

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

February, 2018

A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR

Flinthills Primary had a very exciting guest to help celebrate Kansas Day. Jan Farrar came dressed up and played the role of her great-grandmother, Mrs. McCormick, who experienced the simplicity and hardship as a settler in Kansas. She came with many facts and interesting details to share. The kids all enjoyed listening to her wonderful story. We are very thankful for her time and truly enjoyed her visit.



Flinthills USD 492 now has an app!

This app has many features that will save you time and increase communication with the district. After you download the Flinthills app from either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store you'll find many features that give you instant access to features found on our website. You will find the app streamlined and very accessible. Here's a brief rundown of the available features:

News: This takes you directly to our school website

Notifications: You will automatically be signed up for all notifications, but can opt out of any or all notifications that you don't want. You will find the opt out under Settings.

Calendar: Instantly access our district calendar

Breakfast Menu and Lunch Menu – find out what is being served with a simple click

PowerSchool: Direct access for parents and students to our online gradebook

Facebook: Our district Facebook page (daily announcements are posted here)

District Store: Easily pay your lunch bill and other fees

Contact Us: quickly access staff emails and phone numbers

Settings: Opt out of any or all notifications



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Board Member Appreciation Month

January is School Board Recognition Month in Kansas and, on behalf of Flinthills School District, we should thank our local leaders for devoting their time to supporting public education and serving our schools.

First and foremost, the Board of Education serves children. They also represent their community and face complex and demanding challenges, yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of their responsibilities. They truly make a difference every day.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning.

That job entails at least one monthly board meeting and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and many difficult decisions to make.

Our board is determined to push our school district toward world class status according to the Kansans Can Vision. Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. We applaud their willingness to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education.

Your current Board Members are:

Justin Grunder – Board President

Melissa Scribner – Vice President

Travis Holcomb

Josh McNary

Katie Hinde

Amie Oltman

In recognition of their service, I invite you to make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work, dedication, and commitment of time has been noticed and is truly appreciated.



Left-Right: Josh McNary, Katie Hinde, Travis Holcomb, Amie Oltman, Melissa Scribner, and Justin Grunder

FFA Week Activities Planned

Attention all Flinthills Middle and High School students! February 19th-23rd The Flinthills FFA Chapter will be hosting FFA Week!

Starting Tuesday, February 20th, we will be kicking off the week's activities with a **"Drive Your Hot Rod to School"** contest.

The following day the Chapter is planning on having its very first **"FFA Week Hot Dog Eating Contest."**

On Thursday, the Flinthills FFA Chapter is inviting all Flinthills High School students to attend a **career show** at Bluestem High School.

On Friday, we will be giving all middle and high school students the opportunity to compete in this year's **"FFA Week Dodgeball Tournament."** There will prizes for the winners of the activities throughout the week.

To conclude the week's activities, Flinthills FFA will be hosting its **"Second Annual FFA Week Nut Fry"** at 7 p.m. We are very excited for the week planned full of activities, and we hope to see you all at the Nut Fry!



Students of the Month



Morgan Holcomb

9th Grade

Parents – Alana & Travis Holcomb
Hobbies – Memorizing lines for the play, hanging out with friends, and hanging out with Mrs. McCreight.

Activities - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Math Relays, Theatre and Forensics.

Favorite Class - Drama or Forensics



Lauren Donner

8th Grade

Parents – Stephanie Donner and John Donner

Hobbies – Playing Basketball and Shopping.

Activities – Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Softball

Favorite Class - Shop



Dallas Griffith

3rd Grade

Parents – Jud & Ashley Griffith

Hobbies & Activities – Playing sports and dodgeball, spending time with family.

Favorite Class - Art and PE

Superintendent's News

Dear Flinthills Patron:

I wanted to make you aware of a change in tax policy, passed in the previous term, that is now in effect. The legislature passed a comprehensive tax bill in 2016, a provision of which directed the Kansas Department of Revenue to add a checkoff box on individual tax forms beginning with tax year 2017. The box would assign a portion or all of one's refund to a specific school district. A copy of the new tax form is included for your review. The checkoff is line 42 of page 2.

Your Flinthills school district could use the proceeds for special projects, athletic or activity programs, playground equipment, etc.

The monies collected for specific districts would be collected by KDOR and then forwarded to the Flinthills School District. There is no obligation or pressure. I simply wanted to make you aware of this new refund option. Thanks again for your continued support of USD #492 – Flinthills School District!

Respectfully,
Jeremy Boldra

Use Tax	19. Use tax due (out of state and internet purchases; see instructions).....	19		00
	20. Total tax balance (add lines 18 and 19).....	20		00
Withholding and Payments	21. Kansas income tax withheld from W-2s and/or 1099s.....	21		00
	22. Estimated tax paid.....	22		00
	23. Amount paid with Kansas extension.....	23		00
	24. Refundable portion of earned income tax credit (from worksheet, page 8 of instructions)	24		00
	25. Refundable portion of tax credits.....	25		00
	26. Payments remitted with original return.....	26		00
	27. Overpayment from original return (this figure is a subtraction; see instructions).....	27	-	00
	28. Total refundable credits (add lines 21 through 26; then subtract line 27).....	28	-	00
Balance Due	29. Underpayment (if line 20 is greater than line 28, enter the difference here).....	29		00
	30. Interest (see instructions).....	30		00
	31. Penalty (see instructions).....	31		00
	32. Estimated Tax Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> Mark box if engaged in commercial farming or fishing in 2017	32		00
	33. AMOUNT YOU OWE (add lines 29 through 32 and any entries on lines 36 through 42).....	33		00
Overpayment	34. Overpayment (if line 20 is less than line 28, enter the difference here).....	34		00
	35. CREDIT FORWARD (enter amount you wish to be applied to your 2018 estimated tax).....	35		00
	36. CHICKADEE CHECKOFF (Kansas Nongame Wildlife Improvement Program).....	36		00
	37. SENIOR CITIZENS MEALS ON WHEELS CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM.....	37		00
	38. BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FUND.....	38		00
	39. MILITARY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.....	39		00
	40. KANSAS HOMETOWN HEROES FUND.....	40		00
	41. KANSAS CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRY FUND.....	41		00
	42. LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION FUND School District Number	42		00
	43. REFUND (subtract lines 35 through 42 from line 34).....	43		00

