



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

September 2023

Boy, It's Hot Outside!

In spite of knowing that we are in Kansas and that summers are traditionally hot, this year has seen numerous heat records broken both locally and around the state. As a matter of fact, we have had many days classified as extreme heat.

Extreme heat is defined as a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. KSHSAA (Kansas State High School Activities Association) has an established *Heat Policy* for schools to follow to keep our children safe when we are in extreme heat. It can be found in detail by going to www.kshsaa.org and clicking on the link to *Heat Policy*.

This policy breaks down safety expectations for activities when the heat is 80 degrees or hotter. As some of you know, we have delayed some outdoor games for an hour or two until it has cooled off; that's following the KSHSAA guidelines.

Our Middle School and High School football teams spent those 100+ days practicing indoors and only moved outside for practice or games when the heat index was low enough to be safe. During the scorching heat, coolers with ice water were placed on each bus and towels in Zip-lock bags to put in the water incase someone starts to overheat. Vehicles were also used to take students home that live the furthest away and to shorten the route for the other students.

When we feel like complaining about the heat, try to imagine what life was like in 1936 which is the hottest summer on record for Kansas. In July, 1936, Alton and Fredonia each registered a record temperature of 121 degrees. Wichita had 20 consecutive days of 100+ degree temperatures with the highest at 114.

In 1980, one "cool" day of 98 interrupted what would have been a record-setting 27 days of 100+ degrees for Wichita. In 2011, Wichita experienced 53 days of 100+ temperatures throughout the year.

This year, Wichita had 10 days that reached triple digits in August with the highest at 111 degrees.

It appears we are moving into Fall with lower temperatures, but the Flinthills administration will continue to follow KSHSAA guidelines for weather. If the heat returns, check with the school for delays or rescheduled events.



From the Desk of Superintendent Brian Spencer

It is exciting to be a Flinthills Mustang - AGAIN! I started working in July and have sent out a couple of phone calls on the calling system, so it is very likely that everyone in the district is aware that I am the Interim Superintendent this year.

I served the Flinthills District from 1986 to 1998 as an English, Social Studies, and Speech & Drama teacher. I also directed the plays and coached football, track and forensics. It was a great time for my family and I. One of the best parts of returning has been rekindling relationships from 25 years ago. What a pleasure it has been to see those who were students back then being the ones in charge and making a difference in the district now! I look forward to getting reacquainted with more of you as we encounter each other throughout the year.

Just like I have had to make a shift in my head to adjust to former students being employees and board members, some of you may have trouble adjusting to my being an administrator. Don't worry, I am not only qualified but also quite experienced at being a superintendent.

This is my 22nd year as a superintendent. When I left Flinthills at the end of the 1997-1998 school year, we moved to Miltonvale in the Southern Cloud County District where I was the K-12 principal. I became the Superintendent for that district for the 2001-2002 school year and remained there until July of 2004 when we moved to Lyndon, where my wife Angela and I still live. I was the Superintendent at Lyndon from until the end of the 2016-2017 school year. I left that district to become the superintendent at Central Heights USD #288, I retired from there in July of 2020. I didn't work in education during the 2020-2021 year, but came out of retirement in July of 2021 to serve as the interim superintendent for Rozel - Pawnee Heights, USD #496 for two years. When I became aware that Flinthills was searching for an interim Superintendent I thought serving there would be a great way to finish my career. Flinthills has always been a great district with great people, and the chance to return here and give back to a district that gave me a great start to a long career was intriguing.

After meeting with the board and talking with Angela, we agreed this would be a mutually beneficial situation for everyone involved. So far, that has been the situation. As I mentioned it has been fun to reconnect with people. Although I don't always recognize everyone initially, it seldom takes long once the conversation begins. There has been some fear from some of you former students that I will tell stories about you to your kids. Don't worry, your secrets are safe with me as long as you will do me the same favor!

I will share more about the district and pressing issues in future editions of The Flyer, but for this one I decided to simply get reacquainted and invite you all to stop by the District Office, which was the HS Library way back in the day, or approach me at a ballgame.

"Every Mustang, Every Day" is appropriate to my situation here at Flinthills, and I look forward to a great year.





Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

My how the summer flew by fast. Hope everyone had a good and safe one. Now back to the grind for a great school year.

Just some reminders and info that I want to share with everyone.

As many of you have heard and read about, opioid overdose is a rising concern for everyone. Fentanyl is our big concern, but there are many other meds that are in the opioid group. I can provide you with a list, if you are interested. On April 1st, I went to a town hall meeting in El Dorado that addressed this issue. It was very informative and if they have another one, I would highly recommend you attend. While there I was able to speak with the DCCCA foundation and was able to receive Narcan for free, which is the drug that reverses an opioid overdose. During our staff development days, I arranged for a representative to come and train the majority of the staff on the symptoms of an opioid overdose and the subsequent treatment. We pray that we never have to deal with this, but at least if we do, we are prepared.

So much info is given to you parents at the beginning of school, but I want to point out some changes in the handbook. I just want to remind you in regards to illness: No student will be allowed to attend or stay at school with a temp of 100 degrees. They must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. A student with a strep infection must be on antibiotics for a full 12 hours before returning to school and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Any child with vomiting or diarrhea may return to school after being symptom free for 24 hours. Also, if a child is taking medication here at the school, I must have a signed form from the doctor and the parent giving me or my designee permission to administer the medication. And if the child has emergency meds such as an inhaler or epi-pen and they are going to self administer, I also need a form for this signed by the doctor and parent. I have these forms in my office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the school at (620)476-2218 and ask to speak to the nurse.

Stay Well and Live Healthy,
Nurse Rhonda

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

Mustang Families,

It has been a great start to the school year! It is always a joy to see all of our students engaging in learning in and out of the classroom. I want to thank the families and community here at Flinthills for their support and partnership.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some exciting week-long events happening at Flinthills. The **Flinthills High School's 2023 Fall Homecoming Week** is fast approaching, and our Student Council (StuCo) has organized an eventful week for students, families, and the community. This is a special time of the year that brings our students and school community together. With this in mind, we encourage all students and families to be a part of this year's festivities! Please join us and show your Mustang spirit!

Candidates:

Amanda Brown & Austin Liggett

Sydney Sorum & Conner Sigg

Callie Cordts & Braiden Neeley

Taylor Sutton & Cody Williams

Kindergarteners:

Jaycee Casteel & Paxten Armstrong



Spirit Week Calendar for the Week of September 11th – 16th

Homecoming Theme: Game On!

Monday

Dress: Camouflage Wear

Class Game: Blindfolded Nerf Blast

Tuesday

Dress: Wii Sports (Athlete)

Class Game: Bowling with a Blind folded Partner

Wednesday

Dress: Super Mario (Mario characters)

Class Game: Racetrack

Thursday

Dress: Glitch (Neon)

Class Game: Just Dance

Friday

Dress: Red & Black Day (Freshman white, Sophomores grey, Juniors red, Seniors black)

Class Game: Volleyball & Powderpuff

Friday Schedule

8:00 - 9:38: Volleyball

9:38 - 9:48: Morning Break and getting people outside

9:48 - 11:15: Powderpuff

11:15 - 12:03: Candidate Games

12:03 - 12:28: Lunch

12:32 - 2:00: Decorating Floats

2:15 - 2:45: Parade

2:45 - 3:30: Pep Rally

7:00: Football Game

Half-time: Homecoming Crowning Ceremony

Saturday, September 16th

Homecoming Dance from 8-10:30 @ FHS

Special thanks to all the StuCo members and Mr. Sorum for helping to organize this week!

MEET YOUR BUS DRIVERS



Yvonne Martin

— Background

Yvonne has been employed with Flinthills off and on for 19 years. She started in 2004 as a cheerleading coach during her daughter's senior year. When she is not driving the bus she has a successful real estate career with Faith Realty in El Dorado, KS. Yvonne began selling real estate in 2016.

In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her 6 children and her 9 grandchildren. She enjoys fishing, swimming, and reading books as well as spending time on her lovely farm near Rosalia, KS.

— Driving Career

Yvonne began her bus driving career in 2005. Since then she has driven countless miles on both a regular route and on activities. Last year alone she drove nearly 30,000 miles!

