



December 2018

FLINTHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL DELIGHTS AUDIENCE WITH CHRISTMAS PLAYS



Saturday, December 15th, Flinthills Middle School Students spread Good Tidings and Joy through their Christmas Play Performances. Their “Night of Christmas” began with *Dream to Believe*, which was written by Madison Alvord, Alexis Farris, Kaily Gilman, Karly Girty, Adley Humig, Laura Scribner, and Madilyn Thomas. “These 8th Grade girls wrote a I-Act solid in plot, characters and message,” said Mrs. McCreight, USD 492 Drama Instructor. The show was written as a sequel to *The Polar Express* and focused on the message that one must “Believe” in the true meaning of Christmas. After reading the script for the first time, Mrs. McCreight was brought to tears by the script’s quality and insight. Students in the class were asked to ponder a play theme that they cared about and would be inspired to work on. Those who saw the first production of the script would agree, the message was clear “.... the true meaning of Christmas is the gift of giving.”

The second performance, *Little Scrooge* by Patricia Barry Rumble, was a modernized version of the novel, *A Christmas Carol*, written by Charles Dickens. The Actors charged through the delightful Christmas Classic as a skeptical 13-year-old Scrooge encountered ghosts while patient people hoped for change in his bitter heart. A talking mirror, a surfer dude, flowery southerner, and a dark shadow presented reasons the young should change before it was too late. The story of *A Christmas Carol* never gets old, because it reminds of the most important jobs on earth... to be grateful, consider others before ourselves, and to forgive. We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Dream to Believe Cast Picture from Left to Right (Back Row):

Lydia Stopczynski, Sydney Sorum, Tylan Willard, Karly Girty, Konner Griffith, Laura Scribner, Madilynn Thomas, Donovan Hartley

Left to Right (Front Row): Kaily Gilman, Kolton Stanfield, Kolby Holcomb, Carson Bentley, Lilly McNary, and Adley Humig

Little Scrooge Cast Picture from Left to Right: Cali Crossfield, Conner Sigg, Caydi Cloud, Landon Boldra, Taylor Chambers, Philip Harris, Payton Cloud, Kaitlynn Klein, and Jerron Hartley.

Flinthills High School Wrestling Off to a Great Start



The FHS wrestling team has doubled in size this year with a total of 8 student athletes including:

Ethan James	12	Lucas James	11
Tucker Travnichek	10	Austin Mantanona	10
Colton Smith	9	Taylor Brown	9
Jessie Mooney	9	Gavin Girty	9

The season started off with a dual against Bluestem and Humbolt with Tucker, Colton, Taylor and Gavin all picking up wins. Next was our home tournament where Tucker took 2nd, Colton took 3rd, Taylor took 4th and Jessie 6th.

The team traveled to Hesston on the 8th of December with Tucker Travnichek taking first at the 120 lb. weight class. His Crocs played no part in the win.

Mrs. Myrick's 1st Grade Gingerbread Houses



Mrs. Myrick's 1st grade class enjoyed a fun Friday activity on December 14th. Each student saved a milk carton from their lunch to build the perfect gingerbread house! Thanks to PTO for helping purchase the supplies!

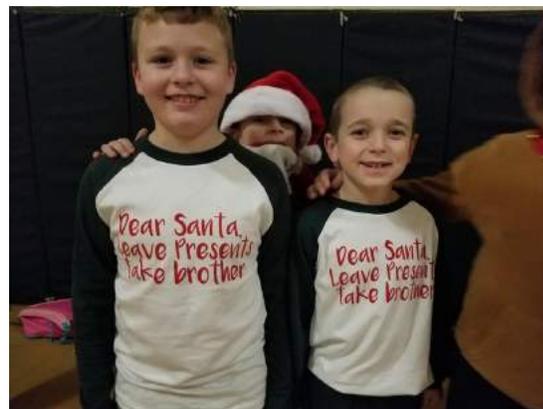


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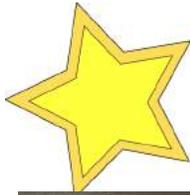
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break Kansas Theatre Conference	4 Winter Break Kansas Theatre Conference HS BB vs. Sedan 4:00	5 Kansas Theatre Conference KMEA Instrumental Live Auditions HS WR @ Burling- ton 9:00
6	7 NO SCHOOL Staff Development HS Scholars Bowl @ Oxford 4:30 MS BB @ Sedan 5:00	8 Students Report HS BB @ Bur- den 4:00	9 Lincoln Tech 9-10:30 w/Jrs & Srs	10 MS BB vs. Cald- well 5:00	11 HS BB vs. Wichita Classical School 4:45	12 FHS Forensics @ Rosalia 9:00 HS WR @ Halstead 9:30
13	14 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 PTO @ Rosalia 6:00 HS Boys BB MS BB @ Whitewater 4:00	15 HS Girls BB	16 FFA @ Buhler STUCO Blood Drive 8:30-2:30 Spelling Bee 1:00 Grades 3-5 & 6-8	17 SCBL HS Boys BB @ Cowley MS BB vs. CV/Dexter 5:00	18 SCBL HS Girls BB @ Cowley	19 HS WR @ Eureka 9:00 SCBL HS BB
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL Staff Development SCBL HS Scholars Bowl @ Flinthills TBA	22 Butler College Classes Begin Community Meeting—Rosalia 6:30	23 SCBL Honor Band @ Winfield Geography Bee 1:00 Grades 4-8	24 FFA @ Dodge City MS BB @ Bur- den 5:00	25 HS BB vs. Argonia 4:45 Homecoming— Between V Games	26 HS WR @ Fredonia 9:00 Homecoming Dance
27	28 Booster Club 6:00 MS BB vs. West Elk 5:00	29 HS BB @ How- ard 4:45	30 Booster Club 6:30	31 Regional Scholars Bowl @Flinthills 4:00 Community Meeting— Cassoday 6:30		