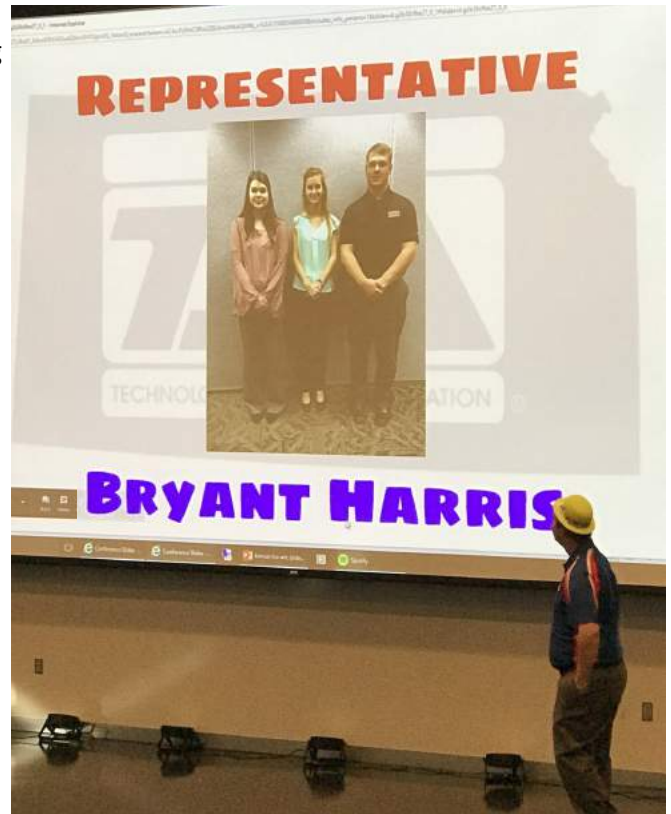
Signature(s) I authorize the Director of Taxation or the Director's designee to discuss my return and enclosures with my preparer. I declare under the penalties of perjury that to the best of my knowledge this is a true, correct, and complete return.

Signature of Taxpayer _____ Date _____ Electronic or printed name (other than preparer) _____ Phone number of preparer _____
 Signature of spouse if Married Filing Jointly _____ Tax preparer's EIN or SSN _____

ENCLOSE any necessary documents with this form. DO NOT STAPLE.

TSA Members Attend Workshop

On January 24 four Flinthills TSA members traveled to WATC in Wichita to participate in the Winter Leadership Challenge. During this workshop students played games and had discussions that teach what it takes to be a good leader. Allison Gawith, Philip Humig, Wade Haynes, and Bryant Harris thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt that they had learned a lot. The workshop was lead by the TSA State Leadership Team, one of whom is Bryant Harris. Bryant is the State Representative and helped run this conference. Mrs. Austin, TSA sponsor, says that Bryant has really stepped up in his leadership role, as he is also the local chapter TSA President.



COMMUNITY DANCE

We would like to try and host a community dance for the students and patrons of the district following the Caldwell game on Friday the 9th. Our students have been learning how to swing dance and two-step, and they had a great time at the Snowball dance this year! The students would like to extend an invitation to parents and patrons to come join them for a few hours after the games in our gym. We do ask that you have appropriate court shoes or remove your shoes to save on the wear and tear of the gym floor. There is no cost other than the cost of the game to get in, so come out and watch the games and stay for some fun! If this is



successful, we will try and work more into the schedule for next year. The kids really enjoy it, and hopefully we can get some outside participation from parents and patrons of the district. Sponsored by Flinthills Student Council.

Stitch - Stitch - Stitch



3rd Grade students recently learned how to sew in art class. They made a simple pillow, completely sewn by hand!



Drew Taylor and Hadley Girty were sent out to collect bacteria from someone's mouth for a science experiment, and they decided to swab Nelson!



Please keep clipping your Box Tops. We have another deadline coming up soon, so if you have any, please send them to the school before February 23rd.

Thank you for your support!

4-H News

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club held their January meeting on January 15 at the Cassoday Primary School. The club decided to sell Blue and Gold products for their spring fund raiser. Sale dates will be announced soon. Members also voted to hold an exchange meeting with the Lilly Lake 4-H club in April.

All members are reminded that in order to exhibit livestock at the 2018 Butler County 4-H Fair, they will need to complete a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. 7 year olds must attend an instructor-led training. 8-18 year olds must attend an instructor-led training or pass a web-based training. See the Butler County 4-H Website or contact Tresa Garcia for more details.

The club would like to congratulate Jeffrey Garcia. Jeffrey's KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) for the Meat Goat project was selected for State Competition. The KAP is a record prepared by the 4-Her to showcase their project work during the past 4-H year, with an emphasis on leadership and citizenship within the project. KAPs are first judged at the county level. No more than one KAP per project area is selected for Area Competition where one per project area may be chosen for the State Competition.

The next club meeting will be held Saturday, March 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in El Dorado.