— Favorite Things

Some of her favorite things are Hershey's, Nacho Cheese Doritos, ice cream, and Cherry Limeades from Sonic. On game nights you are sure to find her cheering for her grandsons. She loves the Mustangs and the Chiefs.

Science Supplies Needed

We are always in need of science supplies in the classroom for various projects throughout the year. It takes a long time to collect supplies and only a short time to use them. Therefore, if you would be willing to save any of the below items or keep us in mind as you are downsizing, the students and I would GREATLY appreciate it. We will accept donations at any time throughout the school year. You can send them with your child or drop them off at the central office.

Thank you for all of the supplies you have already sent. At this time, we don't need any more paper towel rolls or paper sacks. **Thank you!**

Household items always needed:

Tin cans (canned good cans, not pop cans)	Pringles cans	Baby food jars
Plastic jars with lids	Old utensils	Funnels
PVC pipe (12"+)	Foam	Styrofoam
Shoe boxes	Cereal boxes	Thread spools
Dowel rods	Buttons	Beads

Toys:

Action figures	Dominoes	Marbles/marble runs
Hot wheel tracks	Hot wheel cars	Legos
Tinker toys	Gears	Wooden blocks
Mouse trap (the game) pieces	Wooden train tracks	Wheels and axles

Happy
School
Year

COUNSELOR'S

CORNER



September 2023

m.hansen@usd492.org

From Ms. Hansen

Welcome back to a new school year! Our school year has already taken off! During the month of October, testing will start with PreACT and end in November with WorkKeys. Please see the important dates below to know if your child will be testing on those dates!

One event that will be upcoming for seniors is our Apply Kansas event. Our event is scheduled for November 8, 2023. During the event, students will apply to colleges, tech schools, or employment opportunities that they have researched. We will complete activities leading up to the event, so keep an eye out for them towards the end of October.



Word of the Month

CREATIVITY



"Creativity is using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2023)



Community Service Opportunities

High school students: Are you wondering how you can earn community service hours? During home games, there will be opportunities to help clean up. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside Ms. Hansen's office to sign up to earn your hours! Please check with Mr. Hunter or myself once you sign up.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Important Dates

- September 29 - College and Career Fair at Circle High School
- October 17 - PreACT (10th grade)
- October 18 - ASVAB (11th grade)
- October 24 - PreACT (9th grade)
- November 1 - WorkKeys (11th grade)
- November 8 - Apply Kansas Event
- November 10 - Veterans Day Program

Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **CREATIVITY**

- **What stands out to you in the definition?**
- **What is the hardest part of creativity for you?**
- **Can you think of the last time that you used your creativity?**



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

FHS Drama Students Teach Workshop

Flinthills Intermediate and Middle School Students gathered in May to learn quite a bit more about Theatre Set Painting, Accents for Performance, Make up Design, and Acting Improvisation from High School Drama Students: Sydney Sorum, Madilynn Thomas, Callie Cordts, Adley Humig and Kaily Gilman.

Participants delivered dialogue in several accents, learned to paint stones, experienced make up design application, and dressed in costumes to improvise scenes with the high school actors. It was a very fun, yet educational evening!



Five Theatre Students Represent FHS at Internationals

June 19th through the 23rd, thousands of high school students gathered at Indiana University for the International Thespian Society. Competitions, Workshops, and Theatre Productions from all over the nation dominated the five day schedule.

In order to compete in solo acting at the conference, Madilynn Thomas, Callie Cordts, Kaily Gilman, Adley Humig, and Sydney Sorum were required to qualify at the Kansas State Theatre Conference. All three girls scored "Excellent" from 3 judges at Internationals. Their performances included two contrasting acting pieces.

Highlights of the trip included the Broadway Dance Classes, Playwriting Workshops, Acting Classes taught by professionals, and the Productions of *Mean Girls*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and *Damn Yankees!* The performances were so powerful that the only appropriate reaction was a standing ovation!





ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

FFA Busy Year Round

A few of the Flinthills FFA members had a busy summer with participating in the Butler County Fair. Riley Garcia showed her dairy goats and got Reserve Champion Lamancha Goat. She also received Grand Champion in Senior Foods. Kolby Holcomb and Cody Williams showed their hogs this year. Kolby breezed through showmanship, won Grand Champion Showman and qualified for round robin. Cody Williams got 3rd in showmanship and 2nd in his market class. They both did amazing in their first year of showing hogs! Kyle Parker received Grand Champion in Leather Craft and showed his heifer and steer. Kyle also participated with Cody Williams in the Livestock Judging contest that Butler Community College puts on at the fair. Cody brought home 2nd place and a new judging notebook. Everyone who participated in the fair this year worked super hard and did an amazing job!



The Flinthills FFA officer team had their officer retreat this year in Chanute, Kansas. The team stayed in an air bnb and planned the FFA chapter's upcoming year. They planned things such as future meetings, what fundraisers to do next, this years t-shirts, and National Convention. On the retreat, they also went to the Girard Rodeo, swimming at a private lake, golfing, made s'mores over a campfire, and had steaks cooked for us by Mrs. Clark's parents. The officers had a lot of fun and can't wait to go on the retreat again next year!

-Danica Leis



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

TSA STUDENTS COMPETE NATIONALLY

This summer three FHS students traveled to Louisville, KY, to compete at the TSA National Convention. Adley Humig, Amanda Brown & Taylor Sutton competed hard but didn't break into finals. They did enjoy a variety of new experiences and gained a lot of knowledge on what to improve upon competitively for next year. During the annual business meeting all 3 girls got to participate as voting delegates in the national state officer election, complete with several glitches and time delays. At the awards ceremony Mrs. Austin was recognized nationally for being the Kansas TSA High School Advisor of the Year. We enjoyed listening to speakers talk about the endless possibilities in life, and the state officers from each state (or country!) share a fun fact about their state. Adley & Amanda officially handed over the reins for their respective state officer positions to the new state officers at their final Kansas state meeting.

When we weren't involved with conference activities, we snuck in some site seeing, starting with a trip to the top of the Gateway Arch on the drive down. We learned how to make baseball bats, visited Churchill Downs (Even though we didn't get to tour it we at least got to see it!), and walked the mile long foot bridge connecting Indiana and Kentucky. -Mrs. Michal Austin



Mrs. Michal Austin was recognized on the national stage for being the Kansas TSA High School Advisor of the Year.

Congratulations, Mrs. Austin!!

ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



4-H Summer Fun!



Cassoday Boosters 4-H'ers had a busy summer! They kicked off their activities with a community service project helping serve lunch for over 400 bicyclists taking part in Bike Across Kansas. Next up was the Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan where Trena Garcia was recognized as the 2022 Kansas 4-H State Project Award Winner in Dairy. The club joined with the Towanda Rustlers and toured Designer Palms in Andover and then wrapped up June with 4-H Camp. July saw lots of project work culminating in the Butler County Fair.



Following the fair, the Cassoday Boosters hosted a county wide Swim Party. On August 11, 4-H Supporters joined club members to enjoy ice cream and desserts. Cassoday Boosters 4-H'ers Trena Garcia and Laura Scribner were recognized as they graduated from 4-H. Trena was a 13-year member and Laura was a 10-year member.





Flinthills Booster Club

Flinthills Booster Club is gearing up for a great year of cheering on our Mustangs! What is Booster Club? Booster Club is a group of parents and community members that look for ways to support all Middle and High School students in both academic and extracurricular activities. This includes both planning and funding events and activities. Officers are Tresa Garcia, President; Melissa Scribner, Vice-President; Alana Holcomb, Treasurer; and Stephanie Girty, Secretary.

In previous years, the Flinthills Booster Club has purchased official state t-shirts for students who qualify for a state level event, paid for students to attend state competitions to cheer on our teams, hosted a year book signing party, and helped send all middle and high school students on end-of-year field trips. Booster club supports middle and high school teachers during Parent Conferences and Teacher Appreciation week. They provide funding for a variety of activities as requested by coaches, directors or teachers and award at least one \$200 college scholarship for graduating seniors each year.

In 2022-2023, Booster Club spent over \$4000 to support our great students and teachers. In order to continue to provide this level of support, we need your help! The first and best way to help is to be a part of Booster Club! Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School commons. We will also be meeting on October 10 and February 5 (same time, same place!) Please join us and bring your ideas!

