



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

April 2021

Lady Mustangs Make History

Honestly, after we lost 6 players from last year's team, we were looking to rebuild this season. We were returning only 1 player with a significant amount of varsity playing time. We were going to need all the practice time we could get to figure out how this team would come together this season.

With Covid restrictions we only had 2 players the first day of practice and would not have the whole team available until our 5th day of practice. In that 5th practice, I



noticed a few of the girls had something that was bothering them. When I asked them, they told me that everyone says that we are not going to be any good this year. They are saying we would be lucky to win 5 games on the season. My response to them was, "That is great! The most enjoyable seasons are the ones when expectations are low. We do not need to worry about what everyone thinks. We need to focus on what we can control and get better."

The Start of the Season:

The start of the season was pretty rough. With the limited practice time, we were still learning and trying to figure out how everyone would work best together. Our lack of experience and practice time showed in our first games. Over the first 7 games we scored an average of 31 points but allowed our opponents to score an average of 51 points. Our record at that time was 2-5. At this point we might have been starting to prove some of the doubters right.

The Turning Point:

Our game against Bluestem was our 7th game in 17 days. It was also the last game before Christmas break. We finally were going to get some more practice time before our next game. *(Continued on p. 12)*

From the desk of Mr. Boldra, the superintendent....

Greetings Flinthills Family!

I am happy to report that we have all bond projects completed, except for a small punch list of items on the baseball/softball field areas. Due to the need for Spring planting and desire for quick growth, we have planted annual rye on the baseball and softball outfields. In late September or early October, they will come back in to plant fescue grass on the fields. But since it is annual rye and we can't hurt it, we intend to play on it this season. It may be a little sparse in the outfield, but we will have an opportunity to enjoy what has been built this season. See pictures on page 13.

We still have several common areas that we need to reseed and this process will take a couple of years before we have it looking really good, but overall, I hope you're pleased with what we accomplished with the bond you passed. Personally, I am very happy with what has been accomplished. We have some amazing facilities for our students and community to enjoy for years to come.

We still have some dirt work and some fencing along with corrals that we need to build next to the Ag building over the summer. This work is outside of the bond, but something that is very important to the success of our Ag program. Speaking of the Ag program, we are excited to recommend one of the candidates we interviewed to the Board at the April Board Meeting on the 12th. Once the candidate is formally approved for hire, we will get that information out to everyone.

Beyond the facility improvements we have made, we are especially excited about some of the academic changes and enhancements we will make for next year. We have been working hard all year in the areas of Redesign and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) district-wide. We will use a different screening assessment to monitor the progress of every student in both reading and math from PreK-12th grades. With this new screener, we will be able to identify the exact learning gaps with each student, and create learning plans to help fill those gaps. We will also be able to create learning plans that help enrich and challenge those who have already mastered the content standards. We've paired with state experts and teams in these areas to push us forward, and with the monthly "Late Starts" we will use the time to analyze the data and create learning plans and accommodations for each student.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to all of our staff who have worked so hard this year as a result of and in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers have taught in person and remotely which takes significantly more time to plan and prepare; custodians have done an amazing job of cleaning and sanitizing spaces at an unprecedented level; kitchen staff have prepared meals like no other year in our history; secretaries have taken on additional jobs especially as nurses; bus drivers have had to take temperatures; administrators have taken on much more planning and preparation for staff, student, and community activities; and coaches and sponsors have worked hard to keep students healthy in order to keep them playing. Additionally, some staff have sacrificed more time to train and plan for academic improvements for next year. I'm also very grateful that the community has supported a school year that was as normal as it could be given the pandemic we dealt with. Due to the sacrifices of so many, we have been very successful this year and have designed and built supports to be successful for years to come.

Go Mustangs!

Flinthills Mustangs Counselor's Corner

April 2021

It is hard to believe we are already in April and nearing the end of the school year! It can be hard to stay motivated as the weather warms up and the school year starts to wind down. I encourage you to finish strong! We have almost made it through a year of continuous changing plans. With all of the shifting plans, here's a P.L.A.N. you can keep daily:

P- play (games, sports, family games, indoors, outdoors, act silly, watch a funny movie)

L- listen (for emotion and to understand)

A- appreciate (small or big things, show appreciation with acts of service, kindness, and affection)

N- nurture yourself (rest/recharge- sleep in on a Saturday, go for a walk, breathe deeply, do something for you)

I want to remind you that I am here for you or your child(ren), even if you just need to talk.

UPDATES

Event 1

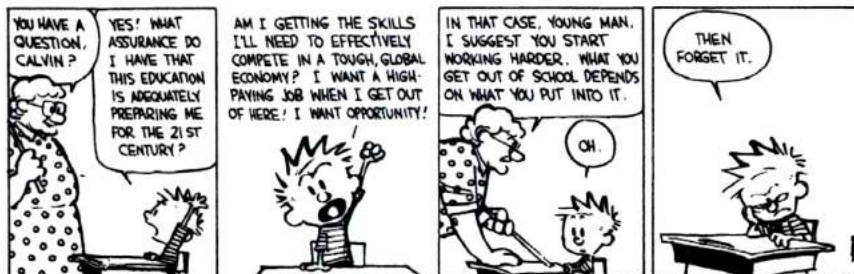
April 7th-Make Up ACT date

Event 2

April 9th-BCCC Enrollment

Event 3

April 30th-Flinthills General and Flinthills NHS Scholarships Due



Contact Us



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Check out the Counseling Department page on our Flinthills school website for more information about our counseling department!

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

Dear Flinthills Families,

This year our school will be administering the Kansas State Assessment Achievement Test. Testing will be administered to our 6th – 12th grade students the weeks of April 12 and April 19th.

These assessments are delivered in Kite Student Portal and include multiple-choice and technology-enhanced items. The speaking and writing assessments are human scored. All other assessments are machine-scored.

The Kansas State Assessments provide a comprehensive oversight for teaching and learning in the areas of ELA (English Language Arts), Mathematics, and Science. Kansas State Assessments are designed to measure concepts, processes, and objectives taught throughout these areas. This year our 3rd -8th, 10th grade students will take the Mathematics and English Language Arts portion of the assessment and our 5th, 8th, 11th grade students will be taking the Science portion of the assessment.

