

# *Flinthills Flyer*

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

February 2024

## *Mustangs Rise to the Top*



At the Kansas Theatre Conference, Sydney Sorum competed in the Solo Acting Thespy Competition and received a “Superior” Rating which is the highest score possible. With this rating, she qualifies for International Competition in June held at the University of Indiana.

At the 2024 KSU Concert Band Clinic, with about 600 students auditioning for placement, Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor earned a spot in the elite top band. She was 2nd part, 4th chair. The top band was directed by Jay Gilbert, retired Doane College director, author, and nationally recognized clinician. She earned her spot with her sight-reading ability and technique.



Taylor Sutton is a senior who has spent the past 6 years at Flinthills working hard on improving her skills in art. She has won several awards in various competitions in a variety of mediums including painting, drawing, ceramics and fashion design. She has placed 3 years at the Congressional Art Competition, received a Silver and a Gold Key in the National Scholastic Art Competition, and currently has been offered \$23,000 per year at Friends University to continue perfecting her artistic skills.

The national magazine SBO (School Band Orchestra) annually chooses 50 “Teachers Who Care”, one from each state. We are proud to let you know that our own Joan Grover was chosen to be the “2024 Teacher Who Cares” for Kansas based on recommendations from students and prior students. She was featured in an article in the January edition.



## From the Desk of Superintendent, Brian Spencer

### Recognizing Worthy Mustangs

It seems everything has a day or a month dedicated to it. January is a popular month for such days. The National Peanut Butter Day was January 25, and the National Library Shelfie Day was January 24 this year. Some dedications are for the day, some for the week, and some receive an entire month. My favorite January dedication, and one that truly is deserving of the honor, is the National Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Being a board member is a difficult job, and I think it is appropriate to set aside a special time to appreciate those local citizens that serve their local schools in this manner. We currently have a great mix of board members serving Flinthills. Some members have been serving for several years, and others have only just begun to serve. In a small district like ours most everyone knows the local leaders, but there are times and situations where not everyone knows or recognizes their local elected officials. A list of the current board members, and the area they represent follows:

Justin Grunder, President, At-Large Position Serving Since 2011  
 Melissa Scribner, VP, District 1, Position 1 (Cassoday) Serving Since 2015  
 Ashley Poston, District 1, Position 4 (Cassoday) Serving Since 2022  
 James Heimgartner, District 2, Position 2 (Rosalia) Serving Since 2024  
 Bayley Allemand, District 2, Position 5 (Rosalia) Serving Since 2022  
 Travis Holcomb, District 3, Position 3 (South of 54) Serving Since 2012  
 Ireland Turner, District 3, Position 6 (South of 54) Serving Since 2023

We will be recognizing these dedicated public servants at the Homecoming Basketball Games on Friday, February 2, which happens to be National Wear Red Day. (It also happens to be National Tater Tot Day and Bubble Gum Day!) This would be a great opportunity to thank these individuals for their service and learn who they are if you don't know them.

Speaking of people that are well known in the district, I need to share some information about Joan Grover, our Band Director. When I was asking people about things in the district prior to my return in July, several people mentioned our Fine Arts Programs, as well as Band specifically. I was told that the Flinthills Band would "Rock the Place" during ball games. They were right! Ms. Grover and the band are a highlight of the district.

Joan's fame has spread beyond our district borders. Others in the business have recognized how solid of a band and music teacher she is. I am excited to share with everyone that Joan Grover was named to the 50+ Directors Who Make a Difference by the *School Band, Orchestra & More* magazine. *This national magazine selected one music teacher from each state and the District of Columbia for this recognition, and JOAN GROVER FROM FLINTHILLS USD 492 IS THE SELECTION FOR KANSAS!*

That is another reason to join us on Friday, February 2nd for the Homecoming basketball games, you will get to hear the Flinthills Pep Band, under the direction of Joan Grover, "Rock the Place"! We are so excited about this we have decided to jump on the recognition bandwagon and will be recognizing Ms. Grover that evening as well. Please join us for this big event. It would be exciting to celebrate with food trucks and huge concession opportunities, but unfortunately National Food Truck Day is the last Friday of June, so no food trucks, but you will be able to stay inside the entire evening to enjoy basketball, public recognition, concessions, music, and Flinthills fellowship.

# COUNSELOR'S

## CORNER

February 2024

[m.hansen@usd492.org](mailto:m.hansen@usd492.org)

### From Ms. Hansen

**ACT Prep Course:** Juniors will participate in an ACT Prep course on February 1, 2024 starting at 8 am. This prep course is to help them prepare for the upcoming ACT test on February 27, 2024. We do have a limited amount of openings for any sophomores who would want to join the class. Please email or call Ms. Hansen if you want your sophomore student to participate!

**Community Service Hours:** Seniors, please remember that your community service hours are due by April 30, 2024. You should have an updated email with how many hours you have documented with Ms. Hansen. Please make sure you are seeking out opportunities to complete these hours prior to April 30!

**ACT testing:** Juniors will take the ACT test on February 27, 2024 starting at 8 am. We will walk down to the community building to take the test. Please make sure to dress for the weather on our test date! Our test is paper/pencil so no electronics are necessary that morning at the community building.

