



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

October 2021

PARKER ONE OF TOP 1% OF SC DISTRICT GREENHANDS



“It was a hard test, but I’ve been studying for it since school started,” said Kyle Parker.

On September 20th, Flinthills FFA traveled to Pratt to participate in the 2021 South Central District Greenhand conference. Members rotated through different workshops over FFA, leadership, and agriculture in general. They also took a FFA information test and had the opportunity to network with other members.

Additionally, Kyle Parker placed 6th (tied for 5th) in the information test out of roughly 600 other participants! The other members that made the trip also had scores towards the top as well! These members include: Jacob Mead, Rylie White, Karsyn Flores, Helaina Griffith, Brooke Wilson, and Corbin Arazia. Great Job, Greenhands!

-Karly Girty



MS/HS Bands Return to State Fair and Earn Top Ratings.

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Spirit Spreader Cheer Clinic

On September 8th, the High School Cheerleaders attended a Spirit Spreader Cheer Clinic in Chanute, KS, with their coach Robin Hunter. They worked on cheers, chants, stunts, and teambuilding.

Pictured: Front row (l-r) Whitney Mantanona, Rebecca Holstine, Isis Coats, Sydney Wells, Riley Garcia, Yana Taylor and Alexis Hatvick. Back row (l-r) Abbigale Hilyard, Kayley Smith, Cali Crossfield, Larrisa Lakin, Kaily Gilman, Madilynn Thomas, Savannah McCreight, Lilly McNary, Addison Cartmell, Adley Humig and Megan Rose.

Late Start Day - Wednesday, October 13.
School starts at 10:00 a.m.

Parent / Teachers Conferences -
Wednesday, October 20th and Thursday,
October 21st.

No School - Friday, October 15th

No School - Friday, October 22nd



Attention Veterans:

Our annual Flinthills Veterans Day Assembly is quickly approaching. We are excited to be able to put this program on after last year's hiatus.

For 2021, our program will be held on Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 A.M. followed by lunch in the commons. If you have a picture of you in your uniform for the slide show, please bring it to the office for Leesa to scan or email it to Mrs. Hinnen at k.hinnen@usd492.org.

If you know of any veteran in our community who is not on our mailing list, please let Mrs. Hinnen know as soon as possible so she can get out a personal invitation out to them.

Staff Sargent Wattana Poboornueng, US Army, will be our guest speaker that morning. We will also have our annual "Salute to Patriots" before enjoying lunch served by members of the Flinthills Chapter of the National Honor Society.

-Mrs. Karen Hinnen

Pictures below are from previous years.

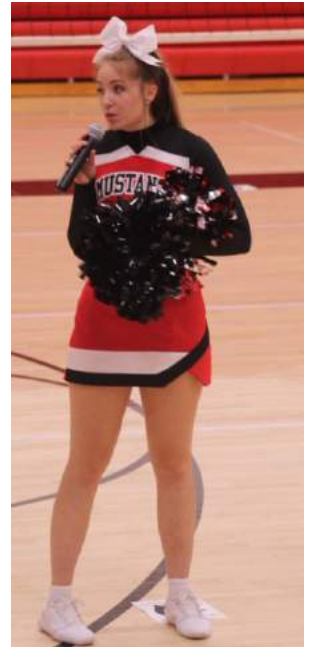


Letter from Mr. Hunter, the middle/high school principal....

Mustangs,

I hope the school year is off to a great start for you and your family. I really appreciate the families and community partnership we have here at Flinthills. As I have been walking thru classrooms, it is encouraging to see our students actively involved in the learning process. It is exciting to see and hear the energy throughout the hallways, classrooms, and athletic competitions.

I want to take a few moments to thank everyone for a wonderful homecoming week! This year's homecoming theme was "Holiday". It was a successful week because of our students, staff, and our community. We really appreciate your investment of time to support your local school. This year's homecoming activities included a new tradition with a parade which I believe was a huge success. We then held a pep rally outside at the football field led by the High School cheerleaders and Student Council President Savannah McCreight. We played tug of war with the volleyball players and football team. I'm also happy to tell you the staff won their tug of war against the football team! I want to give a very special shout out to Mr. Sorum and our Student Council for organizing the entire week and all the homecoming festivities. Also, a very special shout out to Taren Lakin who helped lead our Pep Band in the parade. Thank you to everyone who made Homecoming week such a success. It was definitely a great week to be a Mustang!



As we get further into the fall, I want to remind you that our Fall Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 20st and Thursday, October 21st from 4PM-8PM. The format will be the same as last year with no appointments necessary. Our teachers will be located at tables in the Old and New Commons area available to conference with families. We look forward to seeing you there.



Counselor's Corner



Upcoming Events:

Oct 7, 2021: PreACT for 10th grade

Oct 12, 2021: WorkKeys for 11th grade

Oct 13, 2021: Butler Community College enrollment deadline

Oct 19, 2021: ASVAB test for 10th grade

Nov 2, 2021: Butler Community College Representative coming out for final Spring 2022 enrollment (8:30-9:30 am)

Scholarships: Please check your email, the school website and the school Facebook page for updates regarding scholarships available!

