at it until they find a solution. Please do not be the solution. **NOT ONE OF THEM RAN LAST FALL BY TELLING CONSTITUENTS THAT THEY WOULD CUT THE SCHOOLS FURTHER.**

Message. Please tell your legislators that cuts are simply unacceptable. Any other message is likely to get you a 5% cut yet this year and an additional 4% cut next year. Remind your legislators that the base was reduced from \$4433 to \$3780 in 2009-11. This was a \$653 per pupil cut or 14.7% cut. The schools were FIRST in the cuts line. The courts have since found the funding levels to be unconstitutionally low. Cutting additional funding now will only make matters worse when it comes to complying with a court order. Please recall that when legislators were put in an economic bind in 2009, they told you that schools were the only choice for cuts and that they would restore the cuts ASAP. Rather than restore your cuts, they cut taxes in 2012.

It is time to do right by our children.

- Mr. Boldra

Education for Understanding

Harry Potter is a hero to a generation of kids and their parents who are fans of the books. But actor Daniel Radcliffe, who plays the clever wizard in the *Harry Potter* movies, has also become a hero, of sorts. He's speaking out for kids with dyspraxia, a condition that makes it hard to plan and coordinate physical movement. Radcliffe, who has a mild form of dyspraxia, knows the challenges it can bring. As a child, he had trouble with handwriting and tying his shoelaces. His early school years were very difficult because he was awful at "everything, with no discernible talent."

In a recent Facebook chat with *The Wall Street Journal's* Speakeasy blog, Radcliffe offered encouragement to a 10-year-old girl with dyspraxia.

"Do not let it stop you," he said. "It has never held me back, and some of the smartest people I know are people who have learning disabilities. The fact that some things are more of a struggle will only make you more determined, harder working and more imaginative in the solutions you find to problems."

Dyspraxia is not as well known as other learning and attention issues, such as dyslexia and ADHD. But it's quite common and often co-occurs with those issues. Between 6 and 10 percent of all children show signs of dyspraxia. Boys are more likely to have it than are girls.

Counselor's Corner

In the primary grades this month, we have been discussing various emotions. We have learned to identify the facial expressions and attitudes of someone who is sad, angry, surprised, worried, etc. the students have done a wonderful job recognizing when their classmates may need a helping hand and to be that person that makes their day better. We are working toward learning how to be empathetic toward others and their situations.

For the intermediate students, we have had some amazing discussions after viewing a motivational speaker, Nick Vujicic. Nick was born with a condition in which he didn't have any arms or legs. We watched the talk titled "Attitude is Altitude" and it gave our students some incredible messages about life. Here are a few examples:

- When you fall down...get back up! Never give up!
- You have a choice to be angry or thankful.
- As long as you continue to try, there's hope. There's no hope if you give up.
- Your life has purpose.
- It doesn't matter what you look like.
- What matters is how you finish, and finish strong!
- Our greatest purpose is to love.
- Your attitude gives you altitude in that you will be successful with a positive outlook and hope.
- And my personal favorite – be the change you wish to see!

The kids enjoyed hearing him speak and his messages were inspirational, motivating, and powerful. Check out the video on YouTube if you get the chance – Nick Vujicic – Attitude is Altitude: A Life Without Limbs.

High School students have been in full swing with upcoming college visit days, scholarship deadlines, sports as well as personal concerns. I have been incredibly busy but I'm loving every minute of it. I enjoy interacting with the kids and assisting them as they prepare for their futures. I'm so proud to be a Mustang!!!! Flinthills is a fabulous place for me and my family to be!

-Mrs. Boldra

Helpful Ideas and Prizes Needed

Last year, I had a "Turkey Hunt" activity for all staff members in which they searched the building for paper turkeys with prizes written on the back. They brought their turkeys to the office to cash in their prize. It was so much fun! Things got super busy this year and I wasn't able to get it organized in the fall, but would still love to offer this activity for the staff members this spring. If you have any prizes, gift certificates, or donations you would like to make, please contact me. Some items that were popular last year were: movie gift cards, massage certificates, various restaurant coupons for free items or gift cards, board games, large bags of chocolate, car wash tokens, etc. I'd love to offer this to the staff again – what a morale booster! I would like to have all items or monetary donations turned in by March 31st. Thank you!

