

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

December, 2016

FHS THEATRE DRIFTS INTO WINTER WITH **JUST ANOTHER SNOW DAY**



The Cast and Crew of *Just Another Snow Day* had a jolly good time performing the moments spent on a typical snow day away from school. Characters spent time stranded in cars, tramping through blizzards, throwing snowballs, conversing in waiting rooms, stuck to a light pole, and suffering in layers and layers of clothing. It is a startling thought as to what it really is we spend our time doing. Brian Starchman's play reminded us to spend our time wisely and make good choices. If we don't, opportunities might pass us right by.



Pictured:

Top (l-r): Brandon Henson, Peyton Girty, Taylor Bisbee, Javen McCreight.

Bottom (l-r): Alyssa Howard, Cari Brown, Dakota Alvord.

See more *Just Another Snow Day* photos on page 2



JUST ANOTHER SNOW DAY



Bailey Smith, Holton Nelson, and Destiny Lawrence



Kolton Melugin and Destiny Lawrence



Holton Nelson and Dakota Alvord



Elizabeth Dennis



The cast and crew of *Just Another Snow Day*.

Wendy's Heisman Scholarship Award Winners

Payton Gawith and Holton Nelson were Flinthills High School Wendy's Heisman Scholarship winners. To be a school winner, students are recognized for being well-rounded seniors who learn, perform, and lead on a daily basis. They set a positive example in not only our school, but also our community. They excel academically, athletically, and in the community. They are high-achieving and give back to their teammates, classmates, and community. Along with high academic achievements, they are proven leaders and role models both in and out of the classroom. Payton Gawith is also a state finalist as they go through the phases of the screening process.



Payton and Holton had their picture taken with former Wendy's Heisman Trophy Winner and professional football player, Billy Sims.



Payton also received a signed football from Billy Sims as well. We are incredibly proud of these students and their accomplishments and character!

Congratulations Payton and Holton!

Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club Celebrates Christmas

On December 4 the Cassoday Booster 4-H club met in Cassoday for a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. Jeffrey Garcia and Peyten Girty led the community in singing Christmas carols. The afternoon also included special performances by Emily Scribner, Laura Scribner, Evan Taylor, Katie Taylor, Emily Long, Deb Reinert, Kaily Gilman, Jeffrey Garcia and Trena Garcia. Following the program, the 4-H club sponsored a soup supper.

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H club also celebrated Christmas by adopting Christmas families. On December 10 members of the club met to purchase and wrap gifts.

-Article submitted by Trena Garcia, Reporter



Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long



Wrapping Christmas Gifts

Flint Hills 4-H Club

The Flint Hills 4-H Club just recently elected new club officers. They are as followed:

President- Corbin Gauthier

Vice President- Morgan Johnson

Secretary- Sarah Sorum

Treasurer- Colton Gauthier

Recreation Leaders- Jonathan McCreight and Kyle Parker

Parliamentarians- Cali Crossfeild and Kolby Holcomb

The Flint Hills 4-H Club participated in angel tree gifts at Walmart, and spent 50 dollars for each, a boy and a girl.

We also crafted Christmas cards for American soldiers overseas.

Have a Merry Christmas!

-Flint Hills Reporter, Savannah McCreight

Students of the Month

NOVEMBER



Wyatt Studebaker

12th Grade

Parents – Joe & Deb Studebaker

Hobbies – Fishing and hanging out at the track

Activities – Basketball

Favorite Class – Mr. Casteel’s 7th hour Teachers Aid (running wires)



Jessie Mooney

7th Grade

Parents – Julie Mooney and Jason Mooney

Hobbies – Hanging out with my friends and reading

Activities – Softball, basketball , volleyball, track and math relays

Favorite Class – Math



Aubrey Chambers

3rd Grade

Parents – Brandon and Lee Chambers

Hobbies & Activities – Sewing and reading

Favorite Class - Math and Art

YOU ARE HERE: FLINTHILLS MAP & EDUCATION PROGRAM DEDICATION CEREMONY



Left to Right: Emily Connell, Annie Wilson, Gordon Stands,
Curtis Willhite, J.R. McCaffree and Jed Morse

Phillips 66 and a number of other sponsors are providing all schools in Butler County a very detailed map of the Flint Hills Ecoregion in which they live. The maps have an educational piece that is appropriate to the grade levels that attend each school, and they are connected through a website that has many interactive place-based educational opportunities. The goal of the project is to get these maps in every school that exist in the Flint Hills. The Tallgrass Prairie was once our vast continent's largest ecosystem, but 96% of it has been plowed and developed due to its fertile soils. The Flint Hills contains the largest expanse of tallgrass prairie left in the world, and the sponsors of the project thought that the children of the Flint Hills should know where they come from and their importance in the world. The original dedication ceremony was held at the Flinthills Primary School which is in the heart of the Flint Hills. Attendees included: those who were very important in the development of the educational maps like Emily Connell and Annie Wilson; sponsors of the project from Phillips 66 including Gordon Stands, Curtis Willhite, Jed Morse (also a Flinthills board member), and J.R. McCaffree; as well as administration and educators at Flinthills Primary School.

