

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

December, 2017

Students and Community Come Together

On November 17th, our high school students, staff, and a number of community volunteers participated in a Community service project to help Andy and George Carlisle clean up the northwest corner at the intersection of Highway 54 and Rosalia Rd. It was a phenomenal day, and much was accomplished.

Flinthills High School, along with Andy and George Carlisle, would like to recognize the following Community members for the donation of their time, equipment, and/or hard work in the project..

In alphabetical order: Joe Cope, Dan Girty, Jed Morse, Daniel Scribner, David Scribner, Gordon Stands, Russell Totty, Duke Wight, and Curtis Willhite.



Superintendent News

The following is Article 6 of the Kansas Constitution. Letter (b) accounts for the public education of students. The highlighted word “suitable” has been a source of argument between the schools and the state in terms of financial obligation. The schools have argued that the funding has not been at a suitable level, and the state has argued the contrary. In order to rule, the courts had to interpret/define the word “suitable,” and they defined it as meaning “equitable” and “adequate.” Equitable means that every child/student, regardless of zip code residence, has a similar playing field when accessing education. In other words, students living in financially poor school districts should have access to a similar education as those from wealthy school districts. “Adequate” is more difficult to define or interpret when comparing previous funding levels and student outcomes to current ones, as well as comparing Kansas students to students from other states, the courts came up with a baseline.

KANSAS CONSTITUTION

Article Six: Education

§ 6: Finance

(a) The legislature may levy a permanent tax for the use and benefit of state institutions of higher education and apportion among and appropriate the same to the several institutions, which levy, apportionment and appropriation shall continue until changed by statute. Further appropriation and other provision for finance of institutions of higher education may be made by the legislature.

(b) The legislature shall make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state. No tuition shall be charged for attendance at any public school to pupils required by law to attend such school, except such fees or supplemental charges as may be authorized by law. The legislature may authorize the state board of regents to establish tuition, fees and charges at institutions under its supervision.

(c) No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public educational funds.

Three different cost studies have been done as to provide evidence to the courts to help determine whether the current funding levels were “suitable.” One cost study indicated that \$1.7 Billion extra dollars were needed to fund education in Kansas. The State Board indicated that \$893 million was necessary over a two-year period to satisfy the Rose Standards. Another cost study indicated that the figure was close to \$700 million over two years. Last legislative session, the legislature decided to increase funding \$292 million hoping that level would satisfy the courts. It didn’t and the Supreme Court has once again ruled in favor of schools. The Supreme Court did not give the legislature a dollar amount that needed to be achieved, but we believe that an additional \$600 million next year is what will be needed to satisfy the Supreme Court.

Currently more than 25% of Kansas students are not proficient, and the Supreme Court has indicated that funding levels have fallen off too far as student outcomes have started to decrease. Kansas has typically ranked in the top ten states educationally, and usually the top five, but performance is starting to decline. Teachers are currently ranked 42nd in the nation in terms of salaries, and the teacher pool has all but dried up. As teacher salaries began to decline in 2009 comparatively, fewer people entered the profession. This, along with all the educational cuts to teachers, programs, etc. over the last nine years has caused a teacher shortage and a decline in student outcomes.

The legislature will reconvene in January, and in an election year, they will be charged with finding additional money to fund schools...or will they? Since the repeal of most of Governor Brownback’s massive tax cuts four years ago, state revenue has well exceeded tax estimates. Over the past four months (through October), revenue is up \$200 million. If the trend continues, it is not inconceivable to think that the legislature will be able to find the money. Another way certain legislators will try to get around the Supreme Court’s ruling is to amend the Kansas Constitution by removing the word “suitable”. If suitable means equitable and adequate, consider what would happen if the state was only charged with providing for the finance of educational interests of the state. It would significantly transfer the burden of education onto local tax payers by increasing property taxes at least 100%. Currently, most of educational funding revenue comes from big business and heavily populated areas of the state. Expect to also see propaganda tearing down those who voted to repeal Brownback’s massive tax cuts. The propaganda will indicate that they raised your taxes more than ever in history, but remember that Brownback’s tax cuts were also the largest in Kansas history.

More on taxes and tax cuts:

A full repeal of Brownback's tax cuts was estimated to have raised \$649 million. The partial repeal was estimated to restore \$591 million, but estimates look even better now. Forty tax cut bills were enacted between 1995-2005, and would have generated \$933 million this year. Eighteen tax cut bills were enacted between 2005-2008, and would have generated \$293 million this year. So since 1995, fifty-eight tax cut bills have been enacted, and had those tax cuts not been enacted, the state would be taking in an additional \$1.23 Billion dollars in 2018, not to mention the lost revenue every year since those cuts were enacted. Some tax cuts help our economy and are good for the state of Kansas, but others tend to benefit only a few. I am not proposing raising more taxes, but I do wonder why we have cut ourselves so thin. People rarely notice when their taxes are cut, but they certainly notice when they are raised.