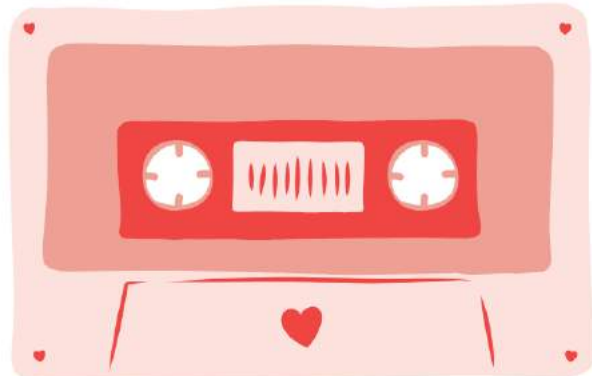
### Word of the Month COOPERATION

"Cooperation is working together to reach shared goals."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2024)

### FAFSA Update

FAFSA is OPEN! As a reminder, if you have not applied for your FSA ID, this is the first step in the FAFSA process. This process takes about 3 days to receive your FSA ID. We will be hosting a FAFSA night during conferences on February 15, 2024 from 4 pm to 8 pm if you need help filling it out or have any questions about the new and improved FAFSA!



### Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **COOPERATION**

- Do leaders need cooperation skills?
- What does it mean to cooperate with others?
- What does cooperation look like at home?
- What does cooperation look like at school?
- What does cooperation look like during sports or games?

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

Flinthills High School is thrilled to kick off the 2024 Winter Homecoming Week! This special occasion brings together families, friends, alumni, and our community to reconnect, reminisce, and create lasting memories for all Mustangs. Join us in celebrating and showing your Mustang spirit at this year's festivities!

The Homecoming King and Queen will be revealed between the Girls' and Boys' Varsity Basketball game on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Homecoming dance will take place on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. A big thank you to our Flinthills Student Council (FHS StuCo) for their efforts in organizing this event.

Meet the 2024 Winter Homecoming candidates (L to R):

King Candidates: Lane Alvord, Tate Leslie, Shane Steinhauer, and Javin Weis

Queen Candidates: Riley Garcia, Alexa Hardin, Kolby Holcomb, and Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor



This year's Winter Homecoming Theme is "No Place Like Home-Coming." Get ready for school-wide activities from Monday, January 29th, to Friday, February 2nd, including themed dress-up days. GO Mustangs!

## Art Students Have Good Showing at Missouri State University Virtual Art Competition



Three Flinthills High School Art Students recently competed in the Missouri State University Virtual Art Competition. Addison Cartmell received Honorable Mention for her drawing "My Dad's Friends Dog" and a Merit Award for her acrylic painting "Chip". Cali Crossfield was recognized for her drawing "Dog". Taylor Sutton received Honorable Mention for both her ceramic piece "Just a Good Ol Cowboy" and her mixed media painting "I'm Still Havin a Good Time". The link to the virtual exhibit will be shared as soon as it is available.

-Michal Austin



#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

We are having a Fundraiser at the Homecoming Game Feb 2nd We will have a raffle for a

Quilt made by Debbie Anderson, an Afghan by Debbie Cordts, cookies and Famous Phyllis Jackson Pie.

Other ways include: An account at Emprise Bank in El Dorado where you can donate under Melinda McBride & Sheri Stephens for Wrenley or COTA.com(Children's Organ Transplant Association) 100% of monies will go to Wrenley and will stay with Wrenley for the rest of her life for any medical needs in the future 💕

This is Wrenley our Little Miracle. She is the daughter of FHS 2010 Grad Jordin Stephens & Nate Guillot Granddaughter to Clay & Sheri Stephens. On May 17, at just 3 mo's old she was admitted to Children's Mercy, where she was found to have a heart condition that would require a heart transplant. She received the amazing blessing of a new heart on August 8 th! She and her family have a long road ahead and would greatly appreciate your support!



# We'd Like to Recognize...



## November HS Student of the Month

### Alex Scribner

Parents – Daniel and Junilda Scribner

Hobbies – Reading, hanging out with friends and family, sports practices

Activities – Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Stuco

Favorite Class - Band

## November MS Student of the Month

### Ty Finley

Parents – Chelsey Finley and TJ Finley

Hobbies – Riding four-wheelers, swimming

Activities – Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball

Favorite Class - PE



## November Employee of the Month



### Tammy Brown

Tammy doesn't settle for the status quo. She brings in new ideas and ways of teaching to better serve her students. Besides teaching 5th Grade, she works at ball games and sponsors Scholar's Bowl. We are fortunate to have her in our district.

# December Intermediate Student of the Month

Emma Leibbrandt

3rd grade

Parents: Joe & Karen Leibbrandt

Hobbies & Activities: Reading and doing arts & crafts

Favorite Class: Math



# January Intermediate Student of the Month



Ralen Willhite

3rd grade

Parents: Lueke & Amber Willhite

Hobbies & Activities: Playing basketball, working skills on her barre, and watching Full House

Favorite Class: Math

# December Employee of the Month



Cheryl Alvarez

Cheryl is very willing to apply herself to any position of need. She helps in the kitchen along with transportation and also janitorial positions.

Cheryl is a very hard worker in the kitchen. She goes above and beyond to help transport a small group of students daily. The positive attitude she has is amazing. She always comes in with a smile and kind words.