Bryna Boldra

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Intermediate Art

Mrs. Austin made a big “oops” last month! She had planned on taking Klayton Griffith’s working recliner to the Coutts Museum, but in the craziness of getting the artwork ready to take to El Dorado she overlooked Klayton’s piece. This recliner has incredible internal workings. It actually works! Pull the handle and the footrest pops up! This architectural challenge kept Klayton busy for several art classes, but he got it all figured out. Very impressive!



Students of the Month



Holton Nelson

12th Grade

Parents – Shane & Michelle Nelson

Hobbies – Riding and training horses. Hanging out with family and friends

Activities – Basketball, theatre, band, STUCO, NHS and International Thespian Society

Favorite Class – Office Aid



Matison Totty

8th Grade

Parents – Russell & Tammy Totty

Hobbies – Fishing, hunting, watching TV and hanging out with friends

Activities – Volleyball, basketball, scholars’ bowl, math relays and Tri-M

Favorite Class - Band



Micheal Neeley

6th Grade

Parents – Sonny & Amy Kidd

Hobbies & Activities – Video games, working on chores and playing outside

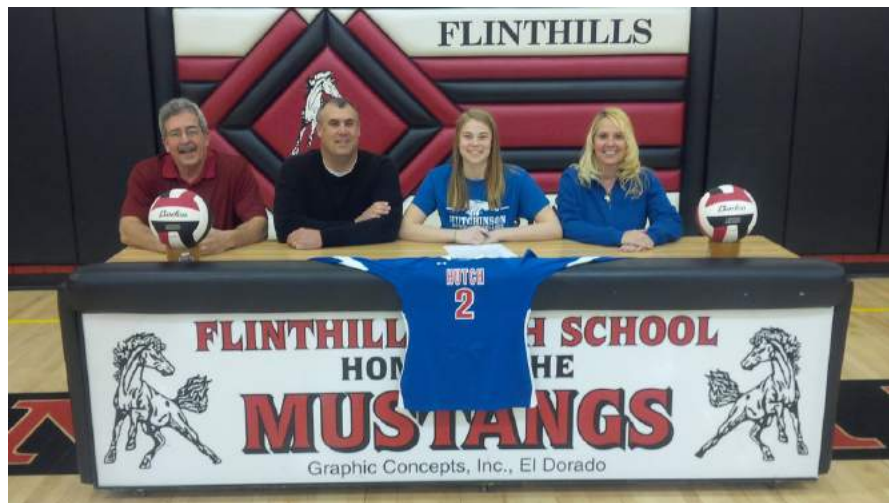
Favorite Class - Social Studies

JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Skylar Myrick was selected as our January Employee of the Month. He serves as our Middle and High School Ag Instructor, as well as our co-curricular Future Farmers of America (FFA) Sponsor. Mr. Myrick has been characterized as an upbeat, polite, and positive teacher who has taken a failing program and turned it into a thriving program that students enjoy. He leads by example and teaches kids to be positive, well-mannered, hard-working, and respectful among the different Ag courses he teaches. The character he instills in others has extended beyond his classroom, into others as well as the community. I have received more calls from the public recognizing Mr. Myrick and the kids in the FFA program than any other program the last two years. Mr. Myrick has also donated his time, money, and materials to help build the beautiful Flinthills sign that sits on Highway 54 as well as other projects. Mr. Myrick is obviously a tremendous asset to Flinthills. Mr. Myrick will receive a Flinthills Jacket and a certificate.

Congratulations, Payton Gawith, on signing with the Hutchinson Blue Dragons!



Signing Day with (from left to right) Coach Harms, dad (Larry Gawith),
Payton Gawith, and mom (Misty Gawith).

Senior Payton Gawith has signed her letter of intent to attend Hutchinson Community College where she is playing volleyball on scholarship! Payton's position as setter will be an asset for the Blue Dragons team. She is excited to continue her volleyball career as well as pursue a degree in athletic training. We are so proud of her and are anticipating watching her dominate on the court! Congratulations Payton!