I feel that Kansans have always been dedicated to providing a strong public education to our children, and while few of us like to pay taxes, we certainly know the value of certain necessary social services like education. Please continue to make the education of our youth and the development of our communities stronger by supporting those who support educational funding.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Boldra

Students of the Month

NOVEMBER



Chaz Ratcliff

12th Grade

Parents – Marc & Crystal Ratcliff

Hobbies – Music, watching Netflix and Designated Survivor.

Activities - Cross Country, Basketball, NHS, Tri-M, Band, writing music, playing the bass & piano.

Favorite Class - Shop



Josh Schultz

8th Grade

Parents – Danny Schultz and LeNell Schultz

Hobbies – Helping his dad, and farming with his brother.

Activities – Baseball

Favorite Class - Shop



Callie Cordts

6th Grade

Parents – Bill & Debbie Cordts

Hobbies & Activities – Drawing, Reading, playing Softball, and Girl Scouts

Favorite Class - Math

Land of the
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Home of the
BRAVE



When you join us for an event which takes place in the gym, look up in the southwest corner at the large 19'x11' flag. Amber Alvord, a Flinthills community member and mom of Madison Alvord in 7th grade, so willingly allowed us to display it proudly. May it be a reminder of why we are allowed to do so much of what we can sometimes take for granted. Maybe even thank a member of our Armed Forces.

Amber Alvord writes,

"The flag you have hung in the gymnasium came home with me in 2009. It flew for a short time in Tallil, Iraq during OIF 08-09. It also flew proudly during the veterans reunion in 2015. I want to express my gratitude and let the school know that this means a lot to me. That flag holds a special place in my heart as it stands for the commitment that all service members make to keep sacred all the things that we love dearly as Americans. I could think of no better place for it to hang proudly than in the gym that our great children are a part of.

From a mother and veteran, I want to thank the school as well as Mr. Worrell, Bradon Totty and Mr. Totty for the great challenge of hanging that flag."

It is, without a doubt, an exponentially larger honor and privilege to have Mrs. Alvord not only trust Flinthills Schools with something so near and dear to her heart but also that she served in the Armed Forces so that we could have this honor and privilege. The 'Thanks' goes to you, Amber!



Have a wonderful break!

**School will resume on
January 4, 2018**

Veterans Day Assembly a Success



The Flinthills Chapter of the National Honor Society was pleased to put on the Flinthills annual Veterans Day Assembly on November 10, 2017. The assembly started with the entrance of the service flags, donated by Darrell Lowmaster. The procession was set to the song, "Proud to be an American" performed by Lee Greenwood. Kolton Melugin then welcomed everyone to Flinthills. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance and the National Anthem was performed by Senior, Haley Wright and Sophomore, Sarah Hinnen. Harley Ratcliff read the President's Proclamation for 2017. Two of our intermediate students were county winners. Jared Stopczynski placed second in his age division and Amanda Brown placed first in her age division. Amanda's essay will go on to the state

level next. Both students read their essays for those in attendance. Several poems were read throughout the assembly that pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed for their service. A video slide show of the Washington DC memorials was shown. Did you know that there are over 65 memorials in the National Mall?

Our veterans in attendance were honored by the singing of "Salute to the Patriots" composed by Camp Kirkland and performed by the FHS/FMS Choir. As the theme of each branch of the armed service was sung, the members of that branch came down to the front of the auditorium. The name of each veteran was read and the 30 veterans in attendance were treated to a 5 minute standing ovation. The tribute was followed by a moment of silence for those who left us this past year.

One of the high lights of the assembly is the slide show of our local veterans in their uniforms. Following the slide show, "Taps" was played by Matison Totty.

All veterans in attendance this year, received a t-shirt from the National Honor Society members. Lunch was served in the Commons by our Flinthills lunchroom staff and the National Honor Society members.

Next year, the assembly will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018. If you would like to have your picture in uniform included in the slide show, please send it in an e-mail to K.hinnen@usd492.org or bring the picture to the office and have Leesa scan it for you. Thank you to all who attended our tribute.



Find the Awesome

4th grade students have been talking about what we are thankful for and how we can find the awesome. Students were challenged to think of a chore they don't like, but find a reason to think it is awesome. Don't forget to try out the Aurasma app and hear these kiddos find the awesome.

Download the Aurasma app and follow twillard. Then scan the pics and enjoy!