Since achievement testing is such a critical component of our school's instructional program, *standardized assessments* provide valuable information to you and to your child's teacher about his/her academic progress. It also becomes a teaching resource for our faculty, allowing us to collect student data that, in turn, helps us make wise decisions in meeting the learning needs of your child.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and is in attendance and on time for school. Students who arrive late on testing day will not be admitted to class until there is a break in testing.

Thank you for partnering with us through this process. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

History in the Making! 54-42 win over Udall! STATE!!!



We'd Like to Recognize...

March Middle School Student of the Month

Dallas Griffith

Parents – Jud & Ashley Griffith

Hobbies – Working on cars and shooting my bow

Activities – Football, Basketball, and Track

Favorite Class—Math and Computer Apps



March High School Student of the Month



Morgan Holcomb

Parents – Travis & Alana Holcomb

Hobbies – Working cattle

Activities – Volleyball, Basketball, Theatre, Forensics, ITS, Student Council President, Drama Club President, FCA, and Senior Class Secretary

Favorite Class - Forensics & Advanced Drama

February Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Mrs. Tammy Brown as she is our February Employee of the Month:

Tammy Brown was selected as February's Employee of the Month. Tammy is currently in her first year of teaching, but you would never know it. All those years serving as a Paraprofessional prepared her well.

Tammy's nomination was anonymous, but she is characterized as one who is doing great things in her classroom. She cares for each and every one of her 5th graders. She is also a huge asset outside the classroom by working sporting events and sponsoring Middle School Scholar's Bowl.

Tammy will receive a certificate and a Flinthills backpack.

Classes—Where the Learning Begins

FHS FORENSICS TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE

The Flinthills Forensics Team won the 1st Place Trophy at the Live Clearwater Forensics Invitational on March 25th. Our students won by just 6 points over Sterling High School and Sterling performed just 5 points ahead of Pratt High School. The competition was tough, but the Mustangs pulled ahead for a win! Several qualified for State Champi-



onships at the meet: Sydney Sorum and Kolton Stanfield in Improvised Duet Acting, Laura Scribner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Callie Cordts in both Informative Speaking and Prose, and Megan Clark in Informative Speaking.

Other Mustangs who qualified for State Champs in past Tournaments this year are: Cael Sorum and Morgan Holcomb in Duet Acting at Lyons, Savannah McCreight in Poetry at Lyons, Alexis Hatvick in Prose at Circle, Kaily Gilman in Poetry at Circle, and Savannah McCreight in Oration at Circle.

The Forensics Team will compete at the Virtual League Tournament on Friday, April

9th. Adults in the community with Speech or Theatre training who would consider judging at the league tournament, please contact Julie McCreight at 316-644-8629.

The annual FHS Forensics Showcase, where spectators may watch the forensics performances of the year is Saturday, April 24th at 6:30 in Mrs. McCreight's Classroom. The State Championship is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st in a Virtual Competition.

-Mrs. Julie McCreight

MS MUSIC CONTEST AT FHS

When the SCBL cancelled the Middle School Music Contest, Mrs. Grover decided to give our MS students the experience anyway. On April 21, we will host our Middle School contest in the auditorium. It will start in the morning with vocal ensembles—mixed ensembles, a boys' ensemble and a girls' ensemble and then continue with those students who have chosen to take a solo. Beginning at 12 noon, we will switch to instrumental. The band will go first, followed by ensembles, and then solos.

We are having judges from Butler County Community College and South Haven High School.

This contest is open to the public at no cost. If you want to come, you will need to wear a mask and socially distance in the auditorium. Please only enter or exit between performances (if the door is shut, a performance is going on). You are more than welcome to videotape but please don't use flash while they are performing because it could distract them.