Payton is looking forward to playing some local games as they will compete against the Butler Grizzlies next fall! Come join in and cheer for Payton at a Butler volleyball game on October 9th!

**2017-2018 Cheerleading
information is now
available in the office.
New for next year,
Tumbling classes for
cheerleaders!**



**Paperwork must be completed
and turned in by March 16th before Spring
Break!!**



**Congratulations
Laura Scribner!**



Laura will be competing at the State level in the Geography Bee on Friday, March 31st! If you see Laura out and about make sure you stop and congratulate her on this awesome achievement!



4-H NEWS



The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club met on February 20, 2017 for their regular monthly meeting.

Business discussed included the spring Blue and Gold sale. All profits from this sale will be used as a memorial for Leonard Stalnaker at the Butler County Fair Livestock auction. The proceeds will be divided between all 4-H'ers who sell an animal through the sale ring as an add-on to their premium.

Blue and Gold items for sale are Sausage (2 ½ lb. for \$7.00), Bacon (3 ½ lb. for \$17.00) and Breaded Chicken Tenders (5 lb. for \$21.00). Contact any Cassoday Booster 4-H'er if you would like to contribute to this fundraiser in honor of Leonard Stalnaker. You may also contact Tresa Garcia at 316-323-9045 for more information or to place an order.

After the business meeting, Emily Scribner performed a piano solo and Cami Miller gave an illustrated talk called "Washing Cami Style."

The next meeting will be held on March 4.

-Submitted by Trena Garcia, Reporter

FLINTHILLS CHEERLEADING NEWS

Basketball season at Flinthills has been a season of great growth for the Flinthills cheerleaders. Both squads learned that cheering for basketball is vastly different than cheering for football and after a couple of games, the cheerleaders got into the rhythm and did a fantastic job overall. They have become much more comfortable on the court and adjusted to the speed of the game while learning to call the appropriate cheers, oftentimes switching from offence to defense in the middle of a cheer. They also learned how to perform during time-outs and quarter changes.

New information for the upcoming cheer season:

With the basketball season winding down, Flinthills Cheer is looking to build our high school and middle school squads for next year. The number one question that is being asked is "Will there be try-outs?" The current answer is "I don't know, and I won't know until I find out how many are interested in cheering next year." Because of the success of the cheerleading program this year, there has been increased interest in joining cheer next year.

Cheerleading is open to both boys and girls. If your child is interested in cheering next year and will be in 7th grade or higher, they will need to sign-up in the high school office and obtain a packet of paperwork. The packet contains pertinent information that is important for both the student and their parents to read and sign. All paperwork must be completed, signed and turned in by Friday March 17th.

As soon as we get a list of everyone that is interested and their completed paperwork, we can then determine if there will be try-outs. It would be my goal to have both middle school and high school squads in place by the end of April.

I have also been working with the EI DORADO YMCA and have been able to secure a tumbling class for those interested in cheer. The class will concentrate on the technique involved in learning front and back handsprings, front and back tucks, walk-overs and aerials. The classes will be 4 times a month for 1 hour at a cost \$8.00/month with the enrollment of 20 students. Information and enrollment form will be included in the cheerleading packet. Those in cheer now and those interested in cheer will be given first consideration for the class.

~Coach Green

You can contact me at c.green@usd492.org or call: 620-476-2428



7th graders in Mr. Thornton's Computer Applications class were given an assignment to create a business. Jessie Mooney & Riggin Carney named their business "Sugar Street Sweets" and advertised their products by taking goodies to teachers and staff members. Yummy! Nice job, ladies!



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Greek Day

On Thursday, February 9, the Flinthills sixth graders had just completed their studies of Ancient Greece and celebrated with a Greek Day. The students enjoyed wearing "togas" to school, made from a bed sheet, of which there was quite a variety. In the afternoon they indulged in several different Greek foods. Some of the foods they sampled included barley, grapes, olives, bread and olive oil dip, fig Newtons and feta cheese. A last minute activity to round out the day was an Olympic Games. The class was divided into three polises, or Greek cities: Corinth, Athens, and Sparta. All three polises came together with four competitions: a foot race (the original Olympic competition), a wheel barrow race, the crab walk race and Knock Out. The rivalry was fierce! Sparta came in first for the gold, followed by Athens with silver and Corinth brought home the bronze. Overall, it was a very memorable way to finish up the unit.