Ataya Nesser



Alex Scribner



Barrett Hudson



Hunter Davis



Nevaeh Vanderbur



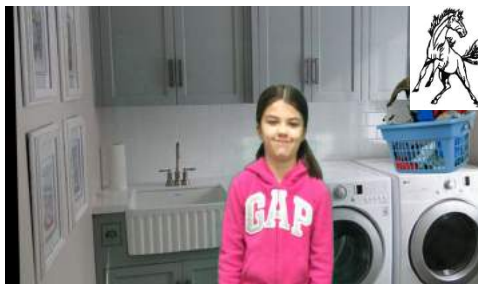
Zack Brown



Jonah Sesock



Brock Donner



Joliene Dragoo



Shawn Kenneson



Jacob Kane



Taylor Brown



Keira Poston



Maddy Willard



Karynn Gleason



Brylee Heimgartner



Mason Randall



Miah Jaquez



Jaxon Swafford



Levi Beard



Isaiah Fulkerson



Katelyn Corter

Middle School Girls' Basketball

Thursday, December 7th the Middle School Mustang girls put together a nice game to down West Elk 32-10. Even though they were out sized, we used our superior quickness, ball handling, and shooting skills to outscore them 18-4 in the 2nd half. The team was led by Lynsee Olbrey with 13 points and Lauren Donner with 12. The win gives the Mustangs a 5-0 start on the season with the Lynsee, Lauren, and Riffin Carney leading the way in points. Savannah McCreight and Jessie Mooney also start for the Mustangs to round out an all 8th grade starting crew. The two of them don't score a lot of points, but contribute a ton with defense and rebounding. The game against West Elk they handled the much taller girls fairly easily on the boards. 7th graders Karly Girty, Kaitlynn Klein, and Taren Lakin contribute off the bench for the varsity.

Two games to go before Christmas break and our goal is to be 7-0 to start the 2018 part of the season. Mustangs B team fell for the first time this year 14-17 Thursday night to West Elk. Lowest scoring performance of the year for them, led by 6th grader Sydney Sorum with 8 points. B team moves to 4-1.

With 24 girls out for basketball, (nice problem to have), we have also been able to get 3 C team half games in. The younger girls have moved right in and contributed there also going 3-0. I would love to mention every kid by name, but would be the longest article I have ever typed. They are ALL doing a great job and seeing improvement every day. Big thanks to the youth coaches that teach the game and fundamentals! If you have not seen the girls play yet, come on out and watch them, they are usually pretty fun to watch!

Coach Sorum

Middle School Boys' Basketball

We currently have 14 players out for middle school boys' basketball; 4- 8th graders, 2- 7th graders and 8 – 6th graders. Presently the jv & c teams are 2 -3 and the varsity team is 3-2. So far we are doing a lot better than last year when the varsity won only three games. The boys are learning quickly and are working hard.

The first outing of the year the jv team defeated Altoona 15 -7 and the varsity won 43 -16. Tate Leslie had a good jv game and in the varsity contest; Hunter Lowmaster had 14 points followed by Cael Sorum with 12, Gavin Girty had 5 rebounds, Tayler Brown 7 steals and 5 assists, and Shane Steinhauer had 5 steals. The boys played well against a shorter Altoona team.

The second contest we traveled to Udall and the game was much closer. We finally won 35 -23 but it was only a two-point game going into the fourth quarter. Hunter Lowmaster and Cael Sorum both registered double- doubles. Hunter had 18 points and 13 rebounds with Cael registering 10 points and 11 rebounds. Sedan was our next game and we didn't fare very well. The c team, jv and varsity teams all lost. Nate Becker had a good shooting night making 5 3-point baskets and led us with 17 points in the varsity contest.

The last two games were against Central Burden and West Elk. The jv lost both games, c team defeated Central, and the varsity managed to defeat Central 26-23 and lost to West Elk 25-37. In the Central game Hunter had another double-double with 10 points and 16 rebounds. Tayler Brown led the way in our loss to West Elk with 6 points and 6 rebounds. I thought the boys played hard and learned a lot in our loss to West Elk. Playing without Hunter Lowmaster our leading scorer and rebounder, some of the other boys stepped up and we were in the game until they wore us down.

Coach Di and I are having fun and enjoy watching our young team get better each week. We have two games left before Christmas break. With a little luck hopefully we will win them both. If you have time come out and support the boys.

Coach Harms

LADY MUSTANGS STARTING STRONG

The lady mustangs have started the season 2-2 this year. The first game was a nail biter with Lebo and had the Mustangs coming from behind and scoring 12 points in the last 3 minutes of the game to win 35-32. Harley Ratcliff showed some late game heroics by hitting two 3 pointers in the final minutes to get us back in the game. Janea Totty and Cari Brown also made big shots in final minutes to help seal the win. I personally thought the crowd was louder than I have ever heard it for a regular season game.