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Straight From the Desk of Mr. Gawith

Intermediate parents, we have a situation that only you can help us solve. We have students coming into the school before 7:30 a.m. While I love that the students want to come to school and that they are at school on time, I do not have anyone in the building to supervise them until 7:35. While we have not had any problems arise during that time I want to make sure that nothing does. If you bring your Intermediate student to school in the morning please arrive after 7:35 or keep them with you until 7:35. If your student walks to school please make sure that they do not leave the house until late enough in the morning that they do not arrive before 7:35 a.m. The front door of the Intermediate school will be locked until 7:35. I do not want someone to be locked outside in the cold. I appreciate your help with this situation.

Mr. Gawith, K-8 Principal



Diabetes Awareness



The Primary School dedicated Tuesday, November 29th to Diabetes Awareness. The students were asked to wear blue to show support for those who deal with this diagnosis daily. Melissa Scribner was able to come and talk to each class individually about the effects of diabetes and what it is like to deal with it on a daily basis. She was also able to answer their questions and the kids had quite a few for her as they were very interested in the discussion. We have two students at the Primary who deal with diabetes and we wanted to show our support for these very brave children and their families! Thank you to Melissa Scribner for taking the time to enlighten everyone and to Ms. Breech for planning the event!



Letters To Santa

From Miss. Boyd's 1st Grade Class



Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the hunting toy! Thank you for a ironman and spiderman. Can you give me a police car? Can you please give me a big big big train track?
 Love, James

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for my PBR set. I would like a dirt bike, truck, lego firehouse, drone, calf, iPod and a go cart. Is there any polar bears at the North Pole?
 Love, Garrett



Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the stuff. I would like a shopkins please. I would like lip balm please. Can you bring me a watch please?
 Love,
 Taylor

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the train if you got me it. I would like spy gear and a robot spy dog and I would like a spy dirt bike.
 Love,
 Ty

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for giving me a toy bird. I got a pup. I want a wubble bubble please.
 Love, Maddison

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the bike last year. Can you please bring me a robo cat? How does your sleigh fly?
 Love, Adrienne

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for a telescope. Will you get me The Whispering Death and Screaming Death? Will you get me a police car?
 Love, Joey

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for my skate board. I would like some spy gear and a robot pet please. Can you please give me a drone?
 Love, Newell

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for visiting me. Can you please bring me a tablet? Can you please bring me a some shopkins? How much do you weigh?
 Love,
 Danilyn

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the bow and arrow. Can you please bring me a dog first-aid kit? I want to see an elf. I love you Santa.
 Love, Kaleb

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the baseball and the bat. Can you bring a watch and a dog? Can you bring a wubble bubble and a big present?
 Love, Keenan

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for visiting. Please give me a DS. I love you Santa.
 Love,
 Koa

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for my dolly last year. Can you bring me a remote control car for Christmas? You are the best Santa!
 Love, Adrianna

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the candy last year. Can you please bring me a remote control toy truck? How many people are in the world?
 Love,
 Gabe



Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the basketball and the kitchen set last year. Can you please bring me a Barbie house? Santa, I like you and you are always nice.
 Love, Alli

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the new bike. I would like a shark tooth necklace please. I want a puppy too please.
 Love,
 Deken

Howard Signs Letter of Intent with Tabor College's Women's Basketball Team

Flinthills High School Senior Alyssa Howard recently signed a letter of intent with Tabor College Women's Basketball team. Alyssa will join the team next fall.

Alyssa is currently a member of the Flinthills High School girls' basketball team. She has led the team as a captain, and as a junior Howard was named 2nd Team Class 1A Division 1 in the *Wichita Eagle* and 3rd Team Class 1A All-State in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. Howard was also named 1st Team Class 1A All-State on the *Kansas-sports.com* All-State Team. Howard's career average through her first two games of her senior year is 16.8 points per game, 2.3 assists per game, 4.5 rebounds per game, and 3.25 steals per game.

Tabor College finished the 2015-16 season with a 28-8 overall record and went 19-1 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC). Tabor won the KCAC regular season and tournament championship and made it to the NAIA Division II Elite Eight at the NAIA National Tournament. The Bluejays were also the 2014-15 KCAC Regular Season Champions and made it to the NAIA Division II Elite Eight as well.

Alyssa intends to major in Biology at Tabor College and after graduating pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy through Wichita State University.