Booster Club does already have some events planned, including running the concession stand at Homecoming on September 15. If you can help that night, please contact an officer or look for the Sign-Up Genius on our Facebook page.

An additional way to help fund Booster Club is by purchasing a Booster Club Sponsorship. \$50 donors will receive a 2023-2024 Student Designed Booster T-shirt. \$100 donors will receive their choice of two Booster T-shirts or one Booster Polo Shirt. Sponsors who sign up by November 11 will be listed on this year's Booster Club banner that will be displayed during winter and spring sporting events.

More From the Jackie Stiles Camp



Sports News



**A Huge Thank You to the
amazing donors of USD492 and
the Jackie Stiles
Basketball Camp.**

Broke N Quarter Horses

Cassoday Community Church

Cassoday Festival

Flinthills Longhorns/Elite Auction, LLC

Grunder Ranch

Greg & Mona Wood

PJ's

Ranchin' Misfits

Stands Farms

Susan Grunder

Sundance Saloon

Whistle Stop Mercantile

Flinthills hosts Jackie Stiles Basketball Camps

On Monday, August 7th, Jackie Stiles came to Rosalia and held two basketball camps. One session was for grades 2nd-5th and the second session was for grades 6th-12th. In total we had 89 kids sign up! Jackie came in with an enthusiastic attitude and challenged our students to set goals for themselves and to always work hard. Her upbeat and determined attitude was contagious and that was evident in the work ethic of the campers and the progress the players made during camp. At the conclusion of camp, Jackie had merch for sale, autographed as many things as campers wanted her to, and spent time talking with campers and parents. The camps were such a success that we will be hosting Jackie Stiles again next August! A set date is still in the works, but it is planned to be the week of August 5-9th.

A huge THANK YOU to our Flinthills community businesses and individuals who donated money to make our camp price lower. With their generous donations we were able to offer each camper a \$30 scholarship, which lowered the camp price to only \$25 a camper and that includes a T-shirt! Thank you to Brandy Avery with ELDO Ink for making our awesome camp t-shirts!



Sports News

Lady Mustangs Off to a Strong Start

The high school varsity volleyball team opened their season with five wins last week. They defeated Caney Valley 25-19, 25-14 and Douglass 25-15, 25-22 on Tuesday night in Caney. On Thursday, they traveled to Conway Springs, defeating Remington 27-25, 25-15, Conway Springs 25-22, 25-17, and Eureka 25-17, 25-14.

The team served 92% with 29 aces, including 7 each from Amanda Brown and Callie Cordts. Emily Scribner is running the offense and has averaged 20 assists per match. Harlee Randall has been exceptional this week, racking up 12.4 kills per match with a hitting percentage of .500. Alex Scribner, the libero, has handled ½ of their serve receive and averaged 6 digs per game. Rylie Wight and Amanda Brown have been impressive all around players. Paige Corter provides a big block and strong hit out of the middle and Charli Bohnen is learning her position quickly, already putting up some big hitting numbers.

Our JV team is made up of Cami Dutton, Taylor Brown, Jolienne Dragoo, Brylee Heimgartner, Yeva Taylor, Jordyn Finely, and Nilari Cabugo. The girls have already improved a lot from the beginning of the season! Their motto is “Small, but Mighty,” and they are focused on improving their fundamental skills. Jolienne served several in a row for an awesome come from behind win over Douglass on Tuesday. The Mustangs then fell in a tough fought match against Caney Valley. Thursday night due to an absence, three girls were asked to step into unfamiliar positions. They fought hard and saw some moments of greatness, but fell to both Remington and Conway Springs. Several of the girls have impressive serving stats, including Yeva at 100% and Cami at 93%.

The Lady Mustangs will host their home varsity invitational tournament on Saturday, September 9th before starting league play the following week.

Support Your Favorite Volleyball Team



We are selling shirts and hoodies as a fundraiser for the high school volleyball team.

If you would like to support the team and “sport” their team shirt this year, please contact any member of the team and we will help you out! Here's a peek at our design - available on a short sleeve t-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, or a hoodie. THANK YOU!