-Collaborative writing by Philip Harris and Mrs. Simon



Toga Day!



The spread of Greek foods



Enjoying their Greek offerings of food.



The Greeks!

WALK-A-THON



The Primary school participated in the 3rd annual Walk-A-Thon on February 24th. The students raised nearly \$1,800.00! The Primary winners were: 1st place - Krystal Sterbenz winning the Grand Prize of \$100; 2nd place - Kaleb Grunder with a prize of \$75, and 3rd place - Aiden Sharp taking home the \$50 prize.

The class that earned the most was also rewarded with a pizza party and that goes to the 2nd grade! Congratulations to everyone!!!

Thank you Freddy's for donating the ice cream sandwich treat! Also, a huge thank you to Jamie Swafford, Melissa Scribner, Junilda Scribner, Jillian Marsh and the Primary teachers for making this event such a success!

PTO will use the donations to support our Flinthills teachers and classrooms by purchasing needed supplies, providing prizes for AR, sending our kids on field trips, and more! This isn't possible without community support. THANK YOU!



Grand Prize Winners: Krystal Sterbenz, Kaleb Grunder, and Aiden Sharp

Primary Students enjoying their treat from Freddy's!

PTO NEWS

PTO would like to Thank all the patrons for their support of our organization!! We have been able to fulfill requests for classroom projects that we were once unable to do. The students are thriving because of it and it lessens the burden on the classroom teacher, which we are very fortunate to be able to do! So Thank You again for all of the support! If you have any ideas on how PTO can help out monetarily within the school, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at Rosalia in the school library and voice your opinion. We would love to hear from you!

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Middle School Math Relays

Once again, the Flinthills Middle School math relay teams, did well in their most recent competitions. On February 16, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math students, took the long trek to Caldwell, where all three teams placed second in their grade-level groups, garnering the team enough points to place 2nd in the overall competition in a field of 12 teams.

On February 21st, the South Central Border League Math Relays competition was held here at Flinthills, and again, our middle school math students placed second overall. The 7th grade team placed 2nd in their class level, while the 6th and 8th grade teams placed 3rd.

	7th Grade	Caldwell	SCBL	8th Grade	Caldwell	SCBL	6th Grade	Caldwell	SCBL
Integers	Alexis Hatvick	4th	5th	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Philip Harris	3rd	4th
Charts & Graphs	Alexis Hatvick Jessie Mooney	4th	4th 2nd	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Laura Scribner	3rd	4th
Order of Operations	Savannah McCreight Alexis Hatvick	4th	4th	Chloe Wieckhorst Matison Totty	2nd 4th	4th	<i>NOT TESTED</i>		
Fractions	Brandon Gleason	5th	4th	Emily Wilson Morgan Holcomb	2nd 4th	3rd 2nd	Philip Harris Adley Humig	1st	5th
Computations	Alexis Hatvick Riggin Carney	4th	4th 3rd	Chloe Wieckhorst		4th	Karly Girty Adley Humig	2nd	2nd
Ratio & Proportions	Savannah McCreight Jessie Mooney	4th	3rd 4th	Chloe Wieckhorst Emily Wilson	2nd 3rd	2nd	<i>NOT TESTED</i>		
Geometry	Brandon Gleason	3rd	4th	Matison Totty Morgan Holcomb	1st 2nd	4th 2nd	<i>NOT TESTED</i>		
Probability & Statistics	Danielle Howard Jessie Mooney	2nd	3rd 4th	Kylee Weis Chloe Wieckhorst	5th	2nd	<i>NOT TESTED</i>		
Team Test	Lauren Donner Riggin Carney Savannah McCreight	2nd	3rd	Emily Wilson Morgan Holcomb Christopher Grimwood	3rd	3rd	Karly Girty Laura Scribner Madilynn Thomas	1st 1st 1st	3rd 3rd 3rd
Word Problems	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Laura Scribner Philip Harris	5th	1st 4th
Percents	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Kaily Gilman Madison Alvord Adley Humig	4th 3rd	4th 5th
Decimals	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Adley Humig	X	5th
Mental Math	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Karly Girty	3rd	X
Pot Potpourri	<i>NOT TESTED</i>			<i>NOT TESTED</i>			Laura Scribner	4th	3rd

Congratulations, to all of our FMS math relay team members!

Front row from the left: Matison Totty, Kaily Gilman, Karly Girty, Riggan Carney, Lauren Donner, Alexis Hatvick,

2nd row from left: Kylee Weis, Brandon Gleason, Savannah McCreight, Laura Scribner, Adley Humig, Emily Wilson, Madilynn Thomas

Back row from left: Philip Harris, Hunter Lowmaster, Dylan Taylor, Christopher Grimwood, Jessie Mooney, Morgan Holcomb, and Chloe Wieckhorst.

Not pictured are Danielle Howard and Madison Alvord.



Math relay students playing in the Flinthills gym when they have down-time between their tests.



Flinthills parents run the concession stand.

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PUT ON YOUR GAME FACE

BASEBALL

El Dorado Recreation, in cooperation with the El Dorado YMCA, offers a Coed Tee Ball Program for 5 and 6 year olds. This would be for children going into kindergarten in the fall and current kindergartners. Teams play an 8-game schedule. We need to put together a Flinthills team prior to the season. Practice begins May 1st and games are played May 30th-July 7th. Please let Amie Oltman know if you are interested 316-251-2811 or amie.oltman@gmail.com.

BASEBALL

PUT ON YOUR GAME FACE

Sonia Kovalevsky Math Day in Emporia



On February 16th, 2017, Sarah Harris, Ashley Melugin, and Hanna Wright attended the Sonia Kovalevsky Mathematics Day at Emporia State University with Mr. Freking. The three junior girls, along with other girls from various schools, listened to short speech sessions from women in various careers that involved mathematics such as a chemist, a nature park biologist, and engineers. The girls attended workshops through the day that involved group activities and various games connected to mathematical tricks such as math magic card

tricks, cryptography, and a moon landing scenario involved engineering. Then all of the teachers and students were rewarded with a wonderful Italian meal provided by the cook staff of Emporia State while the main speaker of the conference spoke about her career, the mathematics involved in it, and gave insights about herself, her children, and the idea of dreaming big wherever they go in the future. The main speaker was Joan Wilson Steinert, a nuclear operating consultant from Wolf Creek Nuclear Corporation in Emporia, KS. Mr. Freking and the girls had a great time at the event and hope to continue this for years to come!

Mustang Baseball

By the looks of things we will be having 22 players this year. 2 seniors, 2 juniors, and 18 underclassmen. Even with the tremendous players we lost from last year's team, I am excited for what the future will bring to Mustang Baseball. Many of these kids have contributed in the past and the freshman have played and I am looking forward to trying to build their skills up. It will be a challenging league this year with several teams returning 7-9 starters. This year the state of Kansas has implemented some new pitching restrictions that will not affect our team as much as it may affect others. There will be rules in place with pitch counts to help protect arms. We here at Flinthills have always tried our best to watch pitch counts and not overuse arms, so I don't think this will hurt us any. With the number of kids playing and the fact we will start working with 16 different kids pitching we should be fine. Right now we will open on March 16th with an inter squad game starting at 4:00. We ask that parents and fans come out and watch on that night as the kids battle for starting spots on the varsity and/or JV. We open up league play on Monday the 27th right after spring break at Sedan with a league double header, followed on Thursday with our home opener at 3:00 vs. Elk Valley/Fredonia and our JV opener will be at Dexter on that Friday. We are hoping that we see good weather, we will try and play 3 double headers each week. With 33 total games scheduled for varsity and JV, and the number of players we have we most likely will only be taking kids to 2 of the double headers and try and mix kids around so they don't miss 3 days a week from school.