Next up was Stafford where the Lady Mustangs came out on top 40-28. Ashley Melugin was on fire from the 3 point line hitting 6 of 9 to lead the team with 18 points. Harley did manage to get to the basket for some layups and a few three pointers to get to 14 points on the night. Overall as a team we did not shoot well but defensively we played well. Nyah Brown, Sarah Hinnen, and Janea Totty played well on defense for this game.

Our next game was against Otis Bison (#1 Ranked team in 1A division 2). They had multiple tall girls that we were not able to handle. Lyndee Martin, Sarah Sorum, and Taylor Bisbee all did a good job of fronting their big girls and forcing them to make the harder pass over the top. Unfortunately, we lost this game 56-26. Ashley continued her hot streak shooting 5-10 from the 3 point line.

With the lost to Otis we were playing for 3rd place against the home team of Fairfield. This was a close game throughout. Our shooting improved with Makenzie Jackson, Nyah Brown, and Harley Ratcliff all hitting 3 pointers early in the game. Cari Brown and Sarah Hinnen are doing well driving to the basket to get shots. Scoring was spread out in this game with Ashley still leading the way with 14 points. We lost this close game 59-54 while struggling with foul trouble as 4 players fouled out and another one had 4 fouls.

With Ashley's big week, she was able to finish the tournament with 49 points and was 47% from the 3 point line. She was voted by the coaches to the All-Tournament Team. Congrats!

So far JV has only had one game against Lebo and it was a win. I was impressed with how comfortable they all looked on the court for the first time in high school. Almost everyone on the team scored in the first game and Chloe Wieckhorst lead the way. The other Freshmen joining the team are Kylee Weis, Morgan Holcomb, Matison Totty, and Reagan Heimgartner.

Should be an interesting and successful season for the Lady Mustangs. We love the loud crowds at home. Thank you for supporting us.

Coach Monty



High School Girls Basketball

Number	Name	Grade
2	Cari Brown	11
3	Nyah Brown	10
4	Sarah Hinnen	10
5	Reagan Heimgartner	9
11	Taylor Bisbee	11
20	Janea Totty	10
22	Ashley Melugin	12
23	Lyndee Martin	10
24	Sarah Sorum	10
30	Chloe Wieckhorst	9
33	Harley Ratcliff	11
40	Kylee Weis	9
41	Morgan Holcomb	9
42	Matison Totty	9
44	Makenzie Jackson	12

Middle School Girls Basketball

Number	Name	Grade
00	Sydney Sorum	6
1	Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor	6
2	Amanda Brown	6
3	Kolby Holcomb	6
4	Abbigale Hilyard	6
5	Karly Girty	7
10	Alexis Schill	7
12	Alexis Powell	6
13	Alexis Farris	7
14	Larrissa Lakin	7
15	Taren Lakin	7
20	Alexis Hatvick	8
21	Riggin Carney	8
22	Laura Scribner	7
23	Savannah McCreight	8
24	Lynsee Olbrey	8
25	Danica Leis	6
31	Lauren Donner	8
32	Madilynn Thomas	7
35	Kaitlynn Klein	7
40	Willow Kane	6
41	Tabitha Brown	8
42	Madison Alvord	7
45	Jessie Mooney	8

High School Boys Basketball

Number	Name	Grade
1	Issac Bugner	10
2	Lakota Parker	12
3	Sam Colangelo	11
4	Lucas Austin	9
5	Kedryn Morse	10
11	Javen McCreight	12
12	Drew Taylor	10
13	Levi Brown	10
14	Bradon Totty	12
15	Chaz Ratcliff	12
21	Jonah Smith	12
22	Justus Humig	10
23	Dylan Steinhauer	11
24	Braden Wight	10
25	Peyten Girty	11
32	Caden Sangals	11
33	Cody McNeil	10
44	Bryant Harris	11
45	Terry Jones	10

Middle School Boys Basketball

Number	Name	Grade
00	Austin Liggett	6
1	Colton Stanfield	6
2	Shane Steinhauer	6
3	Wyatt Beard	6
4	Tate Leslie	6
5	Jared Stopczynski	6
11	Nate Becker	7
12	Javin Weis	6
20	Hunter Lowmaster	7
22	Tayler Brown	8
23	Conner Sutter	6
24	Ethan Stopczynski	8
25	Gavin Girty	8
40	Cael Sorum	8

All League Honors



Peyten Girty: Football, first team all district offensive line and linebacker

Nyah Brown: Volleyball, honorable mention

Cari Brown: Volleyball, first team all league

Sarah Sorum: Volleyball, honorable mention

Harley Ratcliff: Volleyball, second team all league

Heath Town: Football, first team all district defensive line



Sophomore, Cody McNeil, won the tipoff against Lebo as referee Daniel Scribner looked on.