Pictured: (Front row) Danielle Howard, sister; Cristy Howard, mother; Alyssa Howard; and Bret Howard, dad. (Standing) Flinthills HS basketball coach Monty Melugin and Tabor College women's coach Shawn Reed.



"Oh, Christmas Tree

Oh, Christmas Tree

How Lovely Are Thy Pages...."

Mrs. Simon's Sixth grade class took a different approach this year and stacked numerous books to form their classroom Christmas tree.



Lady Mustangs Striving for Another Successful Year

The Lady Mustangs are coming off one of the most successful seasons in school history. We finished with a record of 17-5 and came in Second in the South Central Border League. The girls are again setting their goals for this upcoming season which include winning the League Championship.

The last 3 years we have lost the first game of the season. This year we finally came out strong against Lebo and picked up our first win of the year. Both JV and Varsity had a good night. JV not only won but also scored 53 points, which was more points than any JV team has scored the past 3 years. Every single player scored with Cari Brown (11pts) and Nyah Brown(10pts) leading the way. The Varsity team won 62-50 while running a new man offense that they learned this season. Alyssa Howard led the team with 31pts while Gina Brown(8pts), Ashley Melugin(7pts), Hanna Wright(7pts), Payton Gawith(6pts), and Harley Ratcliff(3pts) shared the remaining points.

Next up was the Fairfield Classic, hosted by Fairfield High School in Langdon, KS.

We started off with another win against Stafford 78-49. Alyssa broke the school record with 34pts while Gina (14pts), Taylor Bisbee(13pts), and Ashley(12pts) all reached double digits.

We then fell short against a very good Otis-Bison team 47-51. Alyssa had 16pts with Makenzie Jackson(8pts) and Payton(7pts) helped lead the way.

We were then matched up against South Haven in the 3rd Place game. We were able to secure 3rd place with a 49-21 win against our league opponent. Alyssa had 16pts and Ashley had 10pts to lead the team.


The varsity record now sits at 3-1 and JV is 1-0.

This season is setup to be an exciting one. We hope that everyone will come out and support the girls this year. Hope to see you all in the stands this season.

Coach Monty

The roster for this year is as follows:

ROSTER FOR FLINT-HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	GRADE	Height
ALYSSA HOWARD	SR	5'7"
PAYTON GAWITH	SR	5'11"
GINA BROWN	SR	5'9"
SARAH TAYLOR	SR	5'6"
ASHLEY MELUGIN	JR	5'6"
MAKENZIE JACKSON	JR	5'6"
HANNA WRIGHT	JR	5'6"
HARLEY RATCLIFF	SO	5'1"
CARI BROWN	SO	5'9"
TAYLOR BISBEE	SO	5'9"
NYAH BROWN	FR	5'3"
SARAH HINNEN	FR	5'3"
SARAH SORUM	FR	5'7"
JANEA TOTTY	FR	5'5"
LYNDEE MARTIN	FR	5'7"



Rachel Harder

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Middle School Boys Basketball

There are 14 boys out for middle school basketball. Thirteen are active with hopefully the fourteenth coming back after Christmas. We have six 8th graders, four 7th graders and four 6th graders.

We started the season by defeating Altoona Midway 45-23. Christopher Grimwood and Tucker Travnichek led the way with 4 steals and 6 assists each. The next four games were close but we lost each one. Without Tucker we lost 21-30 to Udall, then we played an undefeated Sedan team to two points 20-22, Central 31-38 and West Elk 25-40. Against Sedan, Christopher Grimwood had 8 rebounds and Dylan Taylor had 9. Cael Sorum led the way against Central with 12 rebounds.

The idea is to keep getting better so hopefully we will eventually win some of the closer games. If the boys will listen and work hard I believe we can still have some more wins.

Coach Harms

Number	Name	Grade
00	Hunter Lowmaster	6
1	Austin Downard	7
2	Lucas Austin	8
3	Christopher Grimwood	8
4	Louden James	6
10	Philip Harris	6
11	Nate Becker	6
12	Ethan Wilson	7
20	Dylan Taylor	8
22	Taylor Brown	7
23	Cody Noel	8
24	Tucker Travnichek	8
25	Cael Sorum	7
33	Kody Schafer	8



High School Wrestling

Ethan James, Sophomore
Hadley Girty, Freshman
Lucas James, Freshman

Flinthills HS 2017 Wrestling Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIME
1/7/17	Burlington	Burlington Tournament	9:00 AM
1/12/17	Howard	West Elk / Independence	5:30 PM
1/13/17	Richmond	Central Heights Dual Tourn.	5:00 PM
1/21/17	Eureka	Eureka Tournament	9:00 AM
2/3-4/17	Towanda	Circle Tournament	2:00 PM
2/10/17	Cherryvale	TVL Tournament	3:30 PM
2/11/17	Burlington	JV Tournament	9:00 AM
2/17-18/17	TBD	Regional Wrestling Tourn.	TBD
2/24-25/17	Hays	3-2-1A State Tournament	TBD