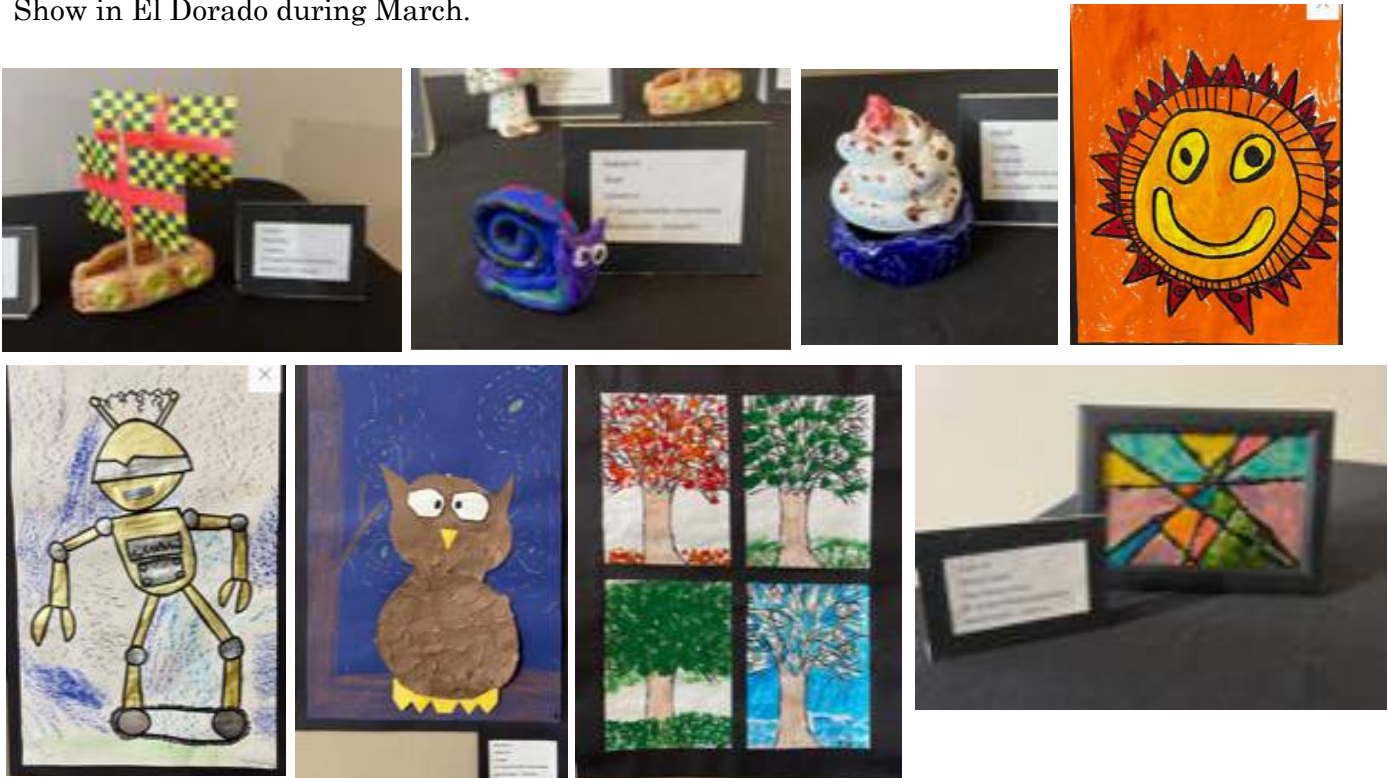
-Mrs. Joan Grover

Art Students Stay Busy

7 students recently competed in the Scholastic Art Competition. Amanda Brown received Honorable Mention for her 2020 mask painting in the regional portion of this national competition. These 7 student artists then got to go to Wichita to see the Scholastic Art Show at Mark Arts. While in Wichita they also visited the Wichita Art Museum, City Arts and the Ulrich Art Museum. Seeing such a large variety of art inspired these young artists and they are already planning their projects for next year's competition!



Several Flintheills Intermediate students exhibited their art work at the K-8 Couetts Student Art Show in El Dorado during March.



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

Wichita State Mindstorms Competition

Lego Mindstorms Robotics competition is hosted each year by Wichita State University for grades 3-8. This year was a little different due to Covid restrictions but competition was still held on March 6. We are so proud of how Flinthills did this year. The students were amazing and represented themselves and our school wonderfully.

Ellis Marshall received a special judges' award for being "Awesome" throughout the competition.

Koleson Swafford, Eli Fulkerson, and Ellis Marshall received 1st Place in the "Line Follow Challenge."

Emmie Marsh, Reece Jackson, and Kinley Carr received 3rd Place in the special "Fast Challenge."

Newell Marsh, Coltin Dragoo, and Deken Girty successfully built and programmed a robot to take on an advanced course that only two other teams attempted.

Congratulations to the entire Flinthills Robotics team!

-Article and pictures by Ms. Jamie Swafford



Meet the FHS Library Department

Lisa Taylor was born and grew up in Fredonia, a small town in southeast Kansas. She always knew she wanted to teach. “I loved school, learning and reading. Now, helping kids discover a love for reading makes my heart happy,” she said. While we do not have library classes in Cassoday at this time, she puts out books that go with the current season, holidays and topics the classrooms are studying for display and easy access. Right now, we have books about Spring, Easter and bunnies. The PreK has tadpoles in the classroom so we have out books on frogs and tadpoles.



She went to Butler County Community College and received my Associates, then my Bachelors in Education from Emporia State. I taught At-Risk Reading and Math at Bluestem for a year, then subbed for the Title 1 Reading teacher for a year after the regular teacher had a bad accident. After that, I taught Kindergarten at a Private school in Augusta for two years, before staying home with my two boys, Kaden and Drew, for several years.

When Drew started school I started substituting. Then became a K-2 Para in Cassoday. The last two years I have also taught P.E. part time for PreK-2. I feel blessed to have raised my kids and be able to work in the Flinthills community.

When not working I love to be outside gardening, kayaking or hiking.

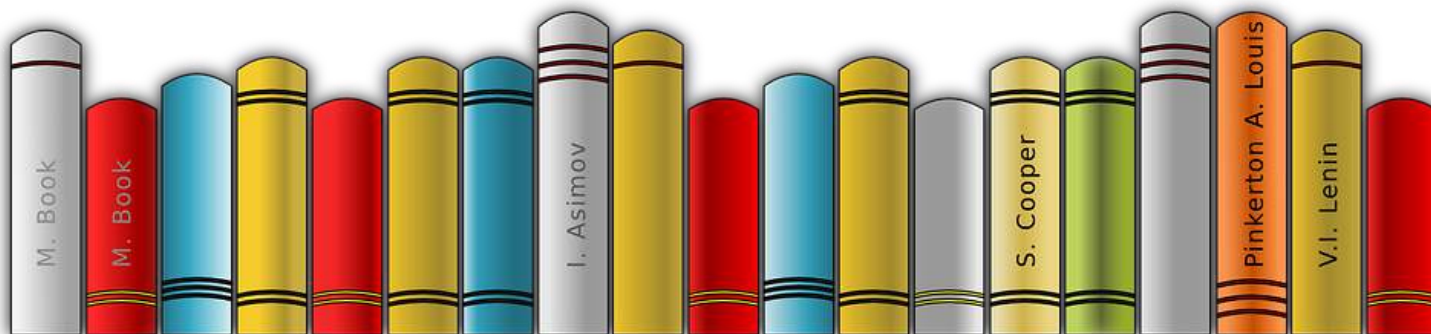


Juli Willhite is the Library Para at Flinthills Media Center at the Rosalia campus. The Rosalia/Leon area has been her home since she married her husband Curtis Willhite in 1980. She was in the first graduating class of West Elk High School in 1974. She continued her education at Kansas State University graduating with a degree in Fashion Marketing.

During earlier employment for Flinthills, she substituted for Mrs. McClure, the former librarian, and became interested in all things library. That led to a job at L. W. Nixon Library at Butler Community College where she was selected to take a 3-year course in KPLACE (Kansas Progressive Librarians Acquiring Continuing Education). In 2015 she applied for the job of Library Para after the retirement of Mrs. McClure and she has loved every minute of it since.