MS Cheerleaders at the Scrimmage



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Flinthills High School 2023 Football Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
9/1/23	Oxford	Oxford	7:00
9/8/23	Rosalia	Central	7:00
9/15/23*	Rosalia	Udall	7:00
9/22/23	Dexter	Cedar Vale/Dexter	7:00
9/29/23	Howard	West Elk	7:00
10/6/23	Rosalia	Oswego	7:00
10/13/23	Yates Center	Yates Center	7:00
10/20/23**	Rosalia	Sedan	7:00
10/26/23	TBD	TBD	7:00

* Homecoming

** Senior Night



Flinthills High School 2023 Volleyball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
8/29/23	Caney	Caney, Douglass	5:00
8/31/23	Conway Springs	Eureka, Remington, Conway	4:00
9/9/23	Rosalia	Flinthills Tourney V	9:00 AM
9/12/23	Oxford	Oxford, West Elk, Caldwell	5:00
9/16/23	Dexter	Dexter Tournament V	9:00 AM
9/19/23	Rosalia	Argonia, Central	5:00
9/23/23	Whitewater	Remington Tourney V	9:00 AM
9/26/23	South Haven	South Haven, CV/D	4:00
9/30/23	Rosalia	Flinthills JV Tourney	9:00 AM
10/3/23	Udall	Udall, Sedan	4:00
10/5/23	Rosalia	JV vs. Eureka	5:00
10/5/23	at 8 seed	SCBL Tournament Play-In	5:00
10/7/23	Rosalia	SCBL Tournament Top 8	9:00 AM
10/9/23	Olpe	Olpe	5:00
10/12/23*	Rosalia	Wichita Defenders	5:00
10/21/23	TBD	Sub State	TBD
10/27-28	TBD	State VB	TBD

*Senior Night

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Flinthills Middle School 2023 Volleyball/Football Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>TIME (VB/FB)</u>
8/31/23	Rosalia	Sedan	4:30/6:30
9/7/23	Dexter	Cedar Vale/Dexter	4:30/6:30
9/9/23	Sedan	Udall, W. Elk, Sedan, CV/D	9:00 AM (VB Only)
9/14/23	Udall	Udall	4:30/6:30
9/18/23	Central	Central, Udall, Oxford	5:00 PM (VB Only)
9/21/23	Rosalia	West Elk	4:30/6:30
9/28/23	Rosalia	Caldwell/South Haven	4:30/6:30
10/2/23	Oxford	S. Haven, Sedan, Oxford	5:00 PM (VB Only)
10/5/23	Central	Central	4:30/6:30
10/12/23	Oxford	Oxford	4:30/6:30
10/14/23	TBD	SCBL Volleyball Tournament	9:00 AM
10/16/23	TBD	SCBL Volleyball Tournament	5:00 PM

Middle School Volleyball Team



Middle School Football Team



Flinthills Primary & Intermediate Letter from Mrs. Cooper, the Primary/Intermediate Principal...

Welcome to our 2023-24 school year! Hope everyone had a relaxing Labor Day weekend! This is my second year as principal for Flinthills Primary and Intermediate schools. I love working with our students and staff! Our Character Ed trait for the month is Creativity.

Primary School

We had Grandparent's/VIP Day on our late start September 6. Grandparents enjoyed a program prepared for them with Mrs. Garcia leading the children singing songs to their grandparents. They attended their grandchildren's classrooms and enjoyed tea with cookies. The staff did a great job planning the special day.



Flinthills Intermediate School

We had our late start September 6. Students spent time doing activities with their family groups. For our community involvement, students participated in a Career Day. We had a lineman with Evergy, Walter's Flowers, Bakery 177, Gravity Works, and Ace Automotive. Students had fun learning about different careers. Staff did a great job planning the day.



Title I Program Information

Title I is a federal program that provides additional reading and/or math instruction. The students who qualify are not learning disabled. They just need extra help with math or reading.

What are the goals of Title I?

The Title I program strives to provide an environment that:

1. Promotes a positive attitude toward reading
 2. Improves student achievement in reading and math
- Builds students' self-esteem and confidence

How does my child qualify for Title I?

Several different criteria are used to qualify a student. FastBridge scores, Pathways to Reading assessments, and teacher recommendations are considered when referring a student for Title I services.

Will my child always be in the program?