Middle School Girls Basketball

The Flinthills JH girls have jumped out to a 5-0 start with 2 games to go before break. We have about 8 girls of the 24 out that play most of the varsity minutes. We got a quality win the other night winning at West Elk 26-23 as our girls went 8 out 9 at the free throw line for a great win. Our B team has only one loss and C team is also undefeated. Great group of kids and our underneath level coaches should be proud of what they have accomplished with these kids the last few years. We hope to continue to grow as a team and skill development as we make another run at the SCBL tournament in February.

Coach Sorum

Number	Name	Grade
1	Riggin Carney	7
2	Alexis Hatvick	7
3	Alexis Schill	6
4	Larrissa Lakin	6
5	Karly Girty	6
10	Emily Wilson	8
11	Lauren Donner	7
12	Alexis Farris	6
13	Reagan Heimgartner	8
14	Lynsee Olbrey	7
15	Taren Lakin	6
22	Laura Scribner	6
23	Savannah McCreight	7
24	Danielle Howard	7
25	Kaily Gilman	6
30	Chloe Wieckhorst	8
31	Kaitlynn Klein	6
32	Madilynn Thomas	6
34	Matison Totty	8
35	Rachel Taylor	7
40	Kylee Weis	8
41	Morgan Holcomb	8
42	Madison Alvord	6
45	Jessie Mooney	7



Friday, January 13, 2017
Flinthills vs. Udall

High School Boys Basketball

Coach Casteel

Number	Name	Grade
0	Holton Nelson	12
1	Chaz Ratcliff	11
1	Issac Bugner	9
2	Lakota Parker	11
2	Levi Brown	9
3	Tyler Melugin	12
3	Samuel Colangelo	10
4	Bradon Totty	11
4	Christian Roller	9
5	Javen McCreight	11
5	Braden Wight	9
10	Kedryn Morse	9
11	Dylan Steinhauer	10
23	Payton Klein	9
25	Gage Peterson	12
25	Jesse Town	9
32	Stevie Becker	12
33	Cody McNeil	9
34	Heath Town	11
34	Terry Jones	9
44	Wyatt Studebaker	12
51	Bryant Harris	10
53	Caden Sangals	10
54	Drew Taylor	9



Three Mustangs Named to All Tournament Team

Three members of the Flinthills Mustangs HS Basketball teams were named to the Fairfield Classic All-Tournament Team.

Stevie Becker, Alyssa Howard, and Gina Brown were selected to the All-Tournament Team for their performance during the three tournament games. The girls placed 3rd in the Tournament defeating Stafford and South Haven. The boys placed 4th in the tournament defeating Stafford.

Congratulations to Stevie, Alyssa, and Gina.

Mustangs Receive Fall Post Season Honors

Three members of the HS Volleyball Team and two members of the HS Football team received post-season honors in their respective sports as well as Coach Harms.

Payton Gawith and Alyssa Howard were selected 2A Second Team All-State by the Kansas Volleyball Association. There were 7 members named First team, seven members named 2nd Team and seven members named Honorable Mention.

Payton Gawith was also selected the First Team Grassland All-Star Team for volleyball. Alyssa Howard was selected to the 2nd Team Grassland All-Star Team and Olivia Leslie was selected as Honorable Mention Grassland All-Star Team. Kent Harms, HS Volleyball Coach, was selected as Coach of the Year for the Grassland All-Star Team.

Peyten Girty was selected as Honorable Mention Grassland for Offense and Trey McNemee was selected as Honorable Mention Grassland for Defense.

Congratulations to Coach Harms and the Mustang athletes for their post-season honors.



Congratulations to Peyten Girty for being selected 1st Team Linebacker and 1st Team Tight End, Class 8 Man Division 1 District 2.



Pictured: Peyten with his parents, Dan and Stephanie Girty

Counseling Corner:

Wow!!! This semester has gone by incredibly fast... time does fly when you're having fun! There's no place I'd rather be than around our students, staff, and families at Flinthills! I have enjoyed being in classrooms for guidance lessons as well as visiting with students throughout the day. We have started a mentor group in which we have been focusing significantly on building life skills such as learning the proper way to greet and handshake as well as doing some long-range academic and career planning. The mentor groups have provided a great opportunity for students to mentor each other as well. After we come back from break, we will be implementing and utilizing *Career Cruising* in grades 6-12 as a program to help students make decisions about their futures in order to guide them down the proper paths. Seniors have been busy applying for scholarships and will be graduating in the blink of an eye.