-Submitted by Trena Garcia, Reporter

Students Receive Book Donations

The students at Flinthills Primary and Intermediate Schools received a surprise gift from local author, Jefferson Knapp, and Kraken Books, Ltd. The primary students received the picture book, *My Mommy Burnt the Cookies* by James Thomas Taylor. *The Traveling Carnival* by Jefferson Knapp was the book that the Intermediate students received. We would like to thank Mr. Knapp and Kraken Books, Ltd. for their generous donation.



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.

Date

February 23, 2018

March 16, 2018

April 13, 2018

Location

Haverhill Christian Church

10275 SW Haverhill Rd, Augusta, 316-775-7024

St. John's Catholic Church

302 N. Denver, El Dorado, 316-321-4796

Andover St. Vincent DePaul Church

123 N. Andover Rd, Andover, 316-733-1423

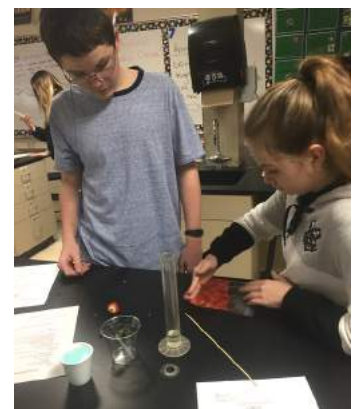
To schedule an appointment for your child call: 316-775-6904

Seventh Graders Construct DNA Chains



7th grade students use red and black licorice (Deoxyribose sugars and Phosphates) and gummy bears (Nitrogenous Bases) to create a short strand of DNA.

Students extract DNA from strawberries as they observe firsthand that DNA is in the food that they eat.



Human genetic disorders are caused by a mutation to the DNA.

7th graders become “experts” on the more common disorders so they can teach their peers.

Alexes Vanderbur uses a Sesame Street video to teach about Autism.



Michal Austin has been chosen to represent Flinthills as our 2018 Kansas Teacher of the Year district representative. Mrs. Austin was chosen because of her commitment to our students, staff, and district. Beyond her teaching duties she sponsors TSA, is senior class sponsor, calendar committee, PDC member, FEA chairman, technology committee, fun committee member, TSA State Advisory Committee, Middle School Tech sponsor as well as the Washington DC Trip. She has presented at many state and national conferences.

Mrs. Austin’s educational values stem around her belief that forming relationships with students is the motivating factor behind their willingness to engage in her classroom. She fosters a safe learning environment where children are free to explore, create, and explore without fear. Mrs. Austin feels that sometimes you learn just as much from failure as you do from success; there just has to be a willingness to try. Her relationship with her students does not stop when they graduate. She maintains that same relationship as they go on to marry, have children of their own, and sometimes bring those children back to Flinthills where the cycle begins again.



Being the Flinthills KS Teacher of the Year representative provides several professional learning opportunities. Mrs. Austin was honored at a banquet in September. She then attended a leadership conference in November where she met her team of teachers from other area schools. Team members spend January through May visiting each other’s districts to learn what other schools are doing. Having already visited Remington and Haysville Mrs. Austin is already brimming with new ideas she wants to try with her students and staff. Mrs. Austin believes the professional development she is gaining through her conferences and school visits have already made her a better teacher and she is excited to continue on her professional journey.

2018 Senior Basketball Athletes, Managers and Broadcasters Autograph Signing Day

For Winter Homecoming Week, the senior basketball athletes, managers and broadcasters hosted a trading card autograph signing session with the Primary and Intermediate students. The Primary and Intermediate students lined up and were able to interact and ask the seniors questions about sports and school. Many of the young students bragged about having the trading cards from last year’s senior class and were very excited to have the opportunity to spend this time with the seniors again this year. The seniors had a great time interacting with the younger students and promoting positive community outreach for the Flinthills Basketball Programs.

Thank You,
Mr. Casteel



WANTED:

If your child is ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2018, 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, April 6th, 2018

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



The Big Idea Experience of Wichita reached out to our teachers and offered to do something special for our school. A group of supporters from The Big Idea were offering to provide basic supplies for the classroom upon the teacher's requests. Our 3rd grade class received scissors, the 4th graders received a Makerspace, and the 5th & 6th grade classes received Expo markers, enough for each student! Thank you to The Big Idea Experience for generously donating these items to our classrooms.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Will be held

Wednesday, February 14th and

Thursday, February 15th

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thank You to everyone who volunteered their time to help PTO with the Potato Bar and concession stand! It was VERY much appreciated!!

If you'd like to join us for our next meeting we'd love to see you! It will be Monday, February 12th in the library at 6:00 pm in Rosalia.



Schools For Fair Funding

Kansans deserve better

In response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Gannon V*, legislative leaders in both public and private meetings have been warning Kansans that complying with the decision would force other areas of the Kansas budget to suffer. This rhetoric is being spread in an attempt to scare Kansans, and to force support for an ill-advised attempt to alter the education article in the Kansas Constitution. This strategy is not new; legislative leaders have used this strategy before to try to avoid their constitutional duty. Kansans did not fall for it in 1993, 1995, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2016. Kansans should not fall for it in 2018 either.

The legislature is charged with funding the government. All of it. But funding state government is not a zero-sum game. It is not "either fund this service or fund that service." The legislative duty is to fund ALL necessary state services adequately. This includes hospitals, social services, highways, the courts, the corrections system, higher education, health and environment and ... of course, public schools.

Attempting to pit these groups against each other in a scramble for the dollar is disingenuous. Amending the constitution to hurt public schools goes against values that Kansans have held dear for 160 years. Bending these values to meet current ideology is simply inappropriate... as it has been for the past 25 years. Declaring that no taxes shall be considered is an abdication of the legislature's constitutional responsibility. Painting a picture that three prisons must close if we are to fund the schools is outrageous fear-mongering. Kansans demand better. ALL services, including public schools, need adequate funding.