The Rosalia library handles the literary needs of grade 3 through grade 12 students. We do have lower reading level books that we share with the Primary Library at Cassoday and they also share with us when the need arises. Most of the collection is made up of fiction books. We do have non-fiction books for researching and general interest.

If a student doesn't find a book that they'd like to read for enjoyment or research, the library has a working relationship with L. W. Nixon Library for interlibrary loan and checkout privileges at Bradford Memorial Library in El Dorado. There is also a computer lab in the library for students to utilize when they need to.



Emma! – A Pop Musical **ROCKS FHS**

March 12th and 13th the Flinthills High School Performing Arts Students Rocked the House! Audiences at full Covid Capacity watched a fun story based on the Jane Austen Classic Novel, *Emma*. Pop songs filled the air while rambunctious movement on stage helped set the mood. The set design, which looked the part of a prep school called Highbury High, sported burgundy and navy accents while the prep school uniforms were navy, white, and burgundy plaid skirts cardigans, and khakis. Actors enjoyed singing famous pop songs such as “Man, I Feel Like a Woman,” “Girls Just Want to Have Fun,” “How will I Know,” “You Can’t Hurry Love,” “Heartbreaker,” “Roar,” “Say What you Want to Say,” “Brave” and “Unwritten.” A cameo dance and tumbling performance added fun to the popstar concert number and the professional music accompaniment gave the show extra energy! Seniors performing their last time on the FHS Stage were Reagan Heimgartner, Morgan Holcomb, Austin Mantanona, Kody Schafer, and Kylee Weis. Heaton Griffin, senior, operated Sound for his final FHS Mainstage Show.

-Mrs. Julie McCreight





ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

Community Service Day

Flinthills High School held a community service day on March 10th. Each class had a primary task that they performed that would help our community and school.

The Senior Class refreshed the roadside park located at the corner of Highway 54 and Satchel Creek Road. They were able to paint all of the parking markers as well as the gathering of limbs and debris from the park.

The Junior Class formed and poured a sidewalk running north from the intermediate school. The previous sidewalk was in disrepair and had become a safety hazard for the community. Concrete for this project was donated by Contractors. Thanks for helping!

The Sophomore Class was able to clean up construction debris left over from the clearing of ground directly across Flinthills Rd. from the school. Sophomores were also able to pour concrete anchors for our new pole vault pits.

The Freshman Class were able to help with general campus clean-up as well as installing fence guard on the top of our new fence around the track facility.



Pictures by Michal Austin

Flinthills 4-H Club



The March meeting of the Flinthills 4-H Club was our junior officers' meeting. The junior officers' meeting allows younger members to have the opportunity to try out the different offices and practice running a meeting. At the same time, it gives some of the older members a chance to further their leadership abilities by teaching the junior officers what to do. Junior officers were: President - Makinsey Waller, Vice President - Luke Parker, Secretary - Remington Waller, Treasurer - Reece Jackson. Club officers, Kolby Holcomb and Kyle Parker, assisted the junior officers.



Our School Just Keeps Getting Better!!!



Let's Play Ball!

Sports News

Girls Make History cont. from page 1

At this point, we were able to make some needed changes and, actually, had the practice time so the girls could learn new positions. I knew the changes we made would improve our team; I just didn't know exactly how much. Our next game we got a much needed win against Wichita Classical and then another one against Cedarvale/Dexter. This got the girls seeing the benefits of the changes we made, and we started to see the team come together and improve drastically. We went on a run with us winning 7 of the next 8 games. Over this run we were averaging 51 points per game while only allowing our opponents 29 points per game. This brought our record to 9-6 on the season. A huge improvement from our 2-5 start. We finished the season playing the top 3 teams in our league. We did come up short in all three games ending the regular season with a 9-9 record.

Sub State:

We were lucky enough to be the #1 seed in our Sub-State and even luckier that we got to host Sub-State this year. We were excited for the opportunity to play on our home court for the chance to go to the State Tournament.

Our first game of Sub-State was against Central Burden. We had already played Central during the season and won 34-32. We knew this was going to be a tough game for us and it was a tight game until the end. This time we made our free throws to hold Central off and won 43-33—again, showing the improvement that this team made through-out the year.

We then found ourselves 1 game away from making it to the State Tournament. Udall was our opponent in the Sub State final. Udall played us a very tough game and we were trailing until halfway through the 2nd quarter. We outscored them 14 -7 in that quarter and never looked back. The game ended with us winning by a score of 54-42. When the buzzer sounded in the 4th quarter, history was made. For the first time in school history the Lady Mustangs would be competing in the Basketball State Tournament.

State:

Our first game in the State Tournament was a trip to Olpe to play the undefeated and #1 Seed Olpe Eagles. We were not able to overcome the pressure defense from Olpe and our trip to State was short lived as we lost. Olpe continued in the Tournament and won the State Championship.

Conclusion:

A winning season and a trip to the State Tournament. I would take that any year, let alone a year when expectations were low. I could not be prouder of this team and the growth that they showed this year. They could have listened to those that said we would not win 5 games. They could have just gone through the motions this season, because we weren't going to win anyway. This group of girls could have done that but they didn't. They worked hard to improve. They accepted whatever roles we needed them to play. Everyone on the team contributed to the success of this team. They proved me right, that the most enjoyable and memorable seasons are the ones when expectations are low and we surpass what anyone thought was possible.

Thanks:

Thanks to Daniel Scribner for being my Assistant this year. I knew we would need to be creative with this group and knew you were the right person for the job.

Thanks to all those that filmed the games, kept stats, and kept the score book.

Thanks to all our Parents for your support. I said this hundreds of times and I will say it again, I have the best parents a coach could ask for.

Thanks to all those that supported us via live streams because you weren't allowed to come in person.