With all of the hustling and bustling going on around the holidays, I invite you to relish in each moment of each day. The past can't be recreated and the future hasn't happened yet... the time right now is called the present, and enjoying those moments are true gifts to the soul. I am looking forward to quality time with my family over the holidays to be present with them without any distractions pulling my focus elsewhere. I wish everyone a very blessed break and I'm looking ahead to setting some new goals and resolutions in 2017!

Season's Greetings,
Mrs. Boldra :)



Employee of the Month



Peggy Peterson, with Board of Education President, Pat Hannon.

Peggy Peterson currently serves as a paraprofessional educator for USD #492, and has served the district in this capacity for 11 years. She was characterized as a person who always goes above and beyond her duties. She takes initiative when there is down time to do other things. She does whatever is asked of her and never complains.

Congratulations to Mrs. Peterson! She will receive a certificate and a Flinthills jacket.

The third graders share with us what they would do if they were elves.

If I were an elf...

I would wear a dark red dress with a pair of green high heels. I would give my students a treat. Also help Santa when he needs help.

- Miah

I would be Santa's number 1 elf. I would ride in Santa's sleigh. I would keep Santa company. I wish I could be an elf on the shelf. I would play elf games.

- Taylor

I can make and help Santa deliver all the presents to everybody's house in the United States and the other states, and help Santa keep all of the boys and girls being naughty or nice.

- Barrett

I would love to help watch boys and girls. I would help Santa deliver toys and build toys. I would leave notes to boys and girls. I would love to leave a good note.

- Maddy

If I were an elf I would go to classrooms as an elf on the shelf and I could see how kids were naughty or nice to other people.

- Karynn

I would steal my mom's cookies. I would fly around the world. I would hide from my owner. I would write notes.

- Jonah

I would help deliver presents only to the good kids and help Santa watch over people.

- Keira

I'd give kids candy canes and joy. First, I'd put candy canes on their beds, Christmas tree, refrigerator, and couch. I'd also fly in Santa's sleigh, spreading joy as I went. I'd also feed and take care of his reindeer, too. We'd be a very merry team.

- Ataya

I would always keep a eye on the naughty kids and report to Santa. If I were an elf I would help deliver presents to good girls and good boys and promise to always be honest and respectful.

- Alex

I would live in the North Pole. My name will be Jacob. I would always make sure the boys and girls were on the nice list. I would travel all over the world delivering presents to the kids that were on the nice list.

- Jacob

I would help Santa deliver presents, also watch naughty and nice kids and send good or naughty reports. Don't touch me.

- Aubrey

I would help Santa deliver presents all over the world and help hold all the toys and hope all the kids have a Merry Christmas.

- Brock





I would write notes to Santa and watch the class.
I would drink hot chocolate and play in the snow. And
I would eat a sour candy cane, and I would give some
candy canes to my elf friends.

- Zack

I would report good and bad. I would watch kids to tell
Santa if they were good or bad. I would move to a differ-
ent spot in the house. I would want to be an elf on the
shelf.

- Mason

I would fly around all day! I would also hide in a funny
place so when people see me they will have a good
laugh! And every Christmas I might have to have a little
bite of Santa's cookie!

- Jaxon

I would want to fly around and ride on Santa's sleigh all
the way back to the North Pole, but the one thing I would
not like is how cold it would be. I would like wrapping
presents and making toys. I would like to be an elf too
because I could hide in different places everyday.

- Gavin

I would help Santa pass out presents to the kids and
I will unlock the houses for Santa.

- Katelyn

I would want to be the head elf because I bet it would
be fun to be the head elf and the other part. I would
help Santa a lot.

- Hunter

I would make lots of colorful toys and would help take
toys to the children. Me and Mrs. Claus would make
cookies for Santa Claus.

- Levi

I would help Santa for the rest of my life, that is forever.
And I will make sure all the kids in the world are being
good.

- Shawn

I would watch the naughty and the nice. I would report
to Santa. Santa and I will eat cookies and drink milk. I
will leave a note or two for the children and I would say
goodbye but I will be back next year.

- Brylee



Tri-M Music Honor Society Reaches Out to the Community

On Wednesday, December 7, members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society traveled to El Dorado as part of a community outreach project. 20 middle school and high school music students visited and sang carols at three nursing homes, the fire department, the police department, and Walmart. Through this opportunity, our students were able to build bridges in our community.

Tri-M is an international music honor society devoted to community service, public outreach, and fostering leadership qualities in its members. After the students return from Christmas break, Tri-M will be hosting a hat and coat drive to benefit the El Dorado cold weather shelter. If anyone has items that they are no longer in need of, send them to the school and support our community!

Mr. Long



To see a video of the Tri-M group caroling, scan these photos with the Aurasma app.