Cheryl genuinely cares about every student she comes into contact with. She has empathy and understanding and listens when they speak. She does a great job in the kitchen and has great ideas when we brainstorm new ways of completing a job. She is an asset to this district in so many ways.

# Flinthills High School 1st Semester Honor Rolls

## **Principal's Honor Roll: 4.0 GPA**

Seniors: Lane Alvord, Amanda Brown, Callie Cordts, Riley Garcia, Kolby Holcomb, Danica Leis, Jace Newman, Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor, Sydney Sorum, Taylor Sutton, Javin Weis

Juniors: Addison Cartmell, Cali Crossfield, Jacob Mead, Kyle Parker, Harlee Randall, Emily Scribner, Tylan Willard

Sophomores: Joliene Dragoo, Karynn Gleason, Brylee Heimgartner, Ataya Nesser, Yeva Nikolskaya-Taylor, Keira Poston, Alex Scribner, Maddy Willard

Freshmen: Nilari Cabugo, Talon Scribner

## **Black Honor Roll: 3.99-3.5 GPA**

Seniors: Wyatt Beard, Alexa Hardin, Abbigale Hilyard, Rebecca Holstine, Tate Leslie, Conner Sutter, Cody Williams

Juniors: Tagen Carney, Paige Corter, Cameryn Finley, Karsyn Flores, Rylie Wight, Brooke Wilson

Sophomores: Levi Beard, Katelyn Dutton, Taylor Dutton, Jacob Hunter, Jacob Kane, Mason Randal, Jaxon Swafford, Ian Ybarra

Freshmen: Charli Bohnen, Jacob Hudson, Ember Kinning

## **Red Honor Roll: 3.49-3.0 GPA**

Seniors: Willow Kane, Austin Liggett, Kianna Mantanona, Braiden Neeley, Conner Sigg, Shane Steinhauer

Juniors: Corbin Araiza, Noah Lacey, Kodee Pinkerton, Phoebe Wyman

Sophomores: Taylor Brown, Skylar Dutton, Barrett Hudson, Colton Reust, Parker Sutton

Freshmen: Emma Anderson, Charles Farris, Jordyn Finley, Kolter Flores, Dallas Griffith, Luke Jenkins, Emersyn Myers





# Flinthills 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll

## Flinthills Intermediate School

### **Principal's Honor Roll: 4.0 GPA**

Fifth Grade: Arlen Bertsch, Audrey Grunder, Kendall Jones, Laycie Jones, Agnes Leibbrandt, Halstyn Ludwick, Emmett Marshall, Rylee Poston, Ellie Wilson

Fourth Grade: Toby Brenton, Alexis Cremer, Mayley Decker

Third Grade: Aiden Bertsch, Yigal Cramer, Morgan Dragoo, Ellie Gulick, Truitt Hebert, Hudson Hinde, Emma Leibbrandt, Hazel Ludwick, Jayci Teter, Kade Tong, Reagan Waller, Ralen Willhite, Olivia Wilson

### **Black Honor Roll: 3.99-3.5 GPA**

Fifth Grade: Colton Anderson, Jasper Bohnen, Rogina Gadberry, Pippa Hebert, Harper Hinde, Jocelyn Oates, Kable Sutton, Greyson Swafford, Brayden Valle

Fourth Grade: Elias Anderson, Weston Downard, Terry Gulick, Suttyn Krenzel, Maxton Lemons, Easton Peck, Jaxson Randall, Brady Thomas, Addison West, Brenten Willmott, Mackenzy Young

### **Red Honor Roll: 3.49-3.0 GPA**

Fifth Grade: Gage LaRue

Fourth Grade: Aniya Bowlin, Gunner LaRue, Lincoln Marsh

## Flinthills Middle School

### **Principal's Honor Roll: 4.0 GPA**

Eighth Grade: Coltin Dragoo, Kaleb Grunder, Garrett Jackson, Newell Marsh, Adrienne Rodriguez

Seventh Grade: Ellis Marshall, Rylee Randall, Jacob Scribner, Koleson Swafford

Sixth Grade: Aubree Hays, Hollis Hebert, Bellah Hickman, Emmerine Marsh, Luke Parker

### **Black Honor Roll: 3.99-3.5 GPA**

Eighth Grade: Ty Finley, Ariana Johnson, Braxton Naill, Taylor Wood

Seventh Grade: Trip Bohnen, Dane Edwards, Riley Humbargar, Ellie Kreidler, Teghan O'Rourke, Delanie Scott, Addison Thorne

Sixth Grade: Brentley Decker, Stella Edwards, Reece Jackson, Nolan Riemann, Makinsey Waller

### **Red Honor Roll: 3.49-3.0 GPA**

Eighth Grade: Christopher Bowlin, James Corter, Deken Girty, Aidan Herrman, Joey Kane

Seventh Grade: Andrew Bertsch, Makayla Caravantes, Stephanie Greene, Lane Jenkins, Remington Waller

Sixth Grade: Victoria Dennis, Adrian Forbes, Jacoby Miner, Noah Riemann, Gleb Taylor, Braylin Wienenng-Conn

# Booster Club News



Booster Club and the Junior/Senior Fun Night committee teamed up to run the concession stand at the home basketball game on Tuesday, December 19! We also sold soup and homemade baked items and snacks. Many thanks to all who worked in the concession stand or donated food items! We couldn't do it without you!