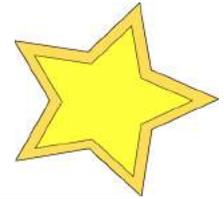
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TO ROCK
UGLY
SWEATERS







Student OF THE MONTH



Adrienne Riemann

3rd grade

Parents: Kent and Jade Riemann

Activities: Basketball and playing with her dog.

Favorite class: Art



Harlee Randall

Middle School

Parents – Derek & Becky Randall

Activities – Basketball, Volleyball, and Math Relays

Hobbies – Reading & Riding Horses

Favorite Class - PE



Dawson Sharp

High School

Parents – Robi & Donnie Sharp

Hobbies – Watching TV Shows and Video Games

Activities – Baseball, TSA and Flint-hills Cameraman

Favorite Class - Art

OLD UNIFORMS FOR SALE

January 4th and January 25th at the home Basketball Games

If any are still left they will be for sale on February 15th.

Employee of the Month



Tiffany Willard was selected as our November Employee of the Month. Tiffany is in her 16th year of teaching at Flinthills, and 17th overall. She was nominated by Lauren Simon and was characterized as a “go to” person especially where technology is concerned. She is a true helper and comrade in times of need. She is very patient with students, communicates well with all, is highly involved with PTO, and works a lot of extra events to help the district. Tiffany represented our district three years ago as our Kansas Teacher of the Year, and she has been a great asset.

Happy Holidays from Flinthills Middle School and High School! I just want to take a minute to challenge you to “remember the reason for the season”. Too many times we get so busy and stressed over the holidays... but I encourage you to take some time for you and your family! Put down your phones, turn off your TV and communicate! VISIT, play board games, cook together, go for a walk, and just catch up on some quality FAMILY TIME! Make sure and let those around you know just how much you care by simply sharing your time! I wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and Happy Holidays ~Cammy Onek, 6-12 Principal

Christmas Lesson

Christmas is a special time

To give, to serve, to love.

It isn't just about yourself,

But others that you think of.

The presents, the trees, the glowing lights

Are fun but have no part

In what the real meaning of Christmas is...

That is in your heart.

Even if other people don't,

You should try to do

The things that you would want

Them to do to you!

The holidays are a busy time,

But they are sometimes good

Because they keep you thinking

About others like you should.

So this year, try to not think about yourself,

But think of the things you can do

To help others have a wonderful Christmas,

And you will find that you will be happy too.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/christmas-lesson>



Nelson is having a few words with this horse as he is trying to make it clear that “He” is the Mustang!

Marshmallow Towers!



Go to our website to see more of our intermediate students working on their latest STEM project.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Kindergarten had an exciting time celebrating our last meal together before Thanksgiving break last month. We got to eat chicken nuggets and mashed potatoes in the classroom! Also, a warm welcome and a big thank you to the newest addition to our family, Ms. Cheyenne Beale. She will be spending lots of time helping out with the Kinders!



Nelson had a great morning visiting with the preschool students! He listened during story time, got some yummy treats, and had fun playing with them!



D.A.R.E. Graduation

Fifth grade students celebrated their commitment to stay off drugs and alcohol at a DARE graduation ceremony on Thursday, November 29th.

In the weeks leading up to the graduation, Deputy Dana Burns, with the Butler County Sheriff's Office, taught students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and bullying in schools.

Sheriff Kelly Herzet helped congratulate the students on their accomplishments during the graduation and Detective Monty Hughey was the keynote speaker.

Congratulations to Ataya Nesser for winning the DARE Essay!



Peyten Girty, Cari Brown, Sarah Hinnen, and Issac Bugner volunteered their time to be role models for the 5th grade DARE class! They shared some personal stories and answered questions. They are wonderful examples of leadership and morals for our younger students to look up to!

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PARTY

After Prom Party
Parent's Meeting
January 30, 2019 at 6:30
pm
In the Commons Area



On Dec. 4 the Butler County Sheriff's Office spoke to the high school students about driving when it's slick outside. This program was sponsored by the FHS SAFE chapter.