Photos courtesy of Kelli Heimgartner

It's Cool to Be Kind

Olaf has come to the kindergarten classroom to hang out with friends who are kind, thoughtful, and positive. He chooses one friend to come find him each and every school day. He hangs out with that friend, learns and enjoys lots of warm hugs. Olaf is excited that he has found so many friends in the kindergarten classroom that like to help others, enjoy doing good deeds, and enjoy making others feel good!



Top left to right: Ellie Kreidler and Bella Wight cleaning for Ms. LeNell, the Kindergarten class, and Giving "Thank You" cards and wonderful hugs to Mrs. Finley.

Bottom left to right: Brody Chambers and Bella Wight make a bed for Olaf, the class singing "We wish you A Merry Christmas" to Mrs. Finley, and taking turns sweeping for Ms. LeNell.



As you enter Rosalia, you will notice the new Flinthills USD 492 sign off of the highway. The signage was made by GCI and set up by numerous staff and students. Thank you to Mr. Myrick and some of his students for setting the poles of the sign, and to Mr. Myrick for using his paid auctioned labor as well as himself to weld the expanded metal to the poles. Also, thank you to Mr. Totty and Mr. Weis for getting the signage up. It looks great!

Election Day!

On November 8th, the country held a presidential election. On the same day, Flinthills Intermediate School held an election of their own!

The sixth graders have worked for many weeks making registration cards and posters. Throughout the week, in the morning before school, students registered by filling out a series of paperwork, and then receiving a voter I.D. card to keep track of. Requirements were that they had to be a 3rd-6th grade student at Flinthills School and had to be a U.S. citizen.

On the day of the election, a few sixth graders went and brought students from classrooms, some helped them sign in and checked their I.D. cards. When they went into the voting booth, someone introduced them and told them how to fill out their ballot. When they went to turn

it on, they may have been intimidated by the guards watching over the ballot box to prevent ballot stuffing. As they traipsed away, they received an "I Voted" sticker.

Later in the day, there was an announcement over the intercom. Mrs. Simon's voice echoed throughout the school, saying "After the votes have been counted, we have our results. Donald Trump has won by a landslide!"

Nearly all of the students enjoyed voting, and the sixth graders loved running it.

By, Laura Scribner



FLINTHILLS Arts & Crafts Fair

The Flinthills High School Booster Club would like to thank everyone that participated in the Arts & Crafts Fair on November 19th. Mark you calendars now as we plan to continue this event which will be held next year on November 18, 2017.

PTO NEWS

PTO met on Monday, November 14th in the library at Rosalia. The Walk-A-Thon was discussed along with plans for the Potato Bar. PTO is planning to have the event the night of Homecoming, which is Friday, January 13th. It will cost \$5 per person again this year and if you'd rather not purchase a potato but would want to still help the school out, PTO will have a donation bin available for you to do so.

The pie raffle went well at the 1st annual Booster Club Craft Fair. The winners were Karen Walter and Jon Pennycuff. The remaining entries were put in with the tickets purchased for the Primary or Intermediate concerts for their 2nd place drawing. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket or tickets at the Craft Fair and Congratulations to our winners! PTO would also like to Thank all the participants who graciously baked a pie and donated it for our pie raffle!

Our next meeting will be held in Rosalia on Monday, January 9th! Hope to see you there!

Students of the Month

DECEMBER



Levi Brown

9th Grade

Parents – Larry & Theresa Brown
Hobbies – Cooking with my mom, listening to music, and watching movies.

Activities – Football, Basketball, Swimming

Favorite Class – Health



Riggin Carney

7th Grade

Parents – Missy & Tooter Carney

Hobbies – Riding horses

Activities – Basketball, cheer, volleyball and dance

Favorite Class – Math



Laura Scribner

6th Grade

Parents – Melissa & David Scribner

Hobbies – Reading & drawing

Activities - Basketball & Volleyball

Favorite Class - Art

D.A.R.E. Graduation

DARE is a comprehensive curriculum that addresses drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety, and other high-risk circumstances that are too often a part of students' lives today. This program was created to empower students to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Flinthills Intermediate 5th graders just completed the curriculum and have graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and we are so proud of them. We are hopeful that they have gained the tools and strategies to be able to successfully implement them throughout their lives. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and feel confident that they are ready to tackle life's obstacles.



Congratulations to Sydney Sorum on winning the DARE contest essay!!!





During the 5th grade DARE curriculum, these seniors volunteered to come into their classrooms and answer any questions they had about the peer pressures they may encounter as they get older. Flinthills is so fortunate to have such an amazing group of role models for our younger students.
 Seniors from left to right: Holton Nelson, Payton Gawith, Gina Brown, Sarah Taylor, and Trey McNemee

PTO Baked Potato Bar Homecoming Friday, January 13th

Everything will be provided so make sure to bring your family and enjoy a meal prepared for you for only \$5 per person!