“ IF YOU TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR YOURSELF YOU WILL
DEVELOP A HUNGER
TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR
DREAMS.”

– LES BROWN –

PURPOSE
FULL
People

This was in the VYPE magazine for student athletes & clubs.

DRIVE TO ZERO SENIOR SHOUTOUT

Madilynn Thomas, Flinthills

When Madilynn Thomas of Flinthills High School first got involved in the SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) program, she was only a freshman. Now entering her third year with SAFE, Thomas said she believes it is important to help spread the work about seatbelt safety.

"It's important to spread the message of SAFE because driving is a part of almost everyone's daily life. We are spreading awareness to as many people as we can to help reduce accidents and keep people safe. I'd feel like I'm accomplishing something in my four years of high school," said Thomas.

During her time in the program, Thomas has been one of the go-to members for new ideas for monthly activities, preparing those activities and carrying them out to completion. When Thomas was a freshman she attended the SAFE Conference in Topeka, KS and jumped in to perform in the murder mystery. Thomas does not call attention to herself, but she is excited for the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy behind when her days at Flinthills are over.

"The legacy I like to leave at Flinthills High School is that SAFE is a very helpful club

not just for yourself but for everybody around you," said Thomas.

The SAFE program has been a rewarding one for Thomas.

"I would say SAFE is a very rewarding club to be in because not only are you helping people stay safe driving, but also when you are promoting the monthly activity at school. It's always super fun," said Thomas. "The most rewarding part of the program to me is that even though there still are crashes and deaths, I know that helping in a small way will help the bigger picture and I could have potentially saved someone from getting in a crash just by promoting that seatbelts are for everyone."

Thomas also participates in Student Council, TSA, Drama Club, the theatre



program, and she is a member of the cheer squad, basketball team and track team. Her plans after high school include going to college and pursuing a degree in museum studies so she can one day become a museum curator.

IF YOU MESS WITH YOUR HEAD,

YOU MESS WITH YOUR DRIVING.



**Seatbelts
Are
For
Everyone**



SAFE is a statewide program supported by the Kansas Department of Transportation.



NATIONAL
4-H WEEK
OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club will be joining over 6.5 million members nationwide in promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week October 3-9. 4-H Spirit Day will be celebrated on October 5th. This day is an opportunity for members, parents and volunteers to show their clover pride by wearing a 4-H t-shirt to school or work. Look for other activities during the week!

4-H members are 7 to 18 years old with opportunities for Clover Buds beginning at age 5. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach.

The Cassoday Boosters will be selling Blue & Gold sausage products during October. Money raised will be used for service projects, club activities and event scholarships. To place an order, contact any member of the Cassoday Boosters! To place an order directly contact Tresa Garcia at 316-323-9045 or at garciatresa@gmail.com.

Club officers for the 2021-2022 4-H year are: President: Trena Garcia; Vice-President – Cally Miller; Secretary – Laura Scribner; Treasurer – Emily Scribner; Reporter – Cami Miller; Recreation Leader – Jake Scribner; Song Leaders – Riley Garcia and Hannah Bailey; and Joker – Agnes Leibbrandt.

For information about joining the Cassoday Boosters 4-H club, please contact any club officer or adult leader, Tresa Garcia.



Our cheerleaders do a great job of keeping enthusiasm high in the crowd.

We'd Like to Recognize...



September High School Student of the Month

Savannah McCreight

Parents – Eric & Julie McCreight

Hobbies – Playing my flute, acting, creating art, hanging out with friends and being outside

Activities – FCA, National Honor's Society, STUCO President, Senior Class Co-President, Theatre, Forensics, Scholars Bowl, Math Relays, Volleyball, SAFE, Band, International Thespian Society, El Dorado Municipal Band and Cheer

Favorite Class - Band

September Middle School Student of the Month

Karynn Gleason

Parents – Tessa & Wayne Gleason

Hobbies – Listening to music, drawing and hanging out with friends

Activities – Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Math Relays

Favorite Class – Math



This year is Kira Mason's first year in the Flint Hills School District. She is a Para in the 5th grade classroom. She previously worked for the Andover School District.

Kira grew up north of Seattle in a town called Sedro-Woolley, Washington. She graduated high school in 2014 and then continued her education at Kansas State University. She then transferred to Wichita State University where she studied special education and sign language. Kira is fluent in two different languages of sign language. Ms. Mason is an outgoing, energetic, and charismatic person with a large personality!



We'd Like to Introduce...



We welcome Mrs. Shari Griffin to Flinthills as our new academic support person and substitute teacher. Mrs. Griffin is a Kansas State University graduate with a BS in Animal Science and Industry. She has spent the last 20 yrs homeschooling her five children.

She is excited to get to know the staff and students of Flinthills!

Shirley Taylor, our school psychologist/Special Ed Integration Specialist, is a graduate of K-State and Emporia State. She also earned an LCPC (Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor). We share her expertise with the Remington School District.

Mrs. Taylor's experience includes being an elementary teacher, school counselor, psychology teacher at Butler Community College, mental health therapist, and founder of Butler Project SEARCH, which is a vocational transition program for 18-21 year old students in Butler County.