-Coach Monty Melugin

Central Junior High Invitational
Results 3/31/2021

8th Grade Girls: 1st Place out of 10 Teams

- Shot Put 1st Place: Paige Corter
- Discus 5th Place: Emily Scribner
- Long Jump 1st Place: Rylie Wight
- Long Jump 4th Place: Paige Corter
- High Jump 1st Place: Harlee Randall
- 75 Meter Hurdles 3rd Place: Harlee Randall
- 100m Dash 6th Place: Rylie Wight
- 200m Dash 1st Place: Harlee Randall
- 400m Dash 1st Place: Harlee Randall
- 800m Run 2nd Place: Emily Scribner
- 3200m Run 1st Place: Emily Scribner
- 4 x 100m Relay 2nd Place: Emily Scribner, Cali Crossfield, Lainey Griffin, Rylie Wight

6th / 7th Grade Girls:

- Pole Vault 2nd Place: Alex Scribner
- 800m Run 5th Place: Alex Scribner
- 1600m Run 4th Place: Alex Scribner

6th / 7th Grade Boys: 5th Place out of 10 Teams

- Shot Put 4th Place: Levi Beard
- Shot Put 6th Place: Mason Randall
- Pole Vault 2nd Place: Peyton Wight
- Pole Vault 3rd Place: Tripp Carney
- Pole Vault 5th Place: Talon Scribner
- 75 Meter Hurdles 5th Place: Peyton Wight
- 75 Meter Hurdles 6th Place: Parker Sutton
- 200m Dash 6th Place: Peyton Wight
- 800m Run 6th Place: Talon Scribner
- 4 x 100m Relay 5th Place: Parker Sutton, Tripp Carney, Kaiden Newman, Talon Scribner



Congrats to the First Lady Mustang Team to make it to the State Tournament

MORGAN HOLCOMB
 MATISON TOTTY
 KARLY GIRTY
 LARRISSA LAKIN
 MADILYNN THOMAS
 MADISON ALVORD
 DANICA LEIS
 TAYLOR SUTTON

REAGAN HEIMGARTNER
 RIGGIN CARNEY
 HAILEY HALL
 TAREN LAKIN
 LAURA SCRIBNER
 SYDNEY SORUM
 CALLIE CORDTS

-Coach Monty Melugin



Flinthills High School 2021 Mustang Baseball/Softball Schedule

Date	Location	Opponent	Games	Time
3/29/21	Rosalia	South Haven	2-Softball Only	4:00
4/1/21	Leon	Bluestem	2	4:00
4/5/21	Udall	Udall	2	4:00
4/8/21	Rosalia	Olpe/Hartford	2-Baseball Only	4:00
4/12/21	Rosalia	Sedan	2	4:00
4/13/21	Rosalia	Eureka	1V/1JV	4:30
4/19/21	Dexter	Cedar Vale/Dexter	2	4:00
4/22/21	Rosalia	West Elk	2	3:00
4/26/21	Central	Central	2	4:00
4/29/21	TBD	SCBL Makeup Date		TBD
5/3/21	Rosalia	Oxford	2	4:00
5/6/21	TBD	SCBL Makeup Date		TBD
5/10/21	TBD	League Tournament	2	TBD
5/11/21	TBD	Tourney Rain Date		TBD
5/13/21	Winfield	League Tournament	1	TBD
5/14/21	TBD	Tourney Rain Date		TBD
5/17-20	TBD	Regional Tournament		TBD
5/27-28	TBD	State Tournament		TBD

20-21 SCBL All-League Basketball Selections

Second Team—Hunter LoMaster—Sophomore
Honorable Mention—Kendall Pinkerton—Junior

Eastern Kansas Girls Basketball Sub-Site

Second Team—Riggin Carney—
Honorable Mention—Madison Alvod



Flinthills High School 2021 Mustang HS Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/1/20	Oxford	Oxford Inv.	3:30
4/13/20	Eureka	Eureka Inv.	3:00
TBD	WSU-Wichita	K.T. Woodman Classic	TBD
4/20/20	Burlington	Gene Farrow Inv.	9:30
4/23/20	Fredonia	Fredonia Inv.	3:00
4/30/20	Madison	Madison Inv. V/JV	3:00
5/4/20	Burlington	Burlington HS Inv.	3:30
5/7/20	Remington	Remington Inv.	3:00
5/14/20	TBD	SCBL League Meet	3:00
5/15/20	<i>TBD</i>	<i>SCBL Rain Date</i>	<i>TBD</i>
5/21/20	TBD	Regional Track Meet	TBD
5/28-29	WSU-Wichita	State Track Meet	TBD

Flinthills High School 2021 Mustang MS Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
3/31/20	Burden	Central Inv.	1:30
4/6/21	Eureka	Eureka Inv. 1	2:00
4/14/20	Emporia	Hartford Inv.	9:30 AM
4/20/20	Yates Center	Yates Center Track	3:00
4/22/20	Udall	Udall Inv.	1:30
4/27/20	Rosalia	Flinthills Inv.	2:30
4/29/20	Eureka	Eureka Inv. 2	2:00
5/6/20	TBD	SCBL League Meet	1:30
5/8/20	<i>TBD</i>	<i>SCBL Meet Rain Date</i>	<i>1:30</i>

Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

Letter from Mr. Gawith, the primary/intermediate principal....

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break even if the weather did not exactly cooperate. Spring time in the Primary and Intermediate buildings is busy as always. To continue to make the school year as “normal” as possible we will be holding the Kansas State Assessments in grades 3-5. These will take place in the middle of the April. Your classroom teachers will be sending home more information about what day your child will be taking the grade level assessment. Sending your child to school well rested and excited about showing off what they learned goes a long way in keeping a positive attitude towards the assessments. We will finish the year with our last Aims web test to see what progress we made during the school year. We will begin to transition to a new reading and math assessment called Fast Bridge. Fast Bridge will take the place of NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) and Aims web. This will lessen the number of tests each student has to take each year.

The Primary and Intermediate will be taking field trips to various locations this spring. Be on the lookout for information about times and locations. We will follow the Covid Protocols of the location that we attend.

Spring Parties will be held on April 1. We will still limit the number of parents to 2 per classroom. On April 8th we will be holding our Primary/Intermediate Literacy Night in the gym at the Intermediate school. It will be a great family reading night with lots of activities going on.

I hope to see you at one of our spring events.

Intermediate Student of the Month



Makayla Caravantes

4th grade

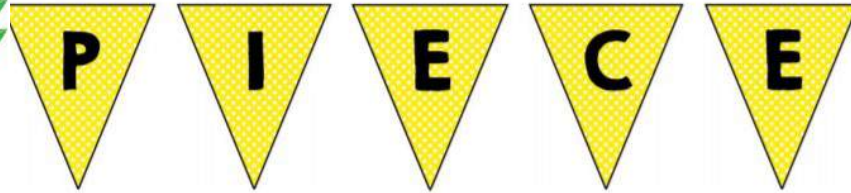
Parents/Guardians: Julie Bartunek & Clifford Hill

Hobbies & Activities: Playing video games, jumping on the trampoline and drawing.

Favorite Classes: Math



Parent's



Parent Information to Encourage Child Education

Cooperation is our character trait for April. It is defined as working together and helping others. We often think of cooperation as children doing what adults want. That is compliance. True cooperation means a joint effort—a give and take that is mutually satisfying. To develop a cooperative spirit in children, we need to help them understand how our requests and rules are good for everyone. Below are ways you can help your child experience the rewards and develop the skill of cooperating.

Take Turns.

Explain your reasons for limits and requests.

Take time to problem-solve.

Do chores together.

Give specific praise for cooperative efforts.

Offer suggestions, not commands.

Give choices while maintaining rules.

Books about Cooperation

That Fruit Is Mine! by Anuska Allepuz

Red & Yellow's Noisy Night (The Olive Branch) by Josh Selig

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns About Sportsmanship by Howard Binkow

Teamwork Isn't My Thing And I Don't Like To Share by Julia Cook

The Little Red Hen (Makes A Pizza) by Philemon Sturges



Learning ERUPTS in Second Grade!

During the week of February 22nd, second grade students embarked on a volcanic adventure! Groups were formed where students participated in collaborative hands on learning. Each group researched a particular volcano finding out the specifics on location, height, type, condition, and other fun facts. After finding their facts each group was given materials to create a model size replication.

On Friday, the 26th, second graders were able to put their knowledge to use using chemical reactions. They found that by mixing, baking soda, vinegar, food coloring, and dish soap an exciting lava flow was created. To see this experiment first hand, please visit USD 492's Facebook page, under videos on February 26th.

-Pictures and article by Amanda Dragoo



Pizza and a Play Kick Off Spring Break in Cassoday

Our Spring Break at Flinthills Primary started off with the play teaser for Emma on March 11, at 2:20 p.m. followed by a pizza party snack provided by Rick and Jenny of Rick and Jenny's Country Store. We enjoyed both very much and would like to thank the cast of Emma that came and teased us, and Rick and Jenny for the delicious pizza!!!

-Pictures and article by Michelle Nelson



SUPERHERO FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



FPS/FIS

Thursday, April 8

6:00-7:30 pm



West Gym and Science Room @ FIS

Games!
Crafts!

Lemonade
& Cookie
Stand

Photo Booth
Free Book



Reading is our superpower!



Read Across America

During the week of February 27th through March 4th the students in the Intermediate celebrated Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. We had a reading challenge called Dr. Seuss bingo. Each square had a task the student needed to accomplish to make bingo, such as read 10 minutes in a bathtub (without water of course), read a chapter book, or read to a stuffed animal. When a student got bingo, their picture was put up on our Read Hall of Fame wall. If a student got a blackout, they received a frozen custard sandwich from Freddy's.

Each student who completed a bingo and/or a blackout also received a diploma for their accomplishments.

-Pictures and article by Juli Willhite





Celebrating Read Across America March 1—5 in so many fun ways dressing in as many colors as we could on Monday. Tuesday we showed up in in PJ's and that just outta bed look that was inspired by the The Sleep Book. On Wacky Wednesday to cover up our hocks we were asked to wear our wild and crazy socks. Thursday's pleasure was winning with twinning, Thing 1 and Thing 2 you dress like me and I'll dress like you. The challenge on Friday was dress like the cat and wear your best hat. Oh the fun that we had and the memories we made, we will treasure forever and they will never ever fade.

Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?



'Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.'

-Dr. Seuss



Shout Outs - 3/5/21

Shout out to Gavin Girty for a 5th Place finish at State Wrestling! – Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Wyatt Beard for fixing our boxes. The baritone sax and bass clarinet players appreciate it as much as I do. –Joan Grover

Shout out to Mr. Johnson and his class that wired up the bumper on my car. Thank you so much! -Joan Grover

Shout out to Casey Cartmell for printing off pictures of the students who made the Read Hall of Fame this week. –Juli Willhite

Shout out to Clara for helping me in the office when she already had a full plate. –Casey Cartmell

Shout out to Bailey, Zara and Mary for their help getting the newsletters prepared for mailing. –Casey Cartmell

Shout out to the primary students & teachers for a job well done during the state wide tornado drill on Tuesday. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to the primary staff for a FUN filled day on Thursday, an afternoon of Dr. Seuss activities that kept the students interacting and having fun learning. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Coach Melugin, Coach Scribner, and our Lady Mustangs Basketball team on a win at Sub-State last night. Good Luck Saturday and finish strong! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to LeNell for the decorations you added to the staff bathroom. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Michelle Nelson for Seussing the school. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Sarah Grunder for the book donations. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Tresa for her help in breakfast. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Michelle Nelson for her work on the game programs. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Marla Edwards for all her help with the Oobleck. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Crystal Ratcliff for organizing Dr. Seuss rotations. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to all the students and staff who helped pick rocks up out of the baseball/softball outfields to prep for seeding grass! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to all who have done the little extras to improve our facilities! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Dennis Switzer for getting dugout benches built! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Erik Sorum and Dennis Switzer for keeping the sod watered! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Russell Totty for getting “Stay off the Grass” signs up around the new sod, and whomever helped him with the baseball/softball scoreboards! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Daniel Scribner and students for getting the Pole Vault Pit unloaded and set up! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs - 3/5/21 (continued)