Dear Flinthills Parents and Patrons:

We will be having two parent meetings in January to go over Violent Critical Incident trainings we have begun with your children as mandated by the state. The goals of the meetings will be to teach you what we have been teaching the kids, why we have taught it, how we have presented the information, and how we have made the trainings age appropriate to minimize the fear and anxiety of such trainings. We feel so confident in our training; we feel that you will also gain some insight as to how to prepare for such an event. The parent meetings are listed below. Please RSVP to the Intermediate Office at (620) 476-2218 so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you and hope to see you there!

6:30 pm on January 22nd @ Rosalia in the High School Auditorium

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6:30 pm on January 31st @ Cassoday in the Gym

Middle School Boys Basketball

We traveled to Dexter to play our first away game against Cedarvale/Dexter. The varsity team and jv teams won. The varsity score was 37-19 and was a very physical game. Nate Becker and Landon Boldra each had 13 points and Hunter Lowmaster grabbed 12 rebounds.

The next two games were a little bit easier with the varsity defeating Central Burden 49-11 and West Elk 40-17. In the Central game Tate Leslie had 8 rebounds and Shane Steinhauer had 3 assists. The jv played to a tie. In the varsity game against West Elk the team had only 7 turnovers with Nate Becker leading the way with his first double/double 19 points and 11 rebounds. Landon Boldra added 14 points and Tate Leslie 5 assists. The jv suffered their first loss.

The next game Sedan came to town and hit us square in the mouth and we didn't know how to react. We fell down 13 points in the 3rd quarter before getting to within 3 points before losing 30-36. Hunter Lowmaster had his first double/double of the season with 16 points and 14 rebounds. The team had 15 turnovers and only shot 33% for the game, Hopefully we will learn from this terrible loss and learn how to play when you get behind!!! The JV boys also lost.

Lady Mustangs off to a Strong Start

The Lady Mustangs are off to a great start to their season. The team motto this year, ALL IN, is motivating them to give their best effort all the time in practices and in games. It also speaks of their desire to be ALL IN as a team and that is showing up on the court in a big way.

The JV girls are now 2-1. They started the season with an exciting comeback to defeat Lebo 40-31. Lauren Donner led the team with 11 points, followed by Matty Totty with 9 points. Morgan Holcomb pulled down 6 rebounds and Savannah McCreight added another 5. Our next JV outing was against Altoona Midway. In just two quarters, our girls defeated the Jets 39-5. Kylee Weis led us with 9 points, followed by Tabitha Brown, Morgan, and Matty each contributing another 6. Next up, the girls faced a tough Eureka JV team and lost 46-17. The girls played hard and never gave up. Our JV girls have already shown a lot of improvement and we expect great things from them this year!

The Varsity girls are 4-2. They kicked off their season at Lebo defeating the Wolves 45-38. Lauren Donner led the team in scoring with 14 points. Harley Ratcliff contributed another 7 points. Taylor Bisbee pulled down 11 rebounds, and Sarah Sorum and Sarah Hinnen each had 3 steals.

The Mustangs then traveled to the Fairfield Classic tournament. They defeated Stafford 43-34. Harley led us in scoring with 13 points, followed by Sarah S. and Lauren each contributing another 10. Sarah S. pulled down 9 rebounds, followed by Janea Totty with another 6. In the next game of the tournament, the Mustangs faced Otis-Bison and lost 21-43. The Mustangs were out-sized, but they hung with the Cougars until the 4th quarter. It was a tough loss, but the girls bounced back and took 3rd place in the tournament. They defeated Fairfield 58-35. The girls did a great job of seeing the floor to get everyone involved and had 16 assists.

The girls then defeated Altoona Midway 54-25. Riggan Carney and Harley led us with 12 points each. Lyndee Martin added another 8. Once again, the girls saw the court well. Riggan, Harley, and Lynsee Olbrey each had 3 assists. Sarah S. led us in rebounds with 7, and Chloe Wieckhorst and Janea each pulled down 5 rebounds. The Mustangs then faced a tough Eureka team and lost 31-67. Taylor led us in scoring with 10 points.

As a team, the Mustangs are showing some impressive stats, including an average of 10 assists per game, 13 steals per game, and 37 rebounds per game. Our free throw percentage has also improved from last year. We are excited to start league play in January!

Coach Ratcliff

FHS Speech Students Present Demonstrations

Tabitha Brown explains archery while
Kody Mooney demonstrates bunny hops on his bike.



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Do You See What I See? A Foaming Christmas Tree!

Our 4th graders love science! Every Tuesday we do a science experiment. Last Tuesday, we made baking soda Christmas trees. After we let them freeze overnight, we poured some vinegar on the trees. It was fun to watch them fizz and dissolve. Science is amazing!

See more foaming Christmas tree photos on our website www.usd492.org



The January meeting for Booster Club has been moved to January 30th at 6 pm.