Schedule of games till the 15th of April below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/16/2017	Rosalia	intersquad game 1-9 inning			
3/27/2017	Sedan	Sedan	2		4:00
3/30/2017	Rosalia	Elk Valley	2		3:00
3/31/2017	Dexter	CV/Dex JV		2	4:00
4/3/2017	Udall	Udall	2		4:00
4/4/2017	Leon	Bluestem JV		2	4:30
4/6/2017	Rosalia	CedarVale/Dexter	2		3:00
4/10/2017	Rosalia	Oxford	2		3:00
4/11/2017	Eureka	Eureka	1	1	4:30
4/15/2017	Rosalia	alumni day			10:00

Alumni Game! Last two years we have had over 20 old timers show up and play on the Saturday of Easter Weekend. We will try and continue this tradition and hopefully we will build up the numbers even more. I also remind parents to come out and watch your kids play again! It's good to see people around the field that I have not seen in many years. We try and make it a very family orientated day to come out and watch some good baseball.

Coach Sorum

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Sub-State BB Girls MS WR @ Douglass 4:00	3 Sub-State BB Boys	4 Forensics @ Udall 8:00 Sub-State BB Finals MS WR @ Cottonwood Falls 9:30
5	6 MS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan 4:30 FFA Selection Day MS WR @ Howard 5:30 HS Music Fest @ Cowley	7 SCBL HS Math Relays @ Central 4:45	8 State BB	9 End of 3rd Qtr State BB	10 FHS Theatre Production 7:00 State BB	11 FHS Theatre Production 7:00 State BB
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 BOE @ Cassoday 7:00	14 FFA Banquet 6:00	15 Winter Sports Banquet 6:30	16 HS SCBL Music Festival	17 St. Patrick's Day NO SCHOOL Staff Dev/Work Day	18
19	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break FFA @ Coffeyville	24 Spring Break	25
26	27 Booster Club 6:00 MS Scholars Bowl @ Elk Valley 4:30 Forensics @ Argonia 3:00 FFA @ Hutchinson SB/BB @ Sedan 4:00	28 TSA State Competition MS TR @ Burden 1:30 HS Math Relays @ Flinthills 4:45	29 TSA State Competition FFA@ Marion	30 TSA State Competition MS SCBL Scholars Bowl @ Oxford 4:00 SB @ Longton 3:00 BB vs. Elk Valley 3:00	31 Kindergarten Round-Up NO Kindergarten MS Music Festival @ Dexter 8:00 HS TR @ Oxford 3:30	

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Forensics @ FHS Regional Solos & Small Ensemble
2	3 FFA @ Ft. Scott SB/BB @ Udall 4:00	4 FFA @ Allen County MS TR @ Howard 3:00 JV Baseball @ Leon 4:30	5 FFA @ South Haven	6 SB/BB vs. CV/Dexter 3:00	7 SCBL Forensics @ Udall 8:00	8 Prom ACT Test
9	10 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 MS SCBL Music Festival SB/BB vs. Oxford 3:00	11 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 Ag. Mechanics @ McPherson HS TR @ Howard 3:00 V/JV Baseball @ Eureka 4:30	12 MS TR @ Emporia 9:00	13 Spring Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45 State Large Music Group HS TR @ WSU	14 Good Friday NO SCHOOL HS TR @ WSU	15 Alumni Baseball Game 10:00
16 Easter	17 FFA District Banquet SB/BB @ Burden 4:00	18 HS TR @ Burlington 9:30 MS TR @ Yates Center 3:30 JV Baseball vs. Oxford 3:00	19	20 SB/BB vs. West Elk 3:00	21 HS TR @ Fredonia 3:00	22 Earth Day Regional Forensics
23 30	24 Booster Club 6:00	25 MS TR @ Flinthills 3:00 JV Baseball vs. CV/Dex 3:00	26 NHS Induction 1:30	27 MS TR @ Eureka 3:15	28 HS TR @ Madison 3:00 JV Baseball @ Oxford 3:00	29 FHS Theatre Awards 7:00 State Solos/Small Ensemble Festival

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