Shout out to Clara for cleaning the gym bleachers every day after the intermediate kids eat breakfast on them! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to all the staff who are going to pilot Fastbridge this Spring! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Austin for getting the CTE Pathways applications submitted to KSDE! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs - 3/12/21

Shout out to Mr. Scribner & Mr. Hunter for all the work you did to make our Community Work Day a success! Everything looks great! –Michal Austin

Shout out to the Seniors for the great job you did getting the rest area cleaned up & painted, the old bleachers dismantled, and the random odd jobs you all did to better our community. –Michal Austin

Shout out to the Senior athletes for representing yourselves during the Senior Athlete signing day. The impact you make on our younger students is huge! –Michal Austin

Shout out to Heaton Griffin, Connor Sigg, and Jonathan McCreight for their hard work with getting sound and lights working on the set for the musical. –Karen Hinnen

Shout out to Alana Holcomb for feeding kiddos all week for the musical. –Karen Hinnen

Shout out to Michal Austin and Daniel Scribner for their hard work with redesign. –Karen Hinnen

Shout out to the 2020-21 HS Girls' Basketball Team for being the first to make it to the State Tournament! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to all HS Staff and Students for their work on the Community Clean-up Day! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to DCS Services for the Concrete donated for the sidewalk in Rosalia! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Karen Hinnen...for cooking, directing music, inspiring students, running errands, and literally giving the shirt off her back, all for the good of the Musical! What a great “giving” example you are to our students! –Julie McCreight

Shout out to Michal Austin for helping to finalize set artwork for the musical! –Julie McCreight

Shout out to Michal Austin and Daniel Scribner for leading the Redesign meetings. It is great to collaborate as we fine-tune the Mustang schedule- your guidance is greatly appreciated! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to the administration team for giving teachers time to collaborate on redesign. Students will definitely benefit from this time investment. -Julie Rosenquist

Shout Outs - 3/12/21 (continued)

Shout out to Halley for taking the initiative to order art supplies for everyone. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Crystal for taking charge of ordering handwriting supplies for everyone. – Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Ryan Parker and Shelly Decker for their help in our search for the next Ag Education Instructor! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs - 3/26/21

Shout Out to Jim Vaught for helping me make a cardboard house for the 2nd Grade skit! - Amanda Dragoo

Shout Out to Michelle Nelson for videoing the 2nd grade skit and uploading them! - Amanda Dragoo

Shout out to Stan Cox for the hand sanitizer he donated to the Primary School. We appreciate it! Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Jim for being the kind person that you are. What you did was very thoughtful! Michelle Nelson

Shout out to LeNell and Kelli for all your patience during Pre-K/Kindergarten Roundup. Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Jamie Swafford and Jillian Marsh for the awesome Robotics presentation last night. –Kelli Davis

Shout out to Rebecca Holstein, Isis Coates, Kianna Mantanona, Zara Thomas for setting up the free store! They did a great job and helped me SO much! Thank you Ladies!! -Stephanie Girty

Shout out to the play cast, crew, and director! Once again, totally awesome!! - Stephanie Girty

Leesa, Casey, and Michelle!! We are so lucky to have you, Thank you for all you do! - Stephanie Girty

Shout out to Mr. Vancil for helping take temperatures this morning. –Leesa Smith

Shout out to Jim for making sure all kids get to celebrate their birthday! Our class enjoyed the donut surprise! –Kayla Davison

Shout Outs - 3/26/21 (continued)

Shout out to Mrs. Dragoo and the 2nd grade class. You all did a wonderful job presenting your group play of Why the Sun and the Moon Ended Up in the Sky. - Michelle Nelson and Marla Edwards

Shout out to Ms. Davison for being a caring first grade teacher. -Marla Edwards

Shout out to the great staff, students, and administration at Flinthills! –Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Leesa for keeping the office in order. –Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to our MTSS team who is working hard in training and figuring out implementation. –Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to Mr. Hunter and Mr. Boldra for their help with the schedule for next year. –Mrs. Mettling

Shout out to the seniors for finishing strong and completing their community service! –Mrs. Mettling

Huge Shout Out to Mrs. McCreight and Mrs. Grover for a wonderful Musical! – Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Reagan Heimgartner, Kaily Gilman, Savannah McCreight, Sydney Sorum, Cael Sorum, Jackson Houseman, Kody Schafer, Morgan Holcomb, and the rest of the cast for incredible performances in the musical, “Emma”! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Emma Weber for brining that little extra to the Musical with your Cameo dance performance! Loved it! – Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Keaton Jones for having the best line in the Musical: “I feel like a woman!” It was hilarious! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the MTSS Team for your hard work in planning for next year! – Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Primary Staff who was involved with Kindergarten Round-up today! Great Job! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mr. Johnson and his class for teaching correct dining table etiquette! I love those life skills! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mrs. Swafford! I really enjoyed learning in your class this morning! – Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Chase Casteel for helping me “print” again! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs - 4/1/21

Disclaimer: These are not an April Fool's Joke; these are real Shout Outs of Appreciation!

Shout out to all who helped take pictures for the yearbook. – Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Michelle for naming the pictures. – Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Tammy Brown & Jenna Casteel for doing an awesome job on first year teaching here!! –Dawn Waller

Shout out to Trena Garcia, my technological guru, for all her help in getting events recorded for State Music. –Joan Grover

Shout out to all the teachers who allowed students to miss some or all of their class so we could get our State Music recordings done. –Joan Grover

Shout out to Mr. Clark for being willing to make himself vulnerable in 5th grade band by picking up the trombone and playing with the students. What a way to make a connection! –Joan Grover

Shout out to Mrs. Austin for splicing videos together for State Music. –Joan Grover

Shout out to the high school music students for all their hard work and dedication on their State Music entries. –Joan Grover

Shout out to Leesa who goes above and beyond. –Joan Grover

Shout out to Dennis, the primary grounds look great and the fresh cut grass with the cool morning air smell makes my day. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to the Primary Teachers and ALL the subs on March 31, 2021. We survived the day, YEAH!!! -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Mr. Boldra, Stephanie and anyone else involved in purchasing items from Spark Money. Because of you all our school has gotten some pretty cool stuff that normally we would only wish for. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to Leesa for all your assistance during the craziness of TSA state competition. –Michal Austin