Hope to see many of you there!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



Above: Intermediate Concert
Below: Primary Concert

Top Right: Middle School Choir
Bottom right: High School Choir



Mr. Worrell Selected as Teacher of Promise

Nathan Worrell, the Flinthills Middle School and High School Industrial Arts teacher, was recognized with a “Teacher of Promise” award from the Department of Teacher Education at Fort Hays State University. According to FHSU spokesperson, Kerry Schuckman, only two FHSU students were selected as Teachers of Promise, one of them being Mr. Worrell. The teacher of the year program stated that each Kansas university and college was invited to select two teacher education students to attend the Kansas Teacher of the Year awards banquet. These students, referred to as Teachers of Promise, also had the opportunity to participate in a professional development workshop conducted by the 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team. They will enter the teaching profession in the next few years.

Congratulations to Mr. Worrell for receiving this award!

Flinthills students were asked to create snowflakes to use as decorations for the school theater production of “*Just Another Snow Day*”.

1st grader, Keenan Boldra, is posing next to the snowflake he made.



Butler County Special Education Interlocal

COUNT YOUR KID IN 2016 – 2017

Count Your Kid In is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children living in Butler County. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County Special Education Interlocal and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning, please call 316-775-6904 to schedule a free appointment.

January 6, 2017

Augusta First Baptist Church

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT MADE IN ART

Art classes in grades 3-7 are busy creating holiday cheer with cups of steaming cocoa, candy canes, snowmen and ornaments. Focusing on highlights and shadows, holiday spirit was easy to capture!



Addison, 4th Grade



Amanda, 5th Grade



Ataya, 3rd Grade



Dalton, 4th Grade



Danica, 5th Grade



Jaxon, 3rd Grade



Jessie, 7th Grade



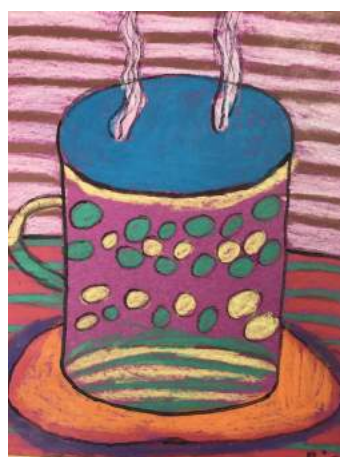
Karynn, 3rd Grade



Keira, 3rd Grade



Lauren D., 7th Grade



Paige, 4th Grade



Tabby, 7th Grade

Employee of the Month



Debbie Anderson, with Board of Education President, Pat Hannon.

Debbie Anderson currently serves as the Title I Reading Specialist and K-2 Librarian. This is her 31st year in education and her 20th at Flinthills. Prior to her current title, she served as an elementary teacher here for 18 years. Debbie is characterized as a kind, caring, conscientious teacher who gives her all for her students and co-workers.

She was also described as being positive, helpful, enthusiastic, flexible, and organized, which are all qualities of a great educator. Debbie received an engraved Yeti mug and a certificate.

7th Grade Science Class

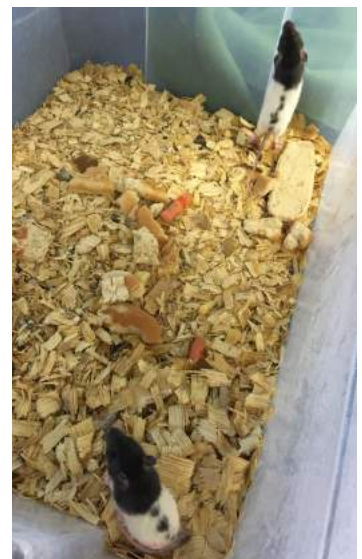
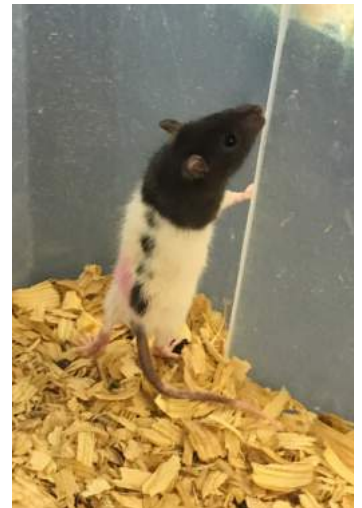
Accidental Surprise

The 7th Grade science class was experimenting with “rats”. The 7th graders were doing controlled experiments. One of the experiments was “The development of rats.” The controlled experiment was to feed one male “rat” all four food groups from our lunch tray, and the other male “rat” was getting fed junk food. They had both of them in separate habitats. The food was the only difference between the “rats.” The class was watching which “rat” would develop the fastest.