The successful evening raised funds to be split between the two organizations. Booster Club income will help support students with scholarships, state event t-shirts, teacher requested assistance, and more. The Junior/Senior Fun Night funds will be used to pay for a location for the fun night activities, as well as food and prizes for all Flinthills juniors and seniors.

The next opportunity to help support Flinthills students through these organizations will be Friday, February 16. We will be running the concession stand during the Senior Night basketball games. Sign up to help by contacting a Booster Club officer (Tresa Garcia, Stephanie Girty, Melissa Scribner and Alana Holcomb) or look for the Sign-Up Genius on the Booster Club Facebook page.

The next Booster Club meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 6:30 in the high school.

-Tresa Garcia

## Many Thanks to the Treble Makers

The Treble Makers, a local men's choir, has joined the Flinthills Choir for the Veterans' Day Service for two years now. This year, they also helped the choir sing the National Anthem at the first high school basketball game. Members are Don Wedel, Terry Preston, Dennis Stricklin, Doug Varner, Dave Matthews, Bob Lehman, Tony Foster, Ed Gard, Neil Buckman, Tom Boren, Joel Daniels, Steve Cope and Curtis Willhite. We so appreciate your singing! Thank you!



Raising Joy  
**Double Good**

# Who knew popcorn could be so good?

Your contribution helps someone reach their dreams and accomplish their goals. 50% of your purchase directly supports the organization. Our made to order, ultra-premium flavors are handcrafted in small batches just for you. Enjoy!



### 3-Bag Set

A combination of the following flavors: Caramel-Diem, White Cheddar Go Getter and Butter Believe It.

**"THE MOST AWESOME SNACK WE'VE EVER TRIED"**

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Featured On:



**Butter Believe It**  
Ready for an episode of salted, creamy crunch?

**Holla-Peño**  
A blaze of spicy perfection with a kick that won't quit.

**Sergeant Salt & Pepper**  
Cracked black pepper and sea salt atop crunchy kernels.

**Caramel-Diem**  
Dripping in brown sugar, caramel and happiness.

**Little Kettle That Could**  
Lightly sweet, a little salty, perfectly crisp.

**In Queso Fire**  
This creamy cheddar, garlic, onion and jalapeño recipe is built for the bold.

**My Main Cheese**  
Drenched in a gooey, velvety blanket of cheesy goodness.

**White Cheddar Go Getter**  
Zesty, creamy white cheddar with clouds of hot-popped corn.

**6-Bag Set**  
A combination of the following flavors: Caramel-Diem, In Queso Fire, White Cheddar Go Getter, Little Kettle That Could, My Main Cheese and Butter Believe It.

<p>Raising Joy <b>Double Good</b></p> <p>Customer's name and phone number</p>										
	Butter Believe It: <b>\$11</b>	Holla-Peño: <b>\$12</b>	Sergeant Salt & Pepper: <b>\$11</b>	Caramel-Diem: <b>\$13</b>	Little Kettle That Could: <b>\$12</b>	In Queso Fire: <b>\$12</b>	My Main Cheese: <b>\$12</b>	White Cheddar Go Getter: <b>\$12</b>	3-Bag Set: <b>\$34</b>	6-Bag Set: <b>\$69</b>

The Junior Class is selling Double Good popcorn to raise money for the Junior/Senior Prom. If you would like to make a purchase, please find a junior or see Mrs. Rosenquist. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Please make checks payable to FHS Junior Class.

We will take orders through Friday, February 2. Popcorn will be delivered by the end of February. This is the same popcorn people raved about a few years ago (It is really great stuff), so order more than you think you will need!



**STOP, COLLABORATE AND LISTEN**

**THE PTO IS SEARCHING FOR A  
BRAND NEW ADDITION**

**FLINTHILLS PTO IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO  
COLLABORATE WITH!**

**OUR NEXT MEETING:  
FEBUARY 12TH AT 6PM AT ROSALIA IN THE INTERMEDIATE  
LIBRARY. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING DONKEY BASKETBALL!!!  
JOIN US FOR THIS WILD RIDE!**

# CALLING ONE AND ALL TO COME AND ENJOY A GAME OF DONKEY BASKETBALL!

## MARCH 16TH, 2024

### COME WATCH SOME WHOLESOME, SIDE-SPLITTING, DONKEY-RIDING, FAMILY FUN TOURNAMENT ACTION!

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**5:30-6:30PM DINNER SERVED  
7PM GAMES BEGIN**



SLOPPY JOE DINNER:  
\$6 A PERSON  
BASKETBALL TICKETS:  
\$7.00 IN ADVANCE  
\$10 AT THE DOOR  
(PRESCHOOL FREE)

ADVANCE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE MID FEBRUARY IN THE PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE OFFICES



**PRESENTED BY  
FLINTHILLS PTO**  
PROCEEDS GO TO PTO, WE ARE WORKING AT GETTING NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT & SHADE AREAS FOR BOTH SCHOOLS

# Classes—Where the Learning Begins

## PROJECTS FROM SHOP CLASSES

Aiden Davis—Hand Sickle



Paige Corter—Oak TV Stand and Cutting Board



The Woodworking Principles class learned how to build a dowel rod.