Johnathan Thomas found a snake during the community service cleanup project... eekkkk!



Is it fall, is it winter?

The 6th graders enjoyed a recess during one of the warmer days.



Alyssa Howard, Flinthills class of 2017, plays basketball for Tabor College and had a game against Butler. Many Flinthills students and community members came to support her! We're proud of you Alyssa!



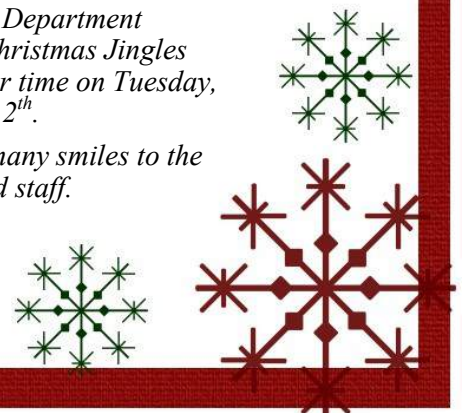
We would like to thank Davis-Moore Chevrolet for the \$1,000 donation to our athletic department as part of this year's Mascot Mania. Flinthills High School won the South Central region of the competition. You can see the video response from the Flinthills student body and staff by entering this link in YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/l2pqCWQ9ATQ>



The Drama Department delivered Christmas Jingles during Tutor time on Tuesday, December 12th.

It brought many smiles to the students and staff.



Math Relay Team Wins 25 Medals

The High School Math Relay Team Competed in Caldwell on November 7th and placed 2nd overall out of 8 schools with 25 medals in all!

Dylan Taylor placed 1st in Graphing 9

Kylee Weis, Morgan Holcomb, and Chloe Wieckhorst placed 2nd in Algebra 1 Team.

Sarah Hinnen placed 2nd and Jeremiah Haynes placed 1st in Geometry 10

Janea Totty placed 2nd in Graphing 10

Braden Wight placed 2nd in Polynomials 10 and placed 1st in Number Sense 10

Colton Gauthier placed 3rd in Systems of Equations 10 and 2nd in Word Problems 10

Sarah Hinnen, Colton Gauthier, and Jeremiah Haynes placed 1st in Geometry Team

Harley Ratcliff placed 3rd in Geometry 11

Dylan Steinhauer placed 2nd in Probability & Statistics 11

Bryant Harris placed 3rd in Rational/Irrational 11

Caden Sangals placed 2nd in Number Sense 11

Bryant Harris, Caden Sangals, and Harley Ratcliff placed 3rd in Algebra 2 Team

Chaz Ratcliff placed 2nd and Javen McCreight placed 1st in Geometry 12

Ashley Melugin placed 3rd and Chaz Ratcliff placed 2nd in Number Sense 12

Corbin Gauthier placed 1st in Graphing & Functions 12 and 1st in Calculator Computations 12

Chaz Ratcliff placed 2nd in Equations/Inequalities 12

Javen McCreight placed 2nd in Potpourri 12 and 1st in Probability & Statistics 12

Corbin Gauthier, Chaz Ratcliff, and Ashley Melugin placed 2nd in Senior Team

Congratulations to Flinthills for a strong performance in the Math Relays meet!

4-H News

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club met on December 11th, 2017 at the Cassoday Primary School. Following the business meeting, club members went Christmas Caroling in Cassoday. After caroling everyone returned to the school for a soup supper. The next meeting of the Cassoday Boosters will be January 15.

-Trena Garcia, Reporter

Pictured:

Cassoday Boosters Christmas Caroling in Cassoday



EGADS IT'S A ROACH!

CHATEAU LA ROACH!

There were roaches on the wall, on the floor, here and there, everywhere! ... Even ...on the elevator! One roach was 6' tall with a top hat and cane! ...Where?... the FHS stage during the performance of Chateau La Roach! Flinthills High School Cast and Crew entertained audiences with the comedic farce full of quirky twists and turns. The hotel owners experienced mental anguish, a chef threatened to “smash the roaches to a pulp” with a frying pan, the groupies followed the chef’s every move, an exterminator accidentally sprayed other guests, a journalist disguised herself as a nun, a waitress served bug powder at dinner, a travel writer lost her glasses multiple times, a hypnotist and her sidekick plotted a “get rich” scheme, a maid ate the mints, an acting agent threatened to sue, a bellhop told everyone what was what, an elevator operator almost blew the place up, newlyweds nearly ate a roach in their spaghetti, a bicycling tourist lost his mind under the effect of poisonous gas and a child star befriended a roach whose life consisted of musical theatre and raising 40,000 kids. Audience members never knew what to expect from one minute to another....and to conclude....a new intruder tipped his hat...what a rat!