At the start of week three, Mrs. Gray, the 7th grade science teacher, found that they were possibly “mice”. So then the class observed that the “rats” weren’t both males. In fact, one was a female and the other was a male. So the 7th grade class decided to adopt them as class pets. The rat group will proceed to getting two male rats to restart their controlled experiment.

So then about the beginning of week five, for some reason after the 7th graders came back to school after a weekend, and all the male rats were dead. We still do not know what happened to them and why they died, but we are going to continue on with the experiment. Then a week later, we came back to school from another weekend to find that the only female mouse had died as well. The class has discussed what the problems could have been, but we are still wondering what could have happened to them. We will keep you updated on when we will be getting new mice and rats and what will be happening with them in the future. =)

- Your 7th Grade Science Reporters
- Brandon Gleason, Lauren Donner, and Alexis Hatvick



Learning About Architecture In 1st Grade



The week of October 31-November 4 the first grade students read and discussed different buildings and the materials they were made of. They read lots of different stories about building and different characters that used the structures. On that Friday afternoon they took advantage of beautiful weather and did a team building activity. The 16 students were divided into 4 teams and were asked to work together to draw their building of choice using chalk. The students really enjoyed this activity and had a lot of fun!

-Miss. Boyd

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break HS BB vs. Yates Center 4:45	4 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	5 Students Report KS Theatre Conf. MS BB vs. Central 5:00	6 KS Theatre Conf.	7 KS Theatre Conf. KMEA Instrumental Live Auditions HS WR @ Burlington 9:00
8	9 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 HS Scholars Bowl @ Oxford 4:30 MS BB @ Whitewater 4:00	10 HS BB vs. CV/Dexter 4:45	11 FFA @ Buhler	12 MS BB vs. West Elk 5:00 HS WR @ Howard 5:30	13 HS BB vs. Udall 4:45 Homecoming Between V Games HS WR @ Richmond 5:00	14 SCBL HS BB Tournament @ Udall 5:00
15	16 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL Staff Development SCBL HS Boys BB	17 SCBL HS Girls BB	18	19 HS Boys BB @ Cowley MS BB @ CV/Dexter 4:00	20 K-State Concert Band Clinic HS Girls BB @ Cowley	21 K-State Concert Band Clinic HS BB Tournament @ Cowley HS WR @ Eureka 9:00
22	23 Booster Club 6:00 SCBL HS Scholars Bowl @ South Haven 4:30	24	25 SCBL Honor Band	26 SCBL Honor Choir MS BB @ Sedan 4:00	27 HS BB @ South Haven 4:00	28 FFA Ag. Ed. Symposium
29 FFA Ag. Ed. Symposium	30 FFA Ag. Ed Symposium MS BB vs. South Haven 5:00	31 HS BB @ Howard 4:00				

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Regional Scholars Bowl MS BB Tournament @ 5:00	3 Butler County Spelling Bee 1:00 HS BB vs. Argonia 4:45 Senior Night— BB/WR/Band Between V Games HS WR @ Circle 2:00	4 Regional Piano Festival MS BB Tournament @ Dexter 9:00 HS WR @ Circle 9:00
5	6	7 HS BB @ Burden 4:00	8 FFA @ Kiowa	9 MS BB Tournament @ Dexter 4:00	10 HS BB @ Caldwell 4:00 HS WR @ Cherryvale 3:30	11 State Scholars Bowl Forensics @ Central 8:00 MS BB Tournament @ Dexter 10:00 HS JV WR @ Burlington 9:00
12	13 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 Lifetouch Spring Pictures— Cassoday 8:15 Rosalia 10:00 MS Scholars Bowl @ FHS 4:30	14 Valentine's Day Valentine Parties— Primary 2:15 Intermediate 2:45 HS BB @ Oxford 4:00	15 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4—8	16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4—8 MS Math Relays @ Caldwell 4:45	17 NO SCHOOL HS BB vs. Sedan 4:45 Regionals WR	18 State Piano Festival FFA WEEK Regionals WR
19 FFA WEEK	20 President's Day NO SCHOOL	21 MS SCBL Math Relays @ FHS 4:45 HS BB @ Hartford 4:45	22 FFA @ Kiowa	23 MS Scholars Bowl @ Central 4:30 Forensics @ Oxford 4:00	24 Tri-M State Conf. State WR @ Hays	25 KMEA State Band & Choir Performance State WR @ Hays
26	27 Sub-State BB Girls Booster Club 6:00 1st Day of Practice MS Scholars @ West Elk 4:30 MS WR @ Whitewater 4:00	28 Sub-State BB Boys				

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Kaily Gilman
6th Grade

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Karly Girty
6th Grade

But I am really doing this...



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