Konner Griffith-Complete Mini-Bike build. He built the entire Mini-Bike from scratch with the exception of the frame.

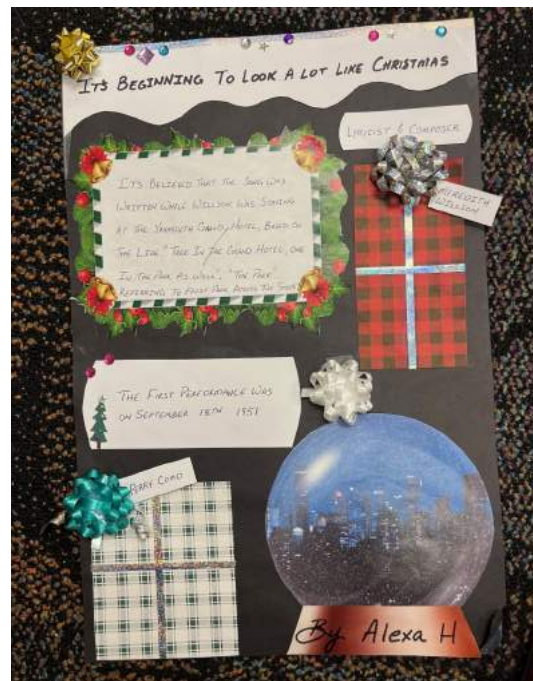
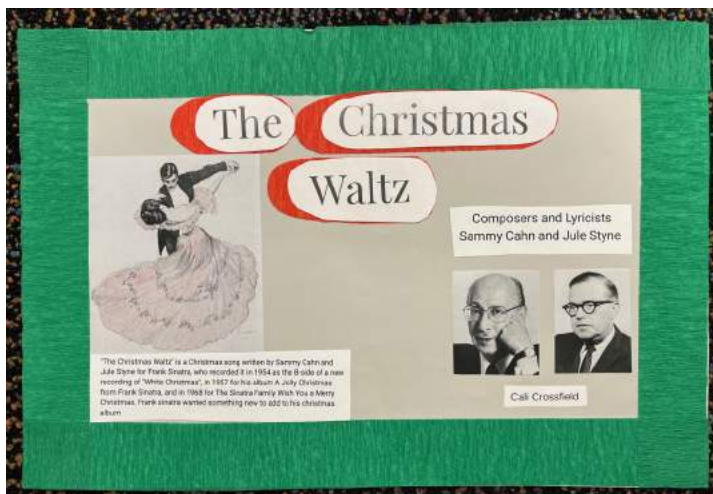
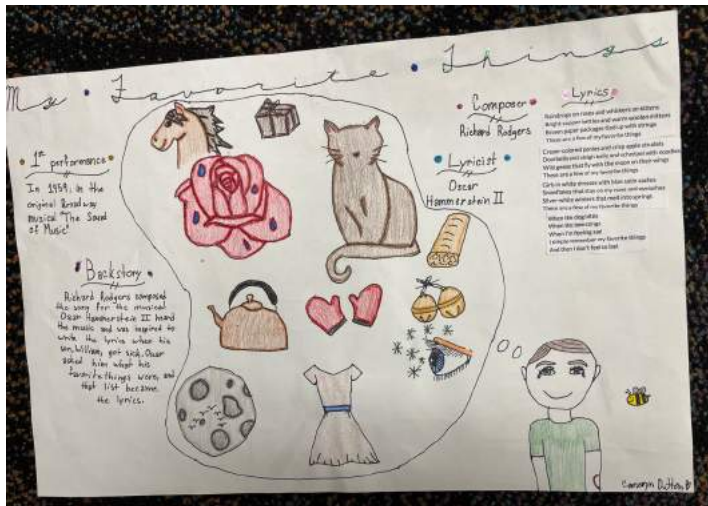


# Christmas Carols and their stories

The MS Choir and HS choir classes spent December singing Christmas carols. But they didn't just sing the songs; each student also made a poster about a Christmas carol. On that poster, they had to tell the title, composer, lyricist, back story about how and why the story was written, the first performance, and a picture.

After their posters are done, they present their information and poster to the rest of the class and

then we displayed them in the cafeteria for the last week of school. Doing this has taught us some interesting facts about Christmas songs like "Do You Hear What I Hear" was actually an anti-war song written during the Cuban missile crisis and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written as an advertising ploy. -Joan Grover



# Classes—Where the Learning Begins

## *Congratulations to all of our Class Level Spelling Bee Winners!*

### Intermediate Class Level Winners

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Champion:

Reagan Waller

Runner Up: Yigal Cramer

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Champion:

Weston Downard

Runner Up: Suttyn Krenzle

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Champion:

Brayden Valle

Runner Up: Audrey Grunder



### Middle School Class Level Spelling Bee Winners!

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Champion: Brentley Decker

Runner Up: Kynlee Nail

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Champion: Aiden Sharp

Runner Up: Teghan O'Rourke

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Champion: Ariana Johnson

Runner Up: Garrett Jackson



All of these students will compete in the School Wide Spelling Bee on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The School Wide Champion and Runner Up will then attend the County Wide Spelling Bee at Butler Community College on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

-Chase Casteel



# VALENTINE'S DAY OREO TRUFFLE'S

**1/2 DOZEN \$6.00**

**1 DOZEN \$11.00**

## ORDERING INFORMATION:

TEXT KARLEA CLARK AT 620-215-5749 OR  
EMAIL AT K.CLARK@USD492.ORG OR  
PICKUP AN ORDER FORM IN THE HS  
OFFICE

PICKUP DELIVERY WILL BE FEBRUARY  
14TH FROM 8:00AM-4:00PM CALL AND  
WE WILL BRING OUT TO YOUR CAR.  
WE WILL DELIVER WITHIN THE SCHOOL  
ON THE 14TH TO STUDENTS AND  
FACULTY.