No. We work closely with the classroom teacher to monitor student progress. When a student's reading or math achievement reaches their appropriate grade level, the student is dropped from the program if the Title I teacher and classroom teacher feel the student no longer needs the extra support.

How does Title I benefit my child?

The Title I teacher provides intensive, individualized instruction to students who need it. As students experience success, they gain confidence in their abilities and their performance in the classroom improves.

Qualifications of Mrs. Ratcliff

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education
 Master of Science Degree in Instructional Specialist
 Licensed PreK-12 Reading Specialist

Qualifications of Mrs. Dragoo

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education

Parents Right to Know

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals including:

Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught;

The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both;

If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications;

If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child(ren) is taught for four or more continuous weeks by a teacher that does not meet the appropriate state certification standards.

All students/families served in schoolwide buildings and students/families served in targeted assistance programs must complete a parent school compact.

All parents will be informed they have the right to request their child's/children's state assessment scores and they have a right to obtain the school and school district state report cards.

Our 5th Grade Constitution

We, the 5th grade students, in order to form an environment that promotes learning and fun, establish respect for all ideas & people and a bully-free zone, insure kindness and well-being, provide equal opportunities for sharing and learning, promote positivity, perseverance, and encouragement, secure excitement for learning & growth, do declare and establish this constitution for our classroom.

1. We will not harass or bully.
2. We will treat others the way we want to be treated by showing respect and using our manners.
3. We will be inclusive in work and play.
4. We will work with confident, positive attitudes and build others up to do the same.
5. We will demonstrate good work ethic by using our time wisely to complete and submit assignments on time.
6. We will abide by the STANG expectations.

Brayden Valle
 Kaitlyn Wilson
 Jada Papp
 Greyson Swafford
 Kable Sutton
 Emmet Marshall
 Aron Betsch

6792
 Madison
 Jordan
 Madison
 Luke
 Joseph
 William

Rondale Owen
 Agnes Leilivandt
 Epps Hest
 Ella Wilson

5th Grade News

We are off to a great start in 5th grade! We worked to decipher coded messages using our math, language arts, and critical thinking skills to make our way out of a digital escape room. Great teamwork was demonstrated and all five teams successfully completed the challenges!

We also took some time during our first few days to draft our own classroom constitution. After brainstorming what a great classroom looks like, feels like, and sounds like, we drafted our own 5th Grade Constitution. Being able to help in the process of creating classroom expectations helps give us ownership in our choices and builds accountability.

-Mrs. Tammy Brown



Pink eye or Conjunctivitis

Pink eye or conjunctivitis is an extremely common and contagious childhood illness. There are 4 types of pinkeye.

1. **Bacterial conjunctivitis**—causes red, itchy and often painful eyes. It can affect one or both eyes and is often accompanied by yellowish discharge and mild swelling. May wake up with eyes closed shut with dried drainage. This type of pink eye usually requires antibiotic drops.
2. **Viral conjunctivitis**—causes pink, watery, itchy eyes, It may affect one of both eyes. It is sometimes difficult to determine whether a student has bacterial or viral pink eye.
3. **Allergic conjunctivitis**—causes itchy watery, pink eyes that tend to occur seasonal. It generally affects both eyes.
4. **Irritant conjunctivitis**—manifests as pink, watery eyes after contact with an eye irritant (such as sand or chlorine). It generally resolves quickly without treatment.

Viral is the most common form of pink eye and symptoms are generally mild and resolve without treatment. They are, however, contagious during the period the child has symptoms. The virus is spread via contact with eye discharge, either directly or by touching surfaces that have been in contact with the discharge.

If a child has been on antibiotic eye drops, they may return to school after 24 hours of treatment. If your child has symptoms with drainage, they need to remain at home until the symptoms subside, due to the fact that most young students do not practice frequent handwashing and the drainage can be easily spread.

If you are questioning which type of pink eye your student has and whether or not to keep them home, it is best to play on the safe side and keep them home.

If you have any questions, please check with your doctor or you can reach out to me at 620-476-2218 and ask for the nurse.



September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meals are subject to change.	This is equal opportunity provider and employer.	Parents eating lunch with their kids need to notify school 2 days in advance.		1 BREAKFAST: Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Fresh Carrots Pretzel & Cheese Sliced Peaches Milk
4 NO SCHOOL	5 BREAKFAST: White Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges W.G. Rolls Milk	6 BREAKFAST: Oatmeal Breakfast Cookie, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chili Crisпитos Broccoli & Cheese Corn Grapes Rosy Applesauce Bunny Grahams Milk	7 BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni's, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit Biscuit Milk	8 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Taco Crunch Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Salsa Sliced Pears W.G. Cinnamon Buns Milk
11 BREAKFAST: Chocolate Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Grilled Chicken Patty on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Cauliflower Lettuce & Tomato Sliced Peaches Cheddar Goldfish Milk	12 BREAKFAST: Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Sausage Links Tater Tots Cream Gravy Vegetable Juice Mandarin Oranges Biscuit Milk	13 BREAKFAST: Bagel with Strawberry Cream Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Fajitas on Flour Tortilla Corn Refried Beans Lettuce & Tomato Peppers & Onions Applesauce Salsa Milk	14 BREAKFAST: Strawberry Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Peas Broccoli Apples Pineapple Fruit Roll Up Milk	15 BREAKFAST: Sausage & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Beef Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Pears Muffin Milk
18 BREAKFAST: Combo Bar, Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Tater Tots Pickle/Onion/Tomato Sliced Peaches Cookie Milk	19 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bites, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy California Blend Veggies Tropical Fruit W.G. Rolls Milk	20 BREAKFAST: Red Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Chicken Quesadilla Peas Corn Applecrisp Sliced Pears Milk	21 BREAKFAST: Cereal, PopTart, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Sliced Turkey & Cheese on Bun French Fries Cauliflower Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Juice Sliced Pineapple Milk	22 BREAKFAST: Belgian Waffle Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Lasagna Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Garlic Breadstick Milk
25 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Garlic Bread Pizza Marinara Peas California Blend Veggies Tropical Fruit Grapes Milk	26 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Breaded Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Steamed Carrots Sliced Pears W.G. Rolls Milk	27 BREAKFAST: Grape Uncrustable, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Fresh Carrots Pretzel & Cheese Sliced Peaches Milk	28 BREAKFAST: White Mini Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Mini Corn Dogs Corn Cauliflower Strawberries & Bananas Applesauce Milk	29 BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk LUNCH: Rib Patty on Bun Savory Fries Baked Beans Onions & Pickles Pineapple Tidbits Cookie Bar Milk

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 HS FB @ Oxford 7:00	2
3	4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL HS JV FB vs. Oxford 6:00	5 Theatre Dept. Ad Sales	6 Staff Dev. 7:40-9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 SCBL Meeting HS Cheer @ Chanute	7 MS VB/FB @ Dexter 4:30/6:30	8 HS FB vs. Central 7:00	9 HS V VB Tourney @ Rosalia 9:00 MS VB @ Sedan 9:00
10	11 BOE Cassoday 7:00 Auditions Fall Play 6:00 MS/HS Band—State Fair HS JV FB @ Central 6:00	12 Jostens— 10 & 12 Grade 9:00 HS VB @ Oxford 5:00	13	14 MS VB/FB @ Udall 4:30/6:30 FFA @ State Fair	15 HS FB vs. Udall 7:00 Homecoming @ Half-time	16 HS V VB @ Dexter 9:00 Homecoming Dance 8:00-10:30
17	18 FFA Greenhand Conf. @ Haven MS VB @ Burden 5:00	19 School Picture Day @ Rosalia 8:30 HS VB vs. Argonia, Central 5:00	20 School Picture Day @ Cassoday 8:30 Jostens—Grad/Ring Orders 9:00 STUCO Conf @ Dougalss	21 MS VB/FB vs. West Elk 4:30/6:30	22 HS FB @ Dexter 7:00 FFA @ McPherson	23 HS V VB @ Whitewater 9:00
24	25 HS JV FB vs. CV/Dexter 6:00	26 HS VB @ South Haven 4:00	27 FFA District Land @ Little River	28 MS VB/FB vs. Caldwell/S. Haven 4:30/6:30	29 HS FB @ Howard 7:00 College & Career Ready Fair @ Circle High	30 HS JV VB @ Rosalia 9:00

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