Schools for Fair Funding is an association of 40 school districts that educate approximately 30% of all Kansas school children. No SFFF official is advocating for a reduction in state services designed to meet the needs of Kansas families, and no member of this group desires any state service to suffer. SFFF desires a strong safety net of services for Kansas families. When Kansas children wake up hungry, experience medical issues, or come from a foster care system that is broken, school officials see the harm caused first-hand. Students have to be ready to learn in order to achieve success. The *Gannon* case is about giving all children the opportunity to receive an education that meets constitutional standards, a task that would be even more difficult without a sound safety net of services for Kansas families.

Many legislators express an interest in ending the cycle of litigation, and yet they fail to acknowledge the Legislature's historic role in the cycle. But for legislative foot dragging and intentional non-compliance, there would be no cycle. The *Gannon* case was filed in 2010, following the 2008-09 dramatic cuts to K-12 education. The initial cuts included reneging on the third year of the school finance plan that settled the *Montoy* case in 2006. Since *Gannon* was filed, the state has lost at the trial court level twice, and at the Supreme Court five times. The only time in the past eight years the state has been successful in the *Gannon* case was in June of 2016, when the Legislature worked directly with the plaintiffs to fix the equity issues, and the Supreme Court agreed that the changes made complied with constitutional equity requirements.

Sadly, in the very next legislative session, the Legislature then adopted new legislation that destroyed the equity of the previous system and introduced new inequitable provisions.

This, of course, resulted in another defeat before the Supreme Court, in *Gannon V*. None of this was a surprise to informed observers. It was all very predictable.

Moving forward, the best way for the Legislature to end the cycle of litigation is to quit passing unconstitutional legislation and to focus on funding our schools in compliance with *Gannon V*. Stop trying to "game" the court. It has not worked thus far and won't work now. No one is more tired of litigation than school officials.

Currently, over 25% of Kansas school children are under-performing on state assessments. The state of Kansas has produced studies that prove the current levels of funding will not provide all children with a constitutional level of education. Again, these are the state's own studies, not something concocted by plaintiffs or the schools. The Kansas Supreme Court has been extremely patient, but we believe the *Gannon V* court is telling the Legislature and Governor that this is their last chance to "get it right." We stand ready to work with public policy leaders and advocates to make the transition to compliance as smoothly as possible. Kansans should expect nothing less.

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Flinthills Geography Bee

The Geography Bee was held on January 17, 2018 for the Intermediate and Middle School students. The following students were the winners from the classrooms;



Ethan and Laura

Kolby and Joliene

Levi Beard, 4th grade	Kolby Holcomb, 6th grade
Joliene Dragoo, 4th grade	Philip Harris, 7th grade
Jerron Hartley, 5th grade	Laura Scribner, 7th grade
Lydia Stopczynski, 5th grade	Jessie Mooney, 8th grade
Donovan Hartley, 6th grade	Ethan Stopczynski, 8th grade

Kolby Holcomb was the Flinthills Intermediate School Champion and Laura Scribner was the Flinthills Middle School Champion. They will each complete a test for possible state qualification.

Runners up were Joliene Dragoo for the Intermediate School, and Ethan Stopczynski for the Middle School.

Flinthills Spelling Bee

The Flinthills spelling bee was held January 10, 2018. The following students were the classroom winners and competed for the chance to move on to the county wide competition.



Madison and Savannah

Joliene and Emily

Jordyn Finley, 3rd grade	Amanda Brown, 6th grade
Talon Scribner, 3rd grade	Jared Stopczynski, 6th grade
Joliene Dragoo, 4th grade	Madison Alvord, 7th grade
Jacob Kane, 4th grade	Madilynn Thomas, 7th grade
Keira Poston, 4th grade	Brandon Gleason, 8th grade
Harlee Randall, 5th grade	Savannah McCreight, 8th grade
Emily Scribner, 5th grade	

The Middle School spelling bee champion was Savannah McCreight, and runner up was Madison Alvord.

The Intermediate spelling bee champion was Emily Scribner, and runner up was Joliene Dragoo.



Russell Totty (right), with Board of Education President, Justin Grunder.

Employee of the Month

Russell Totty was selected as December's Employee of the Month. Russell does so many things for the district as he is the lead custodian, director of transportation, and drives a bus. As part of his duties, he runs monthly bus safety meetings, monitors the district buses and vehicles, and is in charge of keeping the school clean and safe. Russell is a hard worker and a great asset to the Flinthills School District. He will receive a certificate and a Flinthills Pullover.

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



Fifth grade students celebrated their commitment to stay off drugs and alcohol at their D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony on Friday, January 12th, in the High School Auditorium.

In the weeks leading up to the graduation, Deputy Braden Moore, with the Butler County Sheriff's Office taught students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and bullying in schools.

Undersheriff, Tony Wilhite, of the Butler County Sheriff's Office helped congratulate the students on their accomplishments during the graduation. Stuart Schake, General Manager for Wichita Wild Arena Football, was the keynote speaker.

Way to Go, Fifth Graders!



Landon



Tagen



Addison



Caydi



Paige



Cali



Cameryn



Karsyn



Dalton



Jerron



Noah



Lilly



Kyle



Harlee



Kaylee



Emily



Lydia



Rylie



Tylan



Brooke



Congratulations to Harlee Randall on winning the DARE essay contest!!!



2018 Homecoming King and Queen Candidates

Back Row: Javen McCreight, Corbin Gauthier, Chaz Ratcliff
Front Row: Ashley Melugin, Makenzie Jackson, Haley Wright

DISNEY HOMECOMING

Friday, January 26, 2018



More Homecoming photos can be found on the Flinthills USD 492 Facebook page.