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Two Flinthills Students Win County-Wide Competition

This year's theme for the Elk's Essay Contest, open to grades 5-8 in Butler County, was "Why our Veterans are America's Heroes." Students had to write an essay no longer than 300 words, talking about soldiers and veterans, and how they're our heroes. The essays were sent to the judges and read. The judges selected three essays from each division to move on. Flinthills had a first place winner, Amanda Brown, and a second place winner, Jared Stopczynski. Their essays will advance to the state level. We are extremely proud of Amanda and Jared for their achievements. They had several opportunities to share their essays with the public.

Way to go, Amanda and Jared!

Article by Amanda Brown and Mrs. Simon

Students of the Month

DECEMBER



Philip Humig

10th Grade

Parents – Shawn & Becky Humig
Hobbies – Playing games and fixing computers.

Activities - Skateboarding and doing stuff.

Favorite Class - Furniture and Cabinet Fabrication



Karly Girty

7th Grade

Parents – Dan & Stephanie Girty

Hobbies – Volleyball and Basketball.

Activities – Volleyball and Basketball.

Favorite Class - English



Tate Leslie

6th Grade

Parents – Amy Willmott and Brian Leslie

Hobbies & Activities – Playing video games, watching TV, playing sports.

Favorite Class - P.E.

Flint Hills 4-H Club News

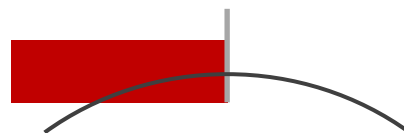
At the October meeting new officers were elected.

Corbin Gauthier- President,
Savannah McCreight- Vice President,
Sarah Sorum- Secretary,
Colton Gauthier- Treasurer,
Lyndee Martin- Reporter,
Kolby Holcomb and Morgan Johnson- Parliamentarians,
Kristina Smith and Sydney Sorum- Recreation,
Corbin Gauthier and Morgan Johnson- 4-H Council,
Colton Gauthier and Sarah Sorum Alt. 4-H Council.



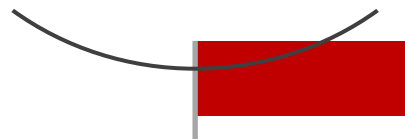
At the November meeting we made homemade Christmas cards for people serving in our military. These cards will be mailed to our soldiers for Christmas. The deadline to sign up to participate in showing livestock at the 2018 Butler County Fair is January 1st, 2018. If you are interested in joining 4-H please contact Travis Holcomb at (316) 323-4213, the Flint Hills 4-H Club is always looking for new members.

By Lyndee Martin



TSA (Technology Student Association) is selling digital sports pictures.

For \$5 you will receive 2 individual pictures and a team photo emailed to you. To purchase your favorite athlete's sports packet send your \$5 and email address to Mrs. Austin.



Mrs. McCreight was presented with a special gift at the closing night of the theatre performance, Chateau LaRoach.



Employee of the Month

Laureen Simon was selected as October's Employee of the Month. Mrs. Simon currently teaches 5th and 6th grade, with her emphasis being in Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies.

She was characterized as one who connects with her students, and who works hard to share her love and passion for reading with kids to help them develop a love for reading as well. She is also a supportive co-worker. We appreciate Mrs. Simon, her dedication, loyalty, and work ethic at Flinthills. Mrs. Simon will receive a certificate and a Flinthills Jacket.

Gingerbread Men Made With Care by the Kindergarteners



Letters To Santa

From Miss Boyd's

1st Grade Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the candy canes last year. Please can I have more candy canes?

Love, Aiden

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my RC Car and my Nerf Gun and outfit. I want a puppy this year please.

Love,

Eli

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the jet that I can put other planes in. I would like a trampoline, please!

Love,

Remington

Dear Santa,

Thank you for that air-plane that you got me. This year I would like some clothes please. I'd like some shirts and some hunting gear.

Love,

Koleson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what you brought me last year, but I can't remember it. I would like a guitar please!

Love, Kevin

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my tools that I got last year. I want a 4-Wheeler please!

Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bike last year. I would like a skateboard probably.

Love, Jake

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me my cool bike last year. I would love some art supplies!

Love,

Rylee

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving clothes last year. I would like a puppy please and stuff for the puppy!

Love,

Bella

Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to visit last year and bringing me candy canes. I would like a gymnastics set please!

Love, Ellie

Dear Santa,

I want to say thank you for that army airplane you brought me.

Can I please have a Godzilla that has fire breath?

Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Barbies last year and the Barbie horse.

I would like a real dog please.

Love, Kyah

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the white and blue outfit. This year I would like some make up please.

Love, Mykailah

What do rockets and corn have in common?

Mrs. Sangals' 3rd grade class enjoyed a special visitor on Thursday, December 7th who shared with the students how rockets transport satellites to their positions in the sky and how important that is to farming today.

Brian Rausch, Integrated Solutions Specialist, with PrairieLand Partners John Deere Emporia came to visit with the class about precision agriculture. The future of agriculture will include more satellite usage, computers, and even robotics. He wanted to introduce the class to possibilities for their futures. All of these career paths will require math and science backgrounds, so he encouraged the students to keep challenging themselves and building their skills.

Rausch shared several videos, one of farmers and their tractors from 1900 to the 1950's, one of tractors today, another of rockets taking off and orbiting, and finally a video of robotic tractors in use on test plots for development. He explained how the satellites connect "GreenStar", the John Deere support service, to their customers tractors and computers, and even phones to assist the farmers in making the most of their fields, seed, fertilizer, and other resources. Using satellite, farming has become a precision science enabling fewer farmers to produce more crops on fewer acres to feed an ever increasing world population.

Rausch's presentation was part of a free monthly program that Butler County Farm Bureau Association offers to classrooms throughout the county called, "Ag in the Classroom".



Butler County Special Education Interlocal

COUNT YOUR KID IN 2017 – 2018

Count Your Kid In is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children living in Butler County. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County Special Education Interlocal and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning, please call 316-775-6904 to schedule a free appointment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 12, 2018	Augusta First Baptist Church 1501 State Street, Augusta, 316-775-5466
January 26, 2018	Towanda Baptist Church 529 N. 11 th Street, Towanda, 316-541-2382
February 23, 2018	Haverhill Christian Church 10275 SW Haverhill Rd, Augusta, 316-775-7024

To schedule an appointment for your child call: 316-775-6904

Students Participate in Leadership Butler

Leadership Butler, Inc. is a non-profit, organization that began in 1988. The purpose then and today is to bring individuals in Butler County together to learn more about each community's civic challenges and how they can make a difference. Leadership Butler, Inc. provides skill and capacity training with tools to meet those challenges, while empowering individuals to exercise leadership within Butler County communities.

Leadership Butler believes not only do adults need to exercise leadership, but the youth in the communities of Butler County also need to be aware of the opportunities they have to be a force in their communities and their schools. Any high school junior attending school in Butler County is eligible for nomination to Youth Leadership Butler.

Youth Leadership Butler's selection process includes two parts. The first part of the process consists of the principals and counselors of each participating school submitting nominations (at the time of application, these students are sophomores). Applications are given to each of the nominees to fill out and return to the Leadership Butler office. Those applications are then given to four individuals to score based on information from their application. The idea is to select at least two students from each of the participating school districts.

For the 2017 Youth Leadership Butler class, three students were selected from Flinthills High School – Cari Brown, Jeffrey Garcia and Peyton Girty. The three attended weekly meetings beginning September 10. The sessions helped them to grow and develop their leadership skills and gave them the opportunity to meet other youth from across Butler County.

After the last scheduled class, the group continued to meet to complete a service project. For their project, this year's class decided to set up Mini Libraries in five towns around Butler County. They built and set up the libraries, and made arrangements for placement and future care.

Youth Leadership Butler concluded with a graduation celebration on Sunday, December 3.



Youth Leadership Butler Class of 2017



Cari Brown, Peyton Girty & Jeffrey Garcia



Students and staff in the beginning stages of door decorating.
The middle and high school students got in the Christmas spirit and came up with some great ideas. Check out the final displays on the next page.



Nelson News



Nelson Flint graduated from his Puppy 1 Socialization Class on Tuesday, December 5th.

He will begin Puppy II classes in January. He is well on his way to becoming a certified therapy dog, and the trainer of the class said that he will "be great!"





The middle and high school students worked alongside their Mustang Mentoring staff leaders to create these incredible door displays.



Mr. Sorum



Mrs. McCreight



Mr. Keim



Mr. Myrick



Mrs. Cook



Mr. Penton



Mr. Boldra



Mr. Scribner



Mrs. Boldra



Mr. Worrell



Mrs. Austin



Mrs. Rosenquist



Mrs. Hinnen



Mr. Freking



Mr. Casteel

Weather Forecast

3rd Graders have been studying the weather and I thought it would be fun to play with the green screen. Students practiced their meteorology skills and told the weather. I hope you will use the Aurasma app to listen to them. Make sure you follow twillard so you can enjoy listening to their forecast.



Isaiah Wright



Nevaeh Sultz



Nilari Cabugo



Cole Beard



Tripp Carney



Charles Farris



Jordyn Finley



Kolter Flores



Joshua Fulkerson



Dallas Griffith



Jacob Hudson



Talon Scribner



Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor



Peyton Wight

Employee of the Month

Karen Hinnen was selected as the November Employee of the Month. Mrs. Hinnen teaches Special Education at Flinthills, and has so for 25 years. She has been teaching for a total of 29 years. She is characterized as one who has been very helpful in helping new teachers transition to Flinthills, as well as one who is truly invested in the success of her students. She closely monitors their progress and encourages them to persevere. We truly appreciate Mrs. Hinnen's commitment to and investment at Flinthills and in the community. Mrs. Hinnen will receive a certificate and Flinthills jacket.



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Locker Sleeve Displays



There is a new attraction in the Intermediate hallway. The 5th & 6th grade lockers are displaying some of the students' best work. "Posters," essays, Santa letters, book reviews, poetry and more can be seen in their new locker sleeves. It's a great way for the students to share their hard work!

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Winter Break	2 Winter Break HS BB @ Yates Center 4:30	3 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	4 Students Report State Theatre Conference MS BB @ Burden 5:00	5 State Theatre Conference	6 State Theatre Conference KMEA Instrumental Live Auditions HS WR @ Burlington 9:00
7	8 HS Scholars Bowl @ Oxford 4:30 MS BB vs. Remington 5:00	9 HS BB @ Dexter 4:00	10 FFA @ Buhler Spring Play Auditions Spelling Bee 1:00 Grades 3-8	11 Spring Play Auditions MS BB @ Howard 5:00	12 HS BB @ Udall 4:00	13 HS BB @ Oxford HS WR @ Halstead 9:30
14	15 Martin Luther King Day BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 HS Girls BB	16 HS Boys BB STUCO Blood Drive 8:00—12:00	17 Geography Bee 1:00 Grades 4-8	18 HS Girls BB @ Cowley MS BB vs. CV/Dexter 5:00	19 HS Boys BB @ Cowley K-State Concert Band Clinic	20 HS BB @ Cowley K-State Concert Band Clinic HS WR @ Eureka 9:00
21	22 Booster Club 6:00 SCBL HS Scholars Bowl @ Argonia 4:30	23	24 Forensics Parent Meeting @ 5:30 SCBL Honor Band @ Winfield	25 FFA @ Lawrence MS BB vs. Sedan 5:00	26 FFA @ Lawrence HS BB vs. South Haven 4:45 Homecoming— Between V Games	27 FFA @ Lawrence HS WR @ Fredonia 9:00
28	29 MS BB @ South Haven 4:00	30 HS BB vs. West Elk 4:45	31			

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Regional HS Scholars Bowl	2 HS WR @ Circle 2:00 HS BB @ Argonia 4:00	3 MS SCBL BB @ Argonia 9:00 KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival HS WR @ Circle 9:00
4	5 MS Scholars Bowl @ West Elk 4:30	6 HS BB vs. Central 4:45	7 FFA @ Kiowa	8 MS SCBL BB @ Argonia	9 HS BB vs. Caldwell 4:45	10 State Scholars Bowl Forensics @ Central 8:00 MS SCBL BB @ Argonia 10:00 HS WR @ Remington 9:00 ACT Test
11	12 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 MS Scholars Bowl @ Rosalia 4:30 Lifetouch Spring Pictures— Cassoday 8:15 Rosalia 10:00	13 HS BB vs. Oxford 4:45 Senior Night— BB/WR/Band Between V Games	14 Valentine's Day Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00—8:00 Valentine's Parties Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45	15 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00—8:00 MS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45	16 NO SCHOOL Regionals WR HS BB @ Sedan 4:45	17 KSHSAA State Piano Festival Regionals WR
18 FFA Week @ Flint- hills	19 President's Day NO SCHOOL	20 SCBL MS Math Relays @ Cedar Vale 4:45 HS BB vs. Hartford 4:45	21	22 MS Scholars Bowl @ Burden 4:30 Forensics @ Oxford 4:00	23 Tri-M State Conference State WR @ Hays All State MS Choir	24 All State HS Band/Choir State WR @ Hays
25	26 Booster Club 6:00 MS WR @ Whitewater 4:00	27	28 FFA @ Kiowa			

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