Shout out to Mr. Kemp & Mr. Hayes for subbing for me! –Michal Austin

Shout out to my TSA members for competing hard this week at TSA State. I know virtual competitions were difficulty but you handled every new task like champions. – Michal Austin

Shout out to Jonathan McCreight, Brandon Gleason & Dawson Sharp for running for state TSA office positions. Good luck! –Michal Austin

Shout out to Michelle Nelson and Chloe Fuzzell for working so hard to make capes for our elementary students for the upcoming Superhero Literacy Night! –Crystal Ratcliff

Shout out to Michelle Nelson for making Superhero decorations and bookmarks for literacy night! –Crystal Ratcliff

Shout Outs - 4/1/21 (continued)

Shout out to Russell and Bill for hanging the backdrops so we can film the State Entries. –Joan Grover

Shout out to all the Intermediate and Middle School staff that have overseen the library, taken my STAR reading group, library classes and other responsibilities the last week that I've been absent. Also all of the offers of any help that I might need at home or school. –Juli Willhite

Shout out to Justin Grunder for bringing your skid-steer down to help us with the Softball Scoreboard! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout Out to Russell, Dennis, Erik, Trevor, and the baseball team for all the work on the fields to help get them game ready! –Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Tiffany for creating the awesome yearbook! –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Kristen for covering my STAR group and taking kids for P.E. so I could go be with my sick kiddo. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Steve and Josh for covering my class and helping whenever necessary. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Chase for fixing all the printing issues and other tech issues for staff. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Casey for always keeping me informed of things and events coming up. –Jenna Casteel

Thank you Tiffany and Tammy for a great PBL training and good conversations. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Janae for always being patient with my students and teaching them much needed emotional skills. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Juli for keeping track of reading counts points and giving students motivation to read. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Russell for fixing the playground fence. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Tiffany, Allie, and Josh for helping with recess duty. –Jenna Casteel

Shout out to Chase for all the work on the updates. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Michelle Nelson for printing anything I needed this week. –Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Chase Casteel for all your work on the printing problems we've all experienced! –Jeremy Boldra

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 N Spring Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45 TSA State HS TR @ Oxford 3:30 SB/BB @ Leon 4:00</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL Good Friday TSA State</p>	3
<p>4 Easter</p>	<p>5 NO SCHOOL Staff Development SB/BB @ Udall 4:00</p>	<p>6 G MS TR @ Eureka 2:00</p>	<p>7 M SCBL Meeting FFA @ Kingman Literacy Night 6:00-7:30</p>	<p>8 U BB vs. Olpe/Hartford 4:00</p>	<p>9 S SCBL Forensics @ Argonia 8:00</p>	<p>10 ACT Test PROM</p>
11	<p>12 T BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 SB/BB vs. Sedan 4:00</p>	<p>13 A HS TR @ Eureka 3:00 SB/BB vs. Eureka 4:30</p>	<p>14 N MS TR @ Emporia 9:30 FFA @ Udall</p>	15 G	16 M	<p>17 Forensics Regionals</p>
18	<p>19 U SB/BB @ Dexter 4:00 FFA District Banquet</p>	<p>20 S HS TR @ Burlington 9:30 MS TR @ Yates Center 3:00</p>	<p>21 T MS Band/Choir Contest @ Flinthills</p>	<p>22 A MS TR @ Udall 1:30 SB/BB vs. West Elk 3:00</p>	<p>23 N HS TR @ Fredonia 3:00</p>	<p>24 Forensics Showcase 6:30</p>
25	<p>26 G Booster Club 6:00 SB/BB @ Central 4:00</p>	<p>27 M MS TR @ Flint-hills 2:30</p>	<p>28 U Farm Day</p>	<p>29 S MS TR @ Eureka 2:00</p>	<p>30 T HS TR @ Madison 3:00</p>	



April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This is equal opportunity provider and employer.	Meals are subject to change.		1 BREAKFAST: Grape Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Cheese French Bread Pizza Corn Whole Apple Oatmeal Bar Milk	2 NO SCHOOL
5 NO SCHOOL	6 BREAKFAST: Red Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy California Blend Veg. Diced Peaches W.G. Rolls Milk	7 BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Lasagna Peas Tropical Fruit W.G. Breadstick Milk	8 BREAKFAST: White Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chili Crisпитos Corn Grapes Sidekicks Milk	9 BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Sausage Links Hash browns Cream Gravy Biscuit Vegetable Juice Mandarin Oranges Milk
12 BREAKFAST: Combo Bar, Muffin, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Corn Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit Fruit Roll Up Milk	13 BREAKFAST: Cereal, PopTart, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Taco Crunch Refried Beans Salsa Diced Pears W.G. Cinnamon Buns Milk	14 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Sliced Turkey Ham & Cheese on Hoagie Bun Savory Fries Green Beans Sliced Peaches Goldfish Crackers Milk	15 BREAKFAST: Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Biscuit Milk	16 BREAKFAST: White Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Quesadilla Cauliflower Applescrisp Fruit Juice Milk
19 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Sliced Pears Bunny Grahams Milk	20 BREAKFAST: Muffin, Yogurt, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Pretzel w/ Cheese Sauce Diced Peaches Milk	21 BREAKFAST: Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Fajitas on Flour Tortilla Corn Lettuce & Tomatoes Salsa Applesauce Pineapple Milk	22 BREAKFAST: Chocolate Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Pork Little Smokies Macaroni & Cheese Peas Mandarin Oranges W.G. Muffin Milk	23 BREAKFAST: Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit W.G. Roll Milk
26 BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Pork Egg Rolls California Blend Veg. Mandarin Oranges Grapes Milk	27 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Diced Pears W.G. Roll Milk	28 BREAKFAST: Sausage Gravy & Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans French Fries Pickles Diced Peaches Cookie Milk	29 BREAKFAST: Grape Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Corn Broccoli & Cheese Sidekicks Milk	30 BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Mini Corn Dogs Pasta Salad Green Beans Strawberries & Bananas Fruit Juice Milk

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