Seniors



Juniors





The FHS Winter Homecoming ceremony was held Friday, January 26 between the varsity basketball games against South Haven. Seniors, Haley Wright and Chaz Ratcliff were crowned the Homecoming King and Queen. Kindergarten escorts were Kinley Carr, daughter of Nick and Juli Carr, and Reece Jackson, son of Steve and Kim Jackson. Helping to assist the escorts were last year's Winter Homecoming Queen, Hunter Travnichek, and the Fall Homecoming King, Kolton Melugin.

Pictured: Hunter Travnichek, Ashley Melugin, Javen McCreight, Haley Wright, Chaz Ratcliff, Makenzie Jackson, Corbin Gauthier, Kolton Melugin, and escorts, Kinley Carr and Reece Jackson.

IF YOU CAN
DREAM IT,
YOU CAN
DO IT.



Sophomores



Freshmen



2018 Winter Homecoming



Ashley Melugin and Javen McCreight

Ashley is the daughter of Monty and Christine Melugin. Her hobbies include eating, re-watching *The Office*, and hanging out with Sarah and Lyndee. Her activities include Cross Country, Basketball, STUCO, NHS, FCA, ITS, and Backstage Manager. Ashley is considering multiple scholarship offers for cross country or plans to stick with academics and attend Butler Community College and transfer to Emporia State University, majoring in Accounting.

Javen is the son of Eric and Julie McCreight. His hobbies include eating, spending time with family, homework, and weightlifting. His activities include Basketball, Track, Drama, NHS, ITS, Math Relays and Scholar's Bowl. Javen's future plans are to major in engineering at K-State and obtain a job in that field.



Haley Wright and Chaz Ratcliff

Haley is the daughter of John Wright and Teresa Fowler. Her hobbies include singing, doing hair and make-up, hanging out with her friends, and spending time with her boyfriend. Her activities include Softball, Theatre, Tri-M, and Choir. Haley plans on going to Butler Community College for 2 years and minoring in vocal, then going to cosmetology school to get a cosmetology degree, then starting her own cosmetology business.

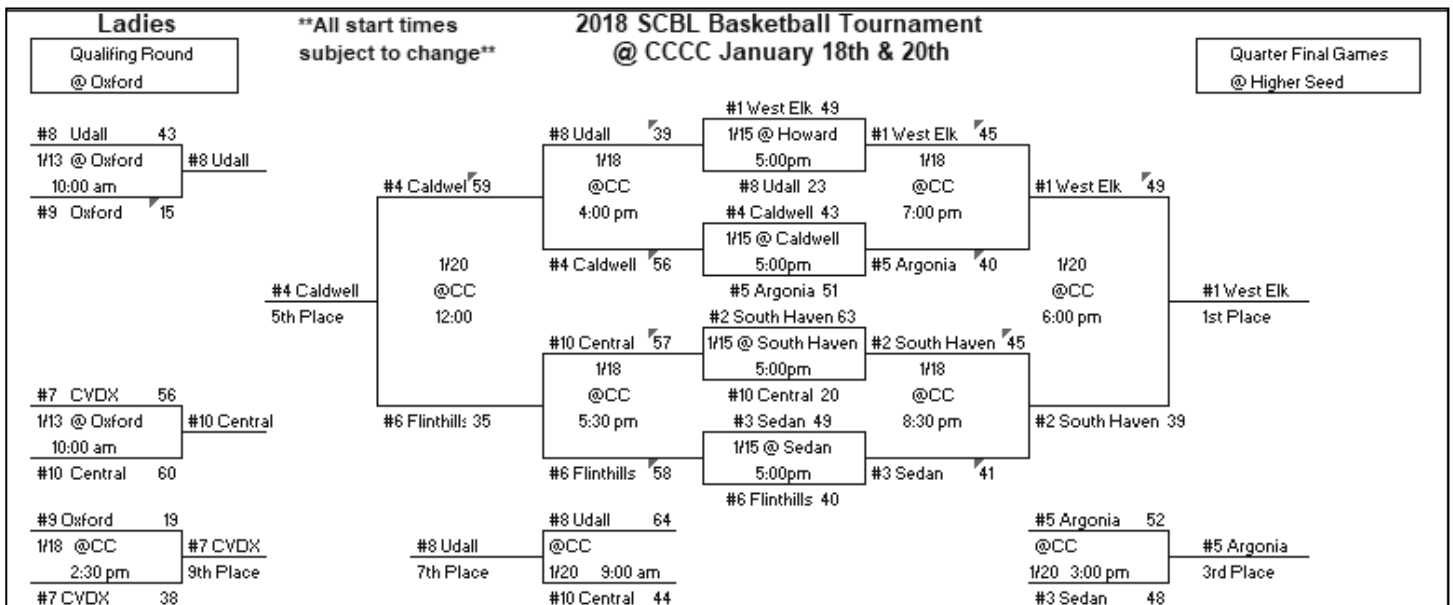
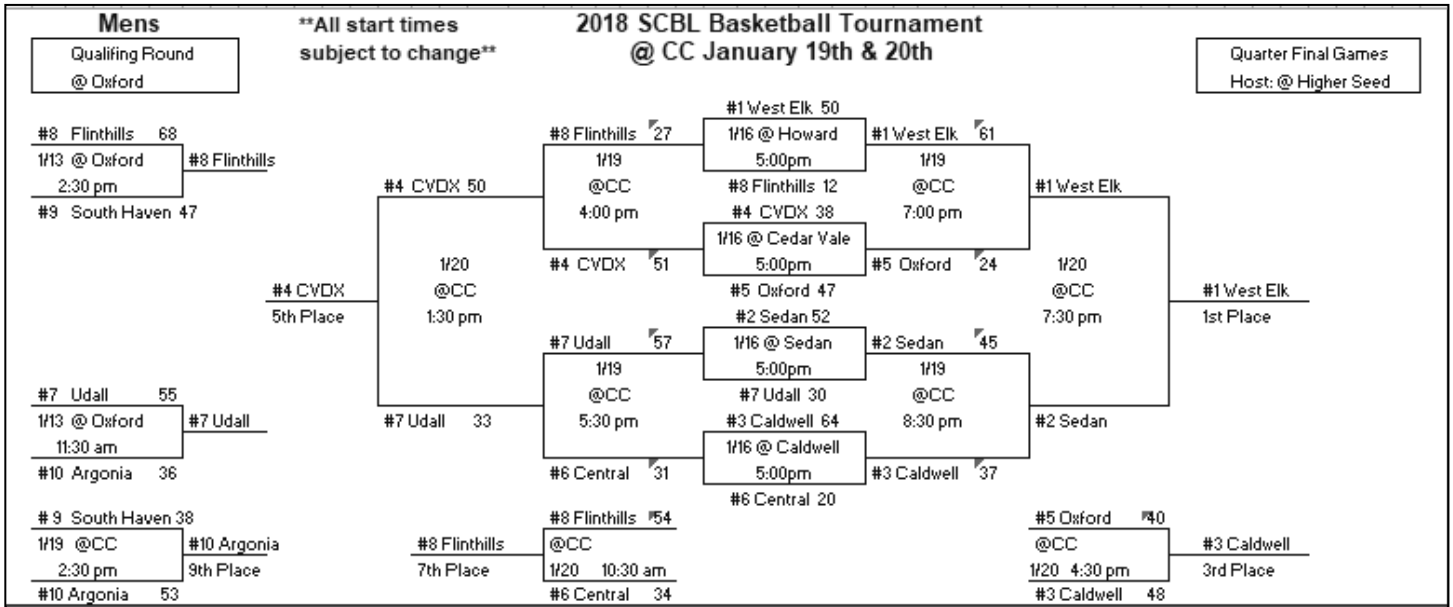
Chaz is the son of Marc and Crystal Ratcliff. His hobbies include music, and hanging out with friends. His activities include Basketball, Cross Country, NHS, and FCA. Chaz's future plans are to attend Heartland in Oklahoma City to major in music.



Makenzie Jackson and Corbin Gauthier

Makenzie is the daughter of Darren and Deanna Jackson. Her hobbies include sleeping, playing X-Box, and hanging with friends. Her activities include Basketball, Softball, Theatre, 4-H, and STUCO. Makenzie's future plans are to go to Butler County Community College for a year to get her Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, then maybe going back to college to pursue law school or other possibilities.

Corbin is the son of Curtis and Toni Gauthier. His hobbies include showing cows, taking pictures of his dog, and watching Netflix. His activities include FFA, Scholars Bowl, Band, NHS, Tri-M, 4-H, and STUCO. Corbin's future plans are to go to K-State and major in Agricultural Engineering, making money, and buying more dogs.



Lifetouch Spring Pictures
Monday, February 12th



High School Basketball

Front row (l-r): Issac Bugner, Koda Parker, Levi Brown, Lucas Austin, Kedryn Morse, Justus Humig, Braden Wight, Sam Colangelo.

Back row (l-r): Coach Ruter, Caden Sangals, Bradon Totty, Javen McCreight, Bryant Harris, Peyten Girty, Drew Taylor, Jonah Smith, Dylan Steinhauer, Terry Jones, Cody McNeil, Chaz Ratcliff, Coach Casteel.



High School Basketball

Front row (l-r): Matison Totty, Nyah Brown, Sarah Hinnen, Janea Totty, Ashley Melugin, Kylee Weis, Harley Ratcliff.

Back row (l-r): Coach Ratcliff, Makenzie Jackson, Morgan Holcomb, Taylor Bisbee, Cari Brown, Sarah Sorum, Chloe Wieckhorst, Lyndee Martin, Reagan Heimgartner, Coach Melugin.



Middle School Basketball

Front row (l-r): Javin Weis, Austin Liggett, Tate Leslie, Wyatt Beard, Jared Stopczynski, Kolton Stanfield, Conner Sutter.

Middle row (l-r): Josh Schultz, Tayler Brown, Ethan Stopczynski, Shane Steinhauer, Gavin Girty, Cylan Lakin.

Back row (l-r): Coach Di, Hunter Lowmaster, Nate Becker, Cael Sorum, Coach Harms



Middle School Basketball

Front row (l-r): Emily Scribner, Amanda Brown, Abbigale Hilyard, Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor, Alexis Powell, Danica Leis, Alexis Schill, Kolby Holcomb, Tagen Carney.

Middle row (l-r): Alexis Farris, Larrissa Lakin, Alexis Hatvick, Lauren Donner, Riggin Carney, Lynsee Olbrey, Karly Girty, Taren Lakin, Laura Scribner.

Back row (l-r): Coach Freking, Willow Kane, Madilynn Thomas, Kaitlynn Klein, Savannah McCreight, Jessie Mooney, Madison Alvord, Tabitha Brown, Sydney Sorum, Coach Sorum



High School Cheerleaders

Emily Green, Bailey Bugner, Savannah Hale, Emily Joseph, Bailey Smith, Sarah Hinnen, Allison Gawith



High School Wrestling

Lucas James, Ethan James, Cody Noel, Tucker Travnichek, Hadley Girty, Jeffrey Thomas

High School Wrestling



Lucas James
3rd at Fredonia



Ethan James
5th at Fredonia



Tucker Travnichek
4th at Eureka



Congratulations to Flinthills Senior, Chaz Ratcliff, for receiving All League Academic Honors.

ALUMNI PEP BAND
 February 9th at the home High School basketball game!
 Contact Mr. Penton for more information 620-476-2215


Senior Night will be held on Tuesday, February 13th

Middle School Girls' Basketball

Last week the JH Girls basketball team got a reality check and hopefully can use the loss to help make a tournament run. The first time we played a talented West Elk team we dominated them 32-10. They came back and played the best game they have all year and caught us on an off night shooting. We suffered our first loss of the season and are now tied with West Elk in the East Division for first place. Next Monday we play an undefeated South Haven team that is the first place team in the West Division and will be a great test for us to enter the tournament that starts February 3rd at Argonia. The top 4 teams in the league, 2 from the east and 2 from the west have dominated the rest of the league this year and it should be a great final 4 if everything pans out. The girls varsity is now 10-1 with 2 regular season games to go and hopefully 3 in the tournament and a solid finish. This group of kids has been a real pleasure to coach and I really am thankful for the hard work they put in. The day after that first loss there was no crying, just players showing up to practice to work on what we need to get better at. Hopefully we learned that if you don't play up respecting the other team's ability it can bite you. I am hoping to get a rematch with that West Elk team and get a chance to redeem ourselves.

Coach Sorum

Walk-A-Thon

	<i>Flinthills PTO</i>	DATE <u>2-28-18</u>
PAY TO	<u>Your Name Here !!</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>One Hundred Dollars and ^{no}/₁₀₀</u>		
MEMO	<u>Walk-A-Thon</u>	<u>Flinthills PTO</u>
1234 5678 9876 543210		

The students at Flinthills Primary (K-2) will be participating in our 4th annual WALK-A-THON on February 28, 2018. The event will start at 1:30 p.m.

Each student will have 30 minutes to walk and all will be given a yummy treat at the end.

Plus, the WINNERS will be announced!

1st Place: \$100.00 2nd Place: \$75.00 3rd Place: \$25.00

Students will collect pledges before they walk.

(Cash or Checks made payable to: **Flinthills PTO**)

Your support will be going to PTO, which will help us fund activities for our students and teachers.

THANK YOU!

Middle School Boys' Basketball

The varsity is 5 wins and 8 losses going into the tournament. We have lost two games in overtime and missed a shot in another game or we would have had a third overtime game. We were ahead 10 – 4 in our last game and then had a player get hurt and the boys just fell apart, losing to South Haven 14 – 30. Hopefully our luck will change for the tournament. The boys are getting better. I honestly think we are the second best team in the league when we have everybody here and we are clicking. The junior varsity has learned a lot this year and improved, as a coach this is the most important thing.

Since Christmas, here is the rundown of our games. Lost to Central 31 – 33 with Hunter Lowmaster shooting 8 of 10 from the field and grabbing 11 rebounds for a double-double. Nate Becker added 5 assists followed by Tayler Brown with 4. The next game against Remington, Hunter Lowmaster had another double-double in a losing effort 21-25. The next game we played was our best game of the season defeating Cedarvale/Dexter 44 – 14. Nate Becker had his best game of the season scoring 16 points to go along with 6 assists and Cael Sorum had 10 rebounds. We traveled to Howard and lost to West Elk 22 – 32 and then lost to Sedan 29 – 40. Tayler Brown had a good shooting night against Sedan, scoring 8 points.

Coach Harms

Fort Fun In Kindergarten



The Best of Me

Every single one of these fourth graders has something special about them. I loved hearing what they think's their best quality.

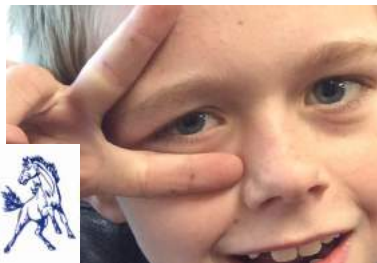
Ms. Willard



Did you know...

Aurasma is now HP Reveal! The app works exactly the same, just a new design. Make sure you scan the pictures to hear the best part of these kids.





1st Semester Honor Roll

High School

Principal's Honor Roll

4.0 GPA

Corbin Gauthier (12)
Justin Lamb (12)
Javen McCreight (12)
Ashley Melugin (12)
Chaz Ratcliff (12)
Haley Wright (12)
Hanna Wright (12)
Cari Brown (11)
Jeffrey Garcia (11)
Allison Gawith (11)
Emily Joseph (11)
Harley Ratcliff (11)
Destiny Fulps (10)
Colton Gauthier (10)
Savannah Hale (10)
Sarah Hinnen (10)
Justus Humig (10)
Lyndee Martin (10)
Sarah Sorum (10)
Janea Totty (10)
Matison Totty (9)

Black Honor Roll

3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Makenzie Jackson (12)
Destiny Lawrence (12)
Kayla Liggett (12)
Kolton Melugin (12)
Nicholas Naill (12)
Bradon Totty (12)
Taylor Bisbee (11)
Peyten Girty (11)
Bryant Harris (11)
Caden Sangals (11)
Dylan Steinhauer (11)
Levi Brown (10)
Issac Bugner (10)
Elizabeth Dennis (10)
Hadley Girty (10)
Kadyn Nuncio (10)
Drew Taylor (10)
Braden Wight (10)
Reagan Heimgartner (9)
Morgan Holcomb (9)
Cody Noel (9)
Chloe Wieckhorst (9)
Emily Wilson (9)