She lives with her husband Kevin on a farm west of Cassoday. Their sons live in Kansas City and Eldon, Missouri. She would love to share pictures or stories about their four grandchildren.

She is looking forward to working in the Flinthills district.



JoAnn Craighead is a new Title 1 para for Flint Hills Intermediate School and substitute. She earned her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Johnson County Community College and has spent almost 20 years as a para.

She and her husband, John, have lived in Eureka, Kansas for 8 ½ years and are loving the local community. She has two children, Jennifer (and Brian) Funk, and Jeremiah (and Meghan) Craighead. She has two grandchildren, Leah and Griffith, and is expecting two more next spring.

"I have not been at Flint Hills for long, but already feel like part of the family. The staff, students, and families have all been very welcoming. I love working with the students and letting them know that someone cares about them. I love to help them believe in themselves and that they can do great things when they put their minds to it."



More new staff members will be introduced next month!

Band Earns a 1 Rating at State Fair

On September 13, the High School and Middle School Bands competed at the State Fair. Under the leadership of Drum Major Taren Lakin, they played in the People's Trust Arena in front of an audience and three judges. The judges commented that they had a great sound and were a pleasure to listen to.

The bands had learned their music and marching separately and put it together for the first time at the Friday night game on September 10. They also started a new tradition of marching to the football field.

After the competition was finished, the students with parent sponsors spent the next couple of hours exploring the fair. That included looking at some of their projects that had made it to the fair, riding rides, eating strange food, and having a good time.

We are very appreciative of the parents who acted as sponsors for the Middle School students.



PARADE PICTURES



Homecoming 2021

Fall Flinthills Homecoming took place on the week of September 17th. The Homecoming theme was holidays, and students enjoyed dressing up and playing class games to show their school spirit.

The dress up day on Monday was pajama day, and had a great turnout. The class game was a sleeping bag race, which was won by the junior class.

On Tuesday, students dressed up in their class color and participated in an egg toss, which was won by the sophomores.

Wednesday's theme was red, white, and blue, and the cornhole game was won by the sophomores.

Thursday, students wore Halloween costumes to school, and the freshman class won the apple bobbing contest.

Finally, on Friday we showed school spirit by wearing red and black. The game was volleyball, which was won by the juniors.

Flinthills students began a new tradition with the first-ever community parade. They decorated class floats, homecoming candidates rode in ATV's, and both the marching band and cheerleaders performed. There was great community turnout. The winning float belonged to the freshmen, with their St. Patrick's Day float.

After the parade, the community members were encouraged to join the student body for a pep rally to cheer on the volleyball and football teams.

The night of the homecoming game, the football team faced West Elk. At halftime, the homecoming candidates were presented to the crowd. The candidates were Brandon Gleason, Trena Garcia, Jonathan McCreight, Alexis Hatvick, Cael Sorum, Savannah McCreight, Cooper Studebaker, and Kayley Smith. The Kindergarten escorts were Lane Oates and Emmy Kreidler. They were assisted by last year's Homecoming King Austin Mantanona, and Homecoming Queen Morgan Holcomb.

The 2021 Homecoming King was Cael Sorum, and the Homecoming Queen was Kayley Smith.

-Laura Scribner





Pictures by Mrs. Julie Rosenquist

Middle School Football Off to a Great Start!

Junior high football got off to a great start with a 56-5 win at Central, after that week 2 we lost in 4 overtimes to Sedan who is 2-1 and then last week lost to 3-0 Oxford 6-12 in another exciting game.

I am very proud of the boys and their efforts so far. If we can clean up our game just a touch we will see some success the rest of the season.

- Coach Erik Sorum



Middle School Volleyball Working Hard

This season the new Mustang Middle School volleyball coaches are Stephanie Girty and Michelle Nelson. The Varsity girls started off the season winning 9 and losing 5 (including tournaments). Varsity fought hard at the tournaments but still came up short winning 3 and losing 6. JV has had a very good season so far going 4-1. They have worked really hard this season in practice and games to achieve their wins. Through teamwork and communication, the Varsity and JV worked hard for a great start to their season.

-Written by Joliene Dragoo, Brylee Heimgartner, Yeva Taylor



LADY MUSTANGS VOLLEYBALL

The Flinthills varsity volleyball team extended their record to 18-5 with wins over Argonia, Cunningham, Udall, and Caldwell on Saturday, September 25th. One of the highlights of the season was winning the championship in the Flinthills Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Sep 11, 2021. In the semifinals, the Mustangs defeated Bluestem in two intense sets (25-20, 25-21) and then advanced to the championship where they faced Remington who had handed them a loss earlier in the season. The Lady Mustangs came out on top, defeating Remington 25-18, 11-25, and 25-22.

The Mustangs are coached by Crystal Ratcliff and assisted by Robin Hunter. They are a young team with many of the girls not having a significant amount of varsity playing time last year. Seniors, Savannah McCreight and Trena Garcia, and juniors, Karly Girty and Laura Scribner provide the most experience for the team while Madison Alvord, Taren Lakin, Amanda Brown, and Kolby Holcomb also played on varsity last year. Freshman Harlee Randall and Rylie Wight are also part of the starