

# Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

June, 2018

## FHS FORENSICS TEAM PLACES 3<sup>RD</sup> AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

May 5<sup>th</sup>, nine Flinthills High School Students competed in the State Championship Forensics Competition at Salina Central High School. They brought home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Championship Trophy. The day included 3 preliminary rounds of performance with Semi-Final and Final Rounds.

Four Mustang team members and five Mustang events broke into final competition. Taylor Bisbee performed a total of 10 times gaining the title of State Champion in Poetry with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, and, also, received a 5<sup>th</sup> place medal in Informative Speaking. Peyton Girty placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Original Oration overall, Cari Brown placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Original Oration overall, and Javen McCreight placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous Speaking overall.

Team members who broke into Semi-Finals were Bailey Smith in Poetry, Emily Green in Poetry and Humorous Solo Acting, Savannah Hale in Original Oration and Elizabeth Dennis in Humorous Solo Acting. Morgan Holcomb was the only Freshman to qualify for State Champs in Original Oration. Reagan Heimgartner travelled with the team as Honorary Manager. Coach for the team is Julie McCreight, and Assistant Coach is Sandy Bell.

All the FHS Team members contributed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Championship Trophy, as every point during the tournament determines the final Team Sweepstakes Placing. The team would like to thank all those who supported them throughout the year. Congratulations, Mustangs!



*Pictured Above: State Finalists*

*Coach, Julie McCreight, Taylor Bisbee, Javen McCreight, Peyton Girty, Cari Brown, and Coach, Sandy Bell.*

*Pictured at Left: State Champions*

*Front row: Savannah Hale, Reagan Heimgartner, Bailey Smith, Elizabeth Dennis, Emily Green.*

*Back row: Julie McCreight, Taylor Bisbee, Javen McCreight, Peyton Girty, Morgan Holcomb, Cari Brown, and Sandy Bell.*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Honor Roll

## High School

## Middle School

## Intermediate

### Principal's Honor Roll

#### 4.0 GPA

Corbin Gauthier (12)  
 Kayla Liggett (12)  
 Javen McCreight (12)  
 Ashley Melugin (12)  
 Chaz Ratcliff (12)  
 Hanna Wright (12)  
 Cari Brown (11)  
 Jeffrey Garcia (11)  
 Peyton Girty (11)  
 Harley Ratcliff (11)  
 Colton Gauthier (10)  
 Sarah Hinnen (10)  
 Lyndee Martin (10)  
 Sarah Sorum (10)  
 Janea Totty (10)  
 Reagan Heimgartner (9)  
 Matison Totty (9)

### Black Honor Roll

#### 3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Makenzie Jackson (12)  
 Justin Lamb (12)  
 Destiny Lawrence (12)  
 Kolton Melugin (12)  
 Nicholas Naill (12)  
 Bradon Totty (12)  
 Haley Wright (12)  
 Taylor Bisbee (11)  
 Allison Gawith (11)  
 Brooke Harris (11)  
 Emily Joseph (11)  
 Caden Sangals (11)  
 Dylan Steinhauer (11)  
 Elizabeth Dennis (10)  
 Destiny Fulps (10)  
 Savannah Hale (10)  
 Kady Nuncio (10)  
 Drew Taylor (10)  
 Braden Wight (10)  
 Jeremiah Haynes (9)  
 Morgan Holcomb (9)  
 Chloe Wieckhorst (9)  
 Emily Wilson (9)



### Red Honor Roll

#### 3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Bailey Smith (12)  
 Taylor Downard (11)  
 Emily Green (11)  
 Bryant Harris (11)  
 Ethan James (11)  
 James Wieckhorst (11)  
 Levi Brown (10)  
 Nyah Brown (10)  
 Issac Bugner (10)  
 Jack Donner (10)  
 Hadley Girty (10)  
 Justus Humig (10)  
 Philip Humig (10)  
 Kedryn Morse (10)  
 Matthew Green (9)  
 Austin Mantanona (9)  
 Cody Noel (9)  
 Dylan Taylor (9)  
 Tucker Travnichok (9)  
 Kylee Weis (9)



### 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)  
 Ethan Stopczynski (8)  
 Madison Alvord (7)  
 Kaily Gilman (7)  
 Karley Girty (7)  
 Taren Lakin (7)  
 Hunter Lowmaster (7)  
 Madilynn Thomas (7)

### Red Honor Roll

#### 3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Cylan Lakin (8)  
 Whitney Mantanona (8)  
 Jonathan McCreight (8)  
 Kody Mooney (8)  
 Josh Schultz (8)  
 Dawson Sharp (8)  
 Cael Sorum (8)  
 Lauren Town (8)  
 Ethan Wilson (8)  
 Nate Becker (7)  
 Alexis Farris (7)  
 Philip Harris (7)  
 Kaitlynn Klein (7)  
 Larrissa Lakin (7)

### Principal's Honor Roll

#### 4.0 GPA

Amanda Brown (6)  
 Callie Cordts (6)  
 Sydney Sorum (6)  
 Jared Stopczynski (6)  
 Harlee Randall (5)  
 Joliene Dragoo (4)  
 Karynn Gleason (4)

Ataya Nesser (4)  
 Keira Poston (4)  
 Alex Scribner (4)  
 Jaxon Swafford (4)  
 Maddy Willard (4)  
 Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor (3)

### Black Honor Roll

#### 3.99 - 3.5 GPA

Riley Garcia (6)  
 Donovan Hartley (6)  
 Abbigale Hilyard (6)  
 Kolby Holcomb (6)  
 Rebecca Holstine (6)  
 Willow Kane (6)  
 Danica Leis (6)  
 Tate Leslie (6)  
 Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor (6)  
 Alexis Powell (6)  
 Shane Steinhauer (6)  
 Javin Weis (6)  
 Landon Boldra (5)  
 Tagen Carney (5)  
 Addison Cartmell (5)  
 Cameryn Finley (5)  
 Karsyn Flores (5)  
 Jerron Hartley (5)  
 Kyle Parker (5)  
 Emily Scribner (5)

Lydia Stopczynski (5)  
 Rylie Wight (5)  
 Tylan Willard (5)  
 Brooke Wilson (5)  
 Levi Beard (4)  
 Zack Brown (4)  
 Katelyn Corter (4)  
 Brylee Heimgartner (4)  
 Jacob Kane (4)  
 Cole Beard (3)  
 Nilari Cabugo (3)  
 Tripp Carney (3)  
 Charles Farris (3)  
 Jordyn Finley (3)  
 Kolter Flores (3)  
 Jacob Hudson (3)  
 Talon Scribner (3)  
 Peyton Wight (3)  
 Isaiah Wright (3)

### Red Honor Roll

#### 3.49 - 3.0 GPA

Wyatt Beard (6)  
 Joey Becker (6)  
 Anthony Jaquez (6)  
 Austin Liggett (6)  
 Kianna Mantanona (6)  
 Braiden Neeley (6)  
 Kolton Stanfield (6)  
 Joseph Sterbenz (6)  
 Conner Sutter (6)  
 Caydince Cloud (5)  
 Paige Corter (5)  
 Cali Crossfield (5)  
 Dalton Fulps (5)

Noah Lacey (5)  
 Lilly McNary (5)  
 Kaylee Schafer (5)  
 Taylor Brown (4)  
 Hunter Davis (4)  
 Brock Donner (4)  
 Barrett Hudson (4)  
 Miah Jaquez (4)  
 Shawn Kenneson (4)  
 Mason Randall (4)  
 Dallas Griffith (3)  
 Krystal Sterbenz (3)

# Congratulations 2018 Graduates!



Back Row - Bradon Totty, Justin Lamb, Brayden Taylor, Kolton Melugin, Corbin Gauthier, Javen McCreight, Heath Town, Jonah Smith, Kaden Taylor, Nick Naill, Koda Parker, Chaz Ratcliff

Front Row – Kayla Liggett, Bailey Smith, Makenzie Jackson, Ashley Melugin, Destiny Lawrence, Haley Wright, Hanna Wright, Kasey Burchett



More graduate photos can be seen on our Flinthills USD 492 Facebook page.

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION

MAY 19, 2018



## *A Walk to Remember*

Memories were made when the class of 2018 participated in a “Senior Walk” through the elementary hallways and classrooms on May 18th. They were met with applause, high-fives and hugs from the younger students. While most of the seniors were remembering their time spent in those classrooms, the elementary students were seeing a glimpse of what lies ahead. It was an enjoyable and heart-warming moment.



## Softball Ends Record Setting Season

The Lady Mustangs finished their season with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the league tournament and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at regionals for the third time. The girls finished with a 17 -6 record, a .369 hitting pct., .548 on-base pct., 228 hits, and 40 doubles which are all school records. What a great year!!!!

Sarah Sorum did a great job of pitching for us this year. We knew Sarah could throw the ball hard enough but our season depended on her stepping up and throwing strikes. She did this finishing the season with a 15-5 record and 106 strike-outs.

Our team leaders were:

Hits Makenzie Jackson 37, Nyah Brown 29, Sarah Hinnen 29, Lyndee Martin 26, Kady Nuncio 23

Runs Scored Sarah Hinnen 39, Nyah Brown 38, Haley Wright 25, Taylor Bisbee 25

RBI 's Makenzie Jackson 29, Sarah Hinnen 28, Haley Wright 23, Lyndee Martin 22, Nyah Brown 22

Doubles Kady Nuncio 7, Haley Wright 7, Kylee Weis 5, Sarah Hinnen 5, Lyndee Martin 4

Triples Sarah Hinnen 3

Hitting Pct. M. Jackson .544, S. Hinnen .492, T. Bisbee .388, N. Brown .385, L. Martin .366

On Base Pct. M. Jackson .695, S. Hinnen .610, T. Bisbee .603, N. Brown .587, K. Weis .571

Coach Hinnen and I are very proud of the girls and all their accomplishments this year. Hopefully these last two years is a start of a softball tradition at Flinthills High School.

Coach Harms

## **Flinthills Mustangs**

### **Summer Conditioning and Skill Development**

#### **Summer Weights**

-Begin May 29<sup>th</sup> ---Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

-HS Boys ---6:00-7:00 AM

-HS Girls/Middle School ---7:00-8:00 AM

#### **High School Basketball –Through July 12<sup>th</sup>**

-Begins May 29<sup>th</sup>

-HS Boys ---Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—7:00-8:00 AM

-HS Girls --- Every Tuesday, Thursday—8:00-9:00 AM

#### **High School Volleyball –Through July 12<sup>th</sup>**

-Begins May 29<sup>th</sup> ---Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -9:00-11:00 AM

#### **High School Football –Through July 12<sup>th</sup>**

-Begins May 29<sup>th</sup> –Every Tuesday, Thursday—8:00-9:00 AM

#### **High School Baseball –**

Begins May 30<sup>th</sup> –Every Wednesday—8:00-9:00 AM

## Flinthills Baseball

The 2018 season ended with a tough loss to last year's state champions Bluestem 2-3. It was definitely a season of ups and downs, we had good pitching, good hitting, shaky defense and lots of post season awards as coaches recognized our kids as talented. The nice thing about ending this season, is we don't send anyone out the door with graduation. We finished 12-10 on the season in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the league with a 7-7 record. The Mustangs then went to the league tournament where we played Sedan first round. After losing both games in the regular season, our bats showed up big and we finished the game with 17-2 win. Dylan Steinhauer threw a great game and we played solid defense behind him. Later that day we lost to state qualifier and league regular season champions West Elk, and lost to the eventual tournament champions. On Thursday, we got to travel to Winfield and play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Oxford, who also shared the regular season league title this season. We jumped out early scoring in the first inning and battled back and forth for a 5-3 victory and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in league tournament. With a good run at end of season, coaches saw the talent we are gaining and will start with next season. At the league meeting, coaches voted on an 18-member roster for 1<sup>ST</sup> Team Honors, others that receive enough votes are placed on the Honorable Mention list. We were fortunate enough to have 4 players selected All SCBL 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM BASEBALL PLAYERS.

PITCHER DYLAN STEINHAUER

CATCHER PEYTEN GIRTY

POSTION PLAYERS JACK DONNER AND KEDRYN MORSE

CODY McNEIL AND JESSE TOWN RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION

ALL STATE VOTING FOR 1A-2A CAME IN ALSO WITH 3 PLAYERS RECOGNIZED.

PITCHER DYLAN STEINHAUER received 2<sup>nd</sup> Team ALL STATE

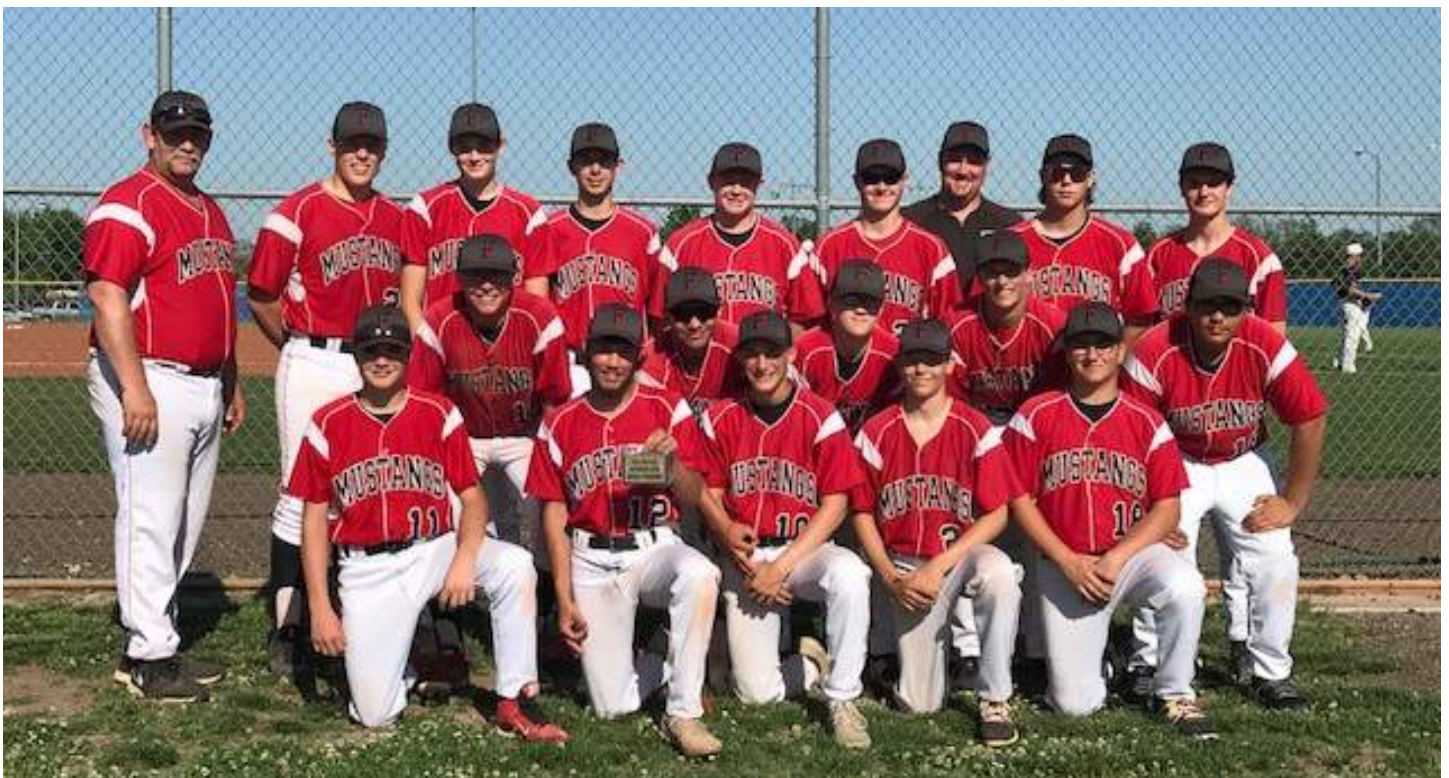
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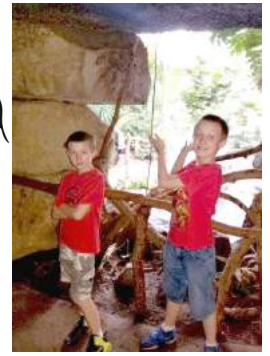
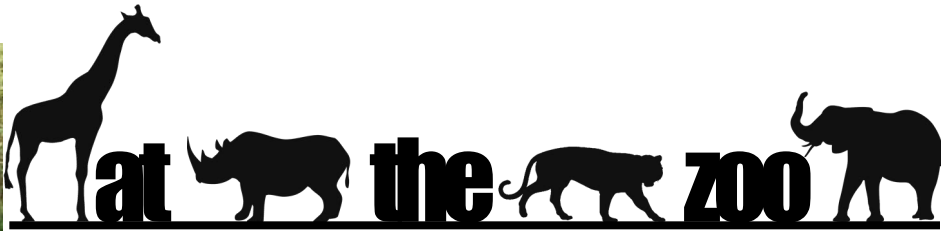
And one each position gets an HONORABLE MENTION, so it's basically 3<sup>rd</sup> team.

JACK DONNER AT 1<sup>ST</sup> BASE AND PEYTEN GIRTY AT 3<sup>rd</sup> BASE.

It was a good season and we return every starting player plus a few players from our bench along with the incoming freshmen that will compete for starting positions next year. With some hard off season work on arms, hitting and the weight room, we should be in the running for a possible title next season. Special thanks to my assistant coach Steve Oltman, it is really nice to have a person that can jump in and take over when something comes up and I would miss a practice.

Coach Sorum





On May 2nd, the third and fourth grade classes visited the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita.



The fifth and sixth grade classes visited the Cosmosphere Space Center in Hutchinson on May 10th.



On May 10, 2018, the Flinthills High School National Honor Society held its Induction Ceremony. The 2018 NHS inductees include Nyah Brown, Destiny Fulps, Jeffrey Garcia, Colton Gauthier, Peyton Girty, Sarah Hinnen, Kady Nuncio, and Janea Totty. The 2018 graduating class of NHS inductees include Kayla Liggett, Chaz Ratcliff, Ashley Melugin, Javen McCreight, Kolton Melugin, Hanna Wright and Corbin Gauthier.



The third and fourth graders have been working on “licking” their multiplication facts. Starting with the X2 facts, they took a 50 fact test. They had two and a half minutes to get all 50 correct. When a student got 50 correct, they moved up to the next set of facts. Each fact group they passed earned

them a scoop on their ice cream cone on our bulletin board. Then on the last day of school we will have a big ice cream sundae party where each scoop on their cone on the bulletin board is traded in for ice cream and toppings in their bowl!



The students have worked really hard to pass their facts and Mrs. Sangals will be buying a lot of ice cream and toppings! We have seven students who passed all the two through nine facts. They are Karynn Gleason, Levi Beard, Keira Poston, Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor, Joliene Drago, Mason Randall, and Zack Brown.





# SAFE Conference



7 FHS students attended the state Teen Safety Transportation Conference in Topeka. Sponsored through the state in an effort to educate teens on the dangers of driving distracted, speeding and impaired, FHS students attended workshops, experienced driving with “drunk goggles” and driving while texting on a simulator. Having just joined SAFE in February, the FHS SAFE Team spent time planning awareness activities for next year. SAFE is funded through the state, foundations, and sponsors. Every ticket given by law enforcement for not wearing your seatbelt also helps fund this program.

## 4th Annual FFA Farm Day 2018

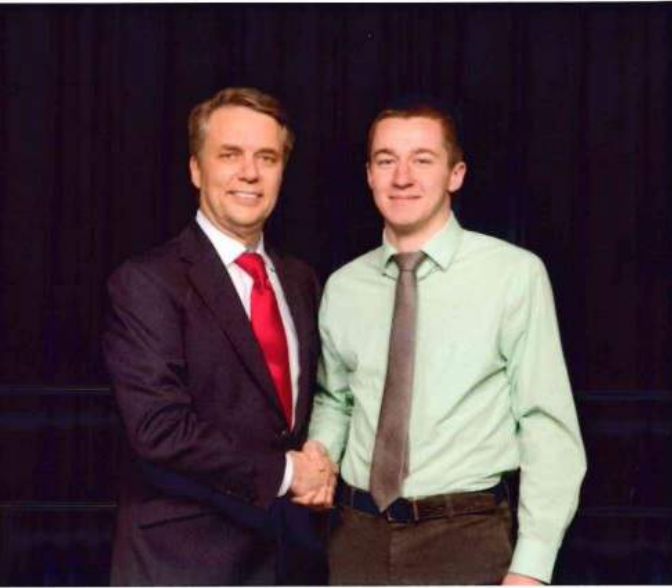
On Wednesday May 9, 2018, Flinthills High School hosted the 4th annual FFA Farm Day. This years featured exhibits included a Starter Safety Station followed by a tour of Construction and Farm Equipment, Forage Production Equipment and Animal Handling Systems. There were also multiple stations displaying various livestock and farm animals. The animals included cows, horses, ducks, rabbits, pigs, goats and sheep. To wrap up the tour students made old fashioned home made ice cream followed by a food safety presentation. A huge shout out must be given to all of the Middle and High School students who helped put on the days activities and Mr. Myrick for organizing the amazing event. Another huge shout out must go to the numerous members of the Flinthills Community that brought in equipment and animals to display. This event would not be possible without the support of our Flinthills community.



# Primary Field Trip

Primary enjoyed their day at the Lyon County Petting Zoo and the David Traylor Zoo both of which are located in Emporia.





## *Local Student Named Governor's Scholar*

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer, Chaz Ratcliff was selected to attend the 35th Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 6, 2018, in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state. "These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Governor Colyer said, "We also should recognize their families, teachers, and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

Congratulations to Chaz on this phenomenal achievement and we want to wish you all the blessings this life has to offer!

## **Fifth Grade Living Wax Museum**



On Friday May 4, 2018 the 5th grade class presented their Living Wax Museum projects in the main gymnasium. Each student chose a historical figure to research, dress in costume and portray. Students stood frozen in costume as a wax character becoming activated when an audience member would activate the 'switch' on their hands. The students did an excellent job presenting. To see individual photos of the students in character, go to our website [www.usd492.org](http://www.usd492.org).

# Congratulations



A retirement reception was held on Friday, May 4th in honor of three USD 492 employees.

Ms. Pam Breech with 38 years of teaching, Ms. Denise Hodge with 27 years of teaching , and Mrs. Peggy Peterson with 13 years as a para-professional.

“A Good Teacher is Like a Candle...It Consumes Itself to Light the Way for Others” -Unknown

This district is greater because you were in it! Thank you for absolutely everything you have done for the kids and the district!!

Wishing you all a very Blessed Retirement!



*Erik Sorum, with Board of Education President, Justin Grunder*

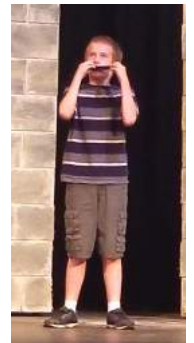
## Employee of the Month

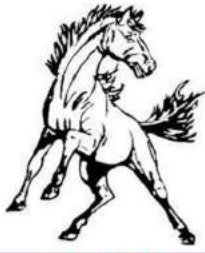
Erik Sorum was selected as our April Employee of the Month. Erik has taught Physical Education and Math at Flinthills for 20 years, and coached almost everything. Football, Basketball, and Baseball are the sports he currently coaches. He is also the StuCo sponsor and serves on the Negotiation Committee. Mr. Sorum is well-liked by staff and students. He is always willing to lend a hand where and whenever needed. Mr. Sorum always tries to find the positive in every situation, is a great team player, and is a strong asset to our district. Mr. Sorum will receive a certificate and a Flinthills Jacket.

# TALENT SHOW

The 2018 Intermediate Talent Show was held May 22, 2018. There were many excellent performances by the Intermediate students and staff. To see the Talent Show in its entirety, go to our Facebook page and follow our YouTube link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLf12WLq3QM&feature=youtu.be>





# USD #492 Flinthills Mustangs 2018-19



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### August

8/1 K-12 Enrollment @ Rosalia 9am-5pm
8/2 K-12 Enrollment @ Cassoday 3pm-8pm
8/17 New Teacher Orientation
8/20-21 No School - Staff Development (SD)
8/22 No School - Teacher Work Day
8/23 Students' First Day of School

### September

9/3 Labor Day - No School
9/17 No School - Staff Development

### October

10/5 No School - 1/2 Day SD; 1/2 Work Day
10/10&18 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
10/26 No School - (P-T Comp Day)
10/29 No School - Staff Development

### November

11/21-23 Thanksgiving Break
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### December

12/20 End of 1st Semester (1:00 P.M. Dismissal)
12/21 No School - 1/2 Day SD; 1/2 Work Day
12/24-1/4 No School - Winter Break

### January

1/7 No School - Staff Development
1/21 No School - Staff Development
1/8 Students Return

### February

2/13-14 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
2/15 No School (P-T Comp Day)
2/18 President's Day/No School

### March

3/8 No School - 1/2 Day SD; 1/2 Work Day
3/11-15 No School - Spring Break

### April

4/6 Prom
4/19 No School (Good Friday)
4/22 No School - Staff Development

### May

5/17 Senior's & 8th Grader's Last Day
5/18 8th Grade Promotion 10:00 a.m.(tentative)
5/18 HS Graduation 2:00 P.M.
5/23 End of 2nd Semester (1:00 P.M. Dismissal)
5/24 No School-1/2 Day SD; 1/2 Work Day/Check O
5/27 Memorial Day/Offices Closed

Board Meetings @ 7:00 P.M. (December @ 7:30)  
Board Meetings in Cassoday in Sept, Dec, Mar, June

1st Semester	78	Days	
2nd Semester	87	Days	
<b>TOTAL Student Days</b>			<b>165 days</b>
Inservice Days	8	days	
Work Days	4	days	
Parent-Teacher Confs	2	days	14 days
<b>TOTAL Teacher Days</b>			<b>179 days</b>

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The Miracle League of Wichita believes that every child deserves to play baseball. For children facing serious physical and mental disabilities, that opportunity can be difficult to achieve. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep these children off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America’s favorite pastime.

One of those barriers is the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues. Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

Every athlete in the Miracle League is supported by an “Angel in the Outfield.” Angels have an important responsibility to keep the player safe at all times and assist with adaptive needs while in the field or at bat. Children ages 5-18 can participate. In this league, everyone plays and everyone scores! No score is kept because every team is a winner!

The first Miracle League field opened in Conyers, Georgia in April 2000. Word spread and by 2002, fields opened in South Carolina, Alabama, West Virginia, Illinois, and California. There are presently 240 plus Miracle League Organizations across the country. The Miracle League of Wichita was founded in 2009 and Miracle Field at Orchard Park in west Wichita was dedicated in May of 2012.

This was 6th grader Riley Garcia’s third season with the Miracle League. She was excited to have Flinthills Alum, Rachel Bell as her Angel. Other Flinthills students volunteering as Angels this season were Peyten Girty, Jeffrey Garcia, Karly Girty and Chloe Wieckhorst. Trena Garcia served as team photographer.



Chloe Wieckhorst with player, Hunter.



Riley Garcia at bat with Angel, Rachel Bell.



Jeffrey Garcia with player, Conner.

## Where the Red Fern Grows

For the past nine years, Mrs. Simon has welcomed the sixth graders into her home to watch the movie *Where the Red Fern Grows*. The students read the book in class then watched the movie for compare and contrast. As in most cases, they agree, the book is better than the movie!



Movie Time



Piano Lessons



Enjoying the outdoors

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**Flinthills Intermediate Students**

**Get DRAMATIC!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students experienced a bit more Drama this year.

Once a week, each class took part in Mrs. McCreight's instruction to learn about performance techniques, acting skills, and tech work. Such knowledge increases confidence, expression and effective communication. Students benefit from collaborating with peers on creative projects, and molding their ideas into action. One final project was presented at the end-of-year talent show. Nine intermediate students performed in a puppet show. These puppeteers learned how to match voice with movement, project for an audience, and how to execute line delivery with specific foreign accents and personality.



**The Cast included:**

- Sydney Sorum – Queen Victoria
- Lydia Stopczynski – Princess
- Jared Stopczynski – Prince
- Isaiah Wright – Lincoln the Lion
- Tripp Carney – Chef Antonio
- Callie Cordts – Ballerina Isabella
- Emily Scribner – Cowgirl Daisy
- Cole Beard – Fred the Fireman

The Stage Manager was Tylan Willard who manipulated food carts, orange trees, and fake fire props!