Red Honor Roll

3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Lakota Parker (12)
Bailey Smith (12)
Jonah Smith (12)
Brayden Taylor (12)
Heath Town (12)
Emily Green (11)
Brooke Harris (11)
Jada Humig (11)
Ethan James (11)
Daniel Moore (11)
Adia Witherspoon (11)
Nyah Brown (10)
Jack Donner (10)
Philip Humig (10)
Cody McNeil (10)
Kedryn Morse (10)
Jesse Town (10)
Joseph Whipple (10)
Matthew Green (9)
Wade Haynes (9)
Alexa Snyder (9)
Johnathan Thomas (9)
Kylee Weis (9)



Middle School

Principal's Honor Roll

4.0 GPA

Riggin Carney (8)
Trena Garcia (8)
Brandon Gleason (8)
Alexis Hatvick (8)
Savannah McCreight (8)
Jessie Mooney (8)
Lynsee Olbrey (8)
Adley Humig (7)
Laura Scribner (7)

Black Honor Roll

3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Tabitha Brown (8)
Tayler Brown (8)
Lauren Donner (8)
Jonathan McCreight (8)
Josh Schultz (8)
Cael Sorum (8)
Ethan Stopczynski (8)
Madison Alvord (7)
Nate Becker (7)
Kaily Gilman (7)
Karly Girty (7)
Philip Harris (7)
Taren Lakin (7)
Hunter Lowmaster (7)
Micheal Neeley (7)
Madilynn Thomas (7)

Red Honor Roll

3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Kody Mooney (8)
Dusty Schafer (8)
Dawson Sharp (8)
Evan Taylor (8)
Lauren Town (8)
Ethan Wilson (8)
Alexis Farris (7)
Kaitlynn Klein (7)
Larrissa Lakin (7)
Alexis Schill (7)

Intermediate

Principal's Honor Roll

4.0 GPA

Amanda Brown (6)
Callie Cordts (6)
Abbigale Hilyard (6)
Kolby Holcomb (6)
Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor (6)
Alexis Powell (6)
Jared Stopczynski (6)
Kyle Parker (5)
Harlee Randall (5)
Lydia Stopczynski (5)
Jolienne Dragoo (4)
Karynn Gleason (4)
Brylee Heimgartner (4)
Ataya Nesser (4)
Keira Poston (4)
Jaxon Swafford (4)
Maddy Willard (4)
Jordyn Finley (3)
Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor (3)

Black Honor Roll

3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Wyatt Beard (6)
Riley Garcia (6)
Willow Kane (6)
Danica Leis (6)
Tate Leslie (6)
Sydney Sorum (6)
Shane Steinhauer (6)
Javin Weis (6)
Landon Boldra (5)
Tagen Carney (5)
Addison Cartmell (5)
Paige Corter (5)
Cameryn Finley (5)
Karsyn Flores (5)
Jerron Hartley (5)
Emily Scribner (5)
Rylie Wight (5)
Tylan Willard (5)
Brooke Wilson (5)

Black Honor Roll

3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Levi Beard (4)
Taylor Brown (4)
Zack Brown (4)
Katelyn Corter (4)
Barrett Hudson (4)
Miah Jaquez (4)
Jacob Kane (4)
Mason Randall (4)
Alex Scribner (4)
Cole Beard (3)
Nilari Cabugo (3)
Tripp Carney (3)
Charles Farris (3)
Kolter Flores (3)
Dallas Griffith (3)
Jacob Hudson (3)
Talon Scribner (3)
Peyton Wight (3)
Isaiah Wright (3)

Red Honor Roll

3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Joey Becker (6)
Donovan Hartley (6)
Rebecca Holstine (6)
Anthony Jaquez (6)
Kolton Stanfield (6)
Conner Sutter (6)
Caydince Cloud (5)
Cali Crossfield (5)
Dalton Fulps (5)
Noah Lacey (5)
Lilly McNary (5)
Kaylee Schafer (5)
Hunter Davis (4)
Isaiah Fulkerson (4)
Shawn Kenneson (4)
Jonah Sesock (4)
Joshuah Fulkerson (3)
Krystal Sterbenz (3)

1st Grade Has an Old Fashioned School Day

On Friday, January 19th, Miss Boyd's 1st grade class got to experience an "Old-Fashioned" school day! They went the whole day with no lights on in the classroom! No iPads, videos, or Pandora either! Students got to use chalkboards and chalk during calendar time as well as take their spelling tests using special "quills".

Students got to experience washing their hands in porcelain tubs instead of the sink to get ready for lunch, and then enjoyed lunch time in the classroom! Miss Boyd and Mrs. Nelson shared some antiques with students and discussed how they were used in the past.

For snack time, the students got to make their own butter! They enjoyed the labors of their work with sliced bread and some homemade jams that Miss Boyd brought. They ended the day by playing some old fashioned games in the gym; jumping rope, marbles, bean bag toss, and four square! They had a wonderful day!



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 Alumni Pep Band @ HS Basketball	10 State Scholars Bowl @ Rosalia 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 @ Burden 4:30 Lifetouch Spring Pictures— Cassoday 8:15 Rosalia 10:00	13 HS BB vs. Oxford 4:45 Senior Night— BB/WR/Band/ Cheer Between V Games	14 Valentine's Day Valentine Parties Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00—8:00	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 @ Flinthills	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 @ Rosalia 4:30 Forensics @ Oxford 4:00	23 Tri-M State Conference State WR @ Hays	24 State WR @ Hays
25	26 Booster Club 6:00 MS WR @ Whitewater 4:00	27	28 FFA @ Kiowa			

March 2018

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

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Happy little Paintings

Before Christmas break, the high school art students experienced painting with Bob Ross. Using a YouTube video, students painted along with the painter famously known for his “happy little trees”. Students discovered quickly that while the painting style looked simple, it was actually very challenging. Painting with only the colors and tools that Ross utilizes, winter landscapes slowly emerged. Given only one full class period to paint, the results were impressive.