♡ EACH ORDER COMES IN A CUTE ♡  
VALENTINES DAY CONTAINER

ORDER FORMS DUE BY FEBRUARY 6TH TO MRS.CLARK

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FFA WEEK



# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

## FFA Notes



It truly takes an army. Before we left for Christmas break I rounded up at least 15 boys to help move the farrowing crate over to the animal science facility so it would be ready for Pearl to have her piglets. For those of you who are not sure what a farrowing crate is, it is a crate that we put sows or gilts in 4-5 days before they are about to farrow to keep the babies safe from being laid or stepped on by the mom.

I want to give a big thanks to the boys who jumped right in and helped without any complaints to get this heavy crate moved over.

-Karlea Clark



## The waiting is over; the babies are here!!!

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pearl had 14 piglets, 9 gilts and 5 boars. With some HUGE help from Kolby Holcomb, she and I were able to get them all warmed up and latched on to their mom. On January 4<sup>th</sup> we processed the piglets by docking tails, clipping teeth, ear notching, and giving them an iron shot. This couldn't have been possible without the help of Kolby Holcomb, Karsyn Flores, my dad Chuck Harris and my husband Dalton Clark. All 14 piglets are healthy and surviving through this cold weather. We will be selling these piglets as 4-H hogs so if you are interested in purchasing one you may email me at [k.clark@usd492.org](mailto:k.clark@usd492.org).

-Karlea Clark





# Winter Sports Order Form

**Winter sports pictures are now available. Checks may be made out to Flinthills USD 492.**

**Pictures are \$7. You will receive digital copies to your email.**

**Please contact Mrs.Austin with questions.**

**Athlete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MS Girls Basketball**

**MS Boys Basketball**

**HS Girls Basketball**

**HS Boys Basketball**

**Circle one  
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**



# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



## Cassoday Boosters 4-H



December was a busy month for the Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club. We celebrated a Merry Christmas with several activities. The members enrolled in the foods project baked cookies so that the club could hand them out when we sang Christmas carols to the people of Cassoday. Each citizen was sang a few songs then they enjoyed a plate of cookies.



The club also visited Botanica to enjoy the Christmas lights on display.



We also bought food and gifts for the Flinthills district angel tree families and purchased toys for the Extension Office Toy Drive. The Cassoday Boosters next club meeting will be Monday, January 15th at the Flinthills Primary School at 7pm.

Submitted by: Jake Scribner, Reporter

# Flinthills 4-H Club



The Flinthills 4-H Club had several Christmas activities this December. 4-Hers rang the bell for the Salvation Army and purchased angel tree gifts to help others in the community. The club also had their Christmas party at Pizza Hut.



# ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

## FLINTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE PRODUCTION ROCKS THE HOUSE!

The FMS Theatre Students provided a night of fun entertainment with their production of “This is A Test” Saturday, December 9th. Twenty-one teens from the middle school theatre class portrayed a moment in the 1980s when one of their classmates panicked over taking an exam. The audience discovers, however, that much of the action taking place was in his sub-conscious mind and wandering thoughts. He was unable to clear his head of a repetitious Drama Exercise as the chanting and passing of objects interrupted his focus. Then, the same classmates who shared answers on poster boards, flags and flash-light morse codes broke into a rambunctious dance to “Staying Alive,” which is what the poor young man who was taking the test was certainly trying to do! But, wait....was he actually dreaming while in a deep sleep?





## *FHS Drama Students Experience Christmas Joy*

Just before Christmas, several FHS Drama Students experienced the real spirit of Christmas. They delivered baskets of goodies and favorites to community members. With Santa hats and smiles, they gave Good Tidings of Comfort and Joy...all the while, recognizing how it feels to have a heart full and bursting!



## ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

### ***FHS THEATRE STUDENTS SUCCEED AT KANSAS THEATRE CONFERENCE***

Frozen, Frankenstein, The Miracle Worker, Noises Of, and Deadline were the shows eight FHS Theatre Students saw at the Kansas Theatre Conference January 4th - 6th. Hip Hop Dance, Sing and Move with Purpose, Fierce Broadway Choreography, Auditioning Reimagined, Do You Hear what I Hear? Acting is Improvised, Special Effect Props, Projections 101, and Creating Safer Spaces and Tapping into the Hidden Impulses in Your Writing were just a few of the available workshops students could choose to take.

Meanwhile, there were competitions to attend. In the Late Night Events, our Charades Team consisting of Callie Cordts, Sydney Sorum, Conner Sigg, Brylee Heimgartner and Cali Crossfield won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place out of 45 Teams missing the 1st and 2nd Placings by just points to Shawnee Mission South and Newton. Sydney Sorum competed in Solo Acting Thespy Competition and received a "Superior" Rating, which is the highest score possible qualifying for Internationals in June at the University of Indiana. Callie Cordts, Brylee Heimgartner, and Taylor Brown also competed in Solo Acting receiving scores of "Excellent." Students gained new skills, explored creative ideas, and learned ways to implement various techniques.

-Julie McCreight





# ***FHS Band Students Attend KSU Concert Band Clinic***

Six students – Jolienne Dragoo, Cami Dutton, Karyynn Gleason, Brylee Heimgartner, Keira Poston, and Yeva Taylor—went to the Kansas State University Concert Band Clinic on January 19. They auditioned for placement in the six bands, attended a concert and had their first rehearsal on Friday. On Saturday, they had more rehearsals, a master class with the college professor of their instrument, a sectional, another concert, and more rehearsals. Sunday was filled with dress rehearsals and final concerts on the McCain Auditorium stage. Their directors were from Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, and Connecticut.



# Sports News

## MUSTANG TEAM VERY COMPETITIVE

The boys' basketball team at Flinthills High School has had a highly competitive season this year, witnessing growth in both skills and knowledge. Despite being a young team with only three upperclassmen among the fourteen players, we've consistently improved each week. Now, we're implementing new plays and honing our ability to compete at a high level. Our ongoing focus is on building a strong and disciplined team both in the classroom and on the court.

The team roster includes seniors Tate Leslie and Shane Steinhauer, junior Noah Lacey, sophomores Mason Randall, Jake Hunter, Levi Beard, Taylor Carroll, Hunter Davis, Isaiah Fulkerson, Colton Reust, Aidan Davis, and Ian Ybarra (manager), as well as freshmen Talon Scribner, Tripp Carney, and Charles Farris.

Coaches Michael Hunter and Trevor Kemp are thrilled with the progress and express gratitude to families and the community for their support. Great job, Mustangs!





Pictures by Melissa Scribner

## Class Can Go Hand in Hand With Competition

After each sporting event, the officials can go to a KSHSAA website and enter details about “unusual situations” that occurred during the event. Usually, it’s a very negative report about unruly fans, coaches or players. However, on December 7, 2023, the official report read as follows:

### Fairfield Tournament Chase Wildcats v. Flinthills Mustangs

Very near to the end of the game, with a running clock, the Chase head coach wished to call timeout to set up a play for a player on his team who has suffered with neuroblastoma since grade school but did not have timeouts remaining and did not have possession of the ball. With around 25 seconds remaining, the Flinthills coach called timeout and instructed his team to intentionally commit a violation on the throw-in so Chase could gain possession and set up an opportunity for #10 to score. A couple of shot attempts by #10 failed, but with about 2 seconds remaining his shot from about 12 feet was successful and the entire gym, fans for both teams, both benches, and I must admit myself, rose in celebration. This kind of consideration, compassion, and kindness, in the middle of competition, is a great encouragement and inspiration to me and is part of the reason I enjoy opportunities to officiate for schools, players, coaches, and communities like these. With Appreciation, *Official’s Name*.

# Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

## Letter from Mrs. Angela Cooper, the primary/intermediate principal....

I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas break and is looking forward to a new semester. Our character ed trait for the month is Responsibility.

### Primary School

Mrs. Anderson's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class wrote a book called, *When I Grow Up*. They each described the career they want to do in the future. The book is awesome!



### Flinthills Intermediate School

Students went caroling to nursing homes in El Dorado on December 6. The residents enjoyed the students.

5<sup>th</sup> grade had their DARE Graduation on December 15. Congratulations to Kendall Jones who was the essay winner. Thank you to Deputy Rachel Ehler for teaching the program, "Making Good Life Choices" and to the Butler County Sheriff's Department for their support!



### Both Schools

The music programs were a success. Thank you to all staff who helped Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Grover. Thank you to the community for your support! We are blessed with our music teachers!





# Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hard to believe another semester has started.

The first thing for nursing this month is the dental screening. You will be hearing more about this in the near future. Each parent will be given the opportunity to have their student screened or you can opt out of this service that is free to all students. I am also scheduling for some Emporia students to come and talk to the primary and intermediate students about dental health.

You will also be receiving a letter in regards to the Health and Development video that will be shown the 6th of February to the 4th and 5th grade girls and the 5th and 6th grade boys. The girls and boys will each watch a separate video. If you would like to review the video you can watch it on You Tube called "Always changing and growing up-Girls Puberty Education" and the boys video is called "Always changing and growing up-Boys Puberty Education".

Stay Well and Live Healthy,  
Nurse Rhonda

## First Grade Authors



The first grade students are authors. They wrote a book about what they want to be when they grow up and got it published. They were very excited to share their books with their parents and different classes.

-Debbie Anderson

# 2nd Graders Get Puppy Snuggles

Second grade would like to thank the families who helped make our Christmas party a success--from sweet treats to puppy snuggles! -Taylor Briscoe





Come enter the raffle for a BEAUTIFUL handmade quilt by Debbie Anderson. All proceeds go to support of baby Wrenley-Daughter of Jordin Stephens(class of 2010) and Nate Guillot. She had a heart transplant at 6 months old and is now 11 months and still on her recovery journey!

DONATIONS ALSO WELCOME

DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN



Team Wrenley



# Coutts Museum Exhibits

The 30th Annual Coutts Art Show is quickly approaching. Flinthills has participated every year since it began! The show will run from February 10-March 23.

This year the museum is offering a great opportunity! If you have ever contributed your artwork to the Coutts Museum of Art for previous student art exhibitions, the museum invites you to be a part of this special anniversary showcase. Your former art teacher would love to see your work featured once again!

To participate in this year's exhibition, simply reach out to Sheila at [yrj@couttsmuseum.org](mailto:yrj@couttsmuseum.org) to coordinate the return of your student art. Please include your name, contact information, and details about the artwork you would like to submit. Act quickly, as space is limited, and they want to ensure that every artist has the opportunity to be a part of this memorable event. You can deliver your artwork to the school and Mrs. Austin will deliver it for you if that helps!



Agnes Leibbrandt



Laycie Jones



Jayci Teter



Olivia Wilson



Reagan Waller



Emma Leibbrandt



Halstyn Ludwick



Emmett Marshall



Kendall Jones

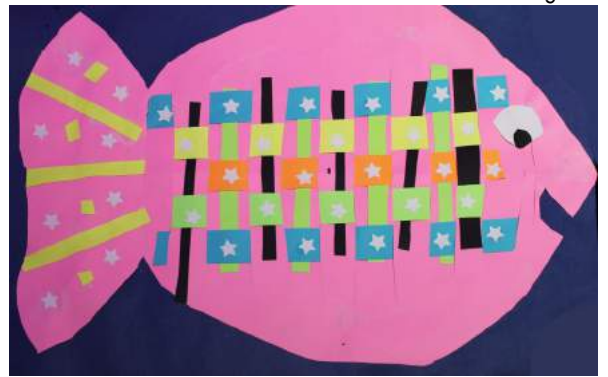




Addison West



Suttyn Krenzel



Pippa Hebert



Jasper Bohnen



Harper Hinde



Morgan Drago



Brenten Willmott



Ralen Willhite



Mayley Decker



Ellie Gulick



Mackenzzy Young

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Scholar's Bowl Music Students to "Footloose"	2 Butler County Spelling Bee @ BCC 1:00 HS BB vs. Caldwell 4:45 Homecoming Between V Games	3 MS BB Tournament @ Howard Forensics @ South Barber FFA KSU Ag Ed @ Manhattan Homecoming Dance 8:00—10:30
4	5 MS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan 4:30	6 HS BB vs. Central 4:45	7 Staff Dev 7:40-9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 SCBL Meeting FFA Poultry/Food @ Hillsboro  Author Jefferson Knapp—2:00	8 MS BB Tournament @ Howard	9 NO SCHOOL Staff Dev/Work Day HS BB @ Argonia 4:00	10 Forensics @ Burden 8:00  MS BB Tournament @ Howard
11	12 BOE Rosalia 7:00 MS Scholars Bowl @ Caldwell 4:30	13 HS BB vs. West Elk 4:45	14 Valentine Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45 P/T Conferences 4:00-8:00	15 P/T Conferences 4:00-8:00 MS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45	16 NO SCHOOL HS BB vs. Oxford 4:45 Senior Night— Between V Games BB/Cheer/Band/WR	17 National FFA Week
18 National FFA Week	19 President's Day NO SCHOOL Regionals—HS BB	20 MS Scholars Bowl @ Flinthills 4:30	21	22	23	24 Forensics @ Caldwell
25	26 Sub-State—BB  1st Day of Practice  MS Scholars Bowl SCBL @ Udall 4:00  FFA Spring Area @ Wellington  MS WR @ Whitewater 4:00	27 ACT—11th Grade	28	29 MS WR @ Douglass 4:00		

[www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov)



## Resources for Families



### Community Mental Health Centers

With more than 4,500 team members in 26 licensed centers, **Community Mental Health Centers** provide services to all who need it, regardless of economic level, age or type of illness.

Find a center near you at [acmhck.org/resources/cmhc-map/](http://acmhck.org/resources/cmhc-map/)



### 1-800-CHILDREN

Powered by the Kansas Children's Service League, **1-800-CHILDREN** is a non-judgmental, free, and confidential service that's available 24/7 to help connect families to resources and supports in their communities.

Call **1-800-CHILDREN (322-6378)** or visit online at [1800childrenks.org](http://1800childrenks.org).



### 211 Information and Referral

Sponsored by the United Way, 211 allows access to free and confidential support to help Kansans connect with a wide range of resources and services.

Connect by dialing 211 or texting your zip code to 898-211.

A resource directory is also available for several NE Kansas counties. If you live in Doniphan, Franklin, Johnson, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte, visit [uwgkc.myresourcedirectory.com](http://uwgkc.myresourcedirectory.com)



### 988 Suicide and Crisis Line

A direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support. **988** provides 24/7 free and confidential support by trained crisis counselors for people experiencing crisis and people who want to provide support for others in crisis.

Call or text **988**, or visit [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org).



# **Flinthills Flyer**

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## **February Facts**

1. February is the year's shortest month.
2. Groundhog Day is on February 2nd.
3. The Superbowl is on February 11.
4. Valentines Day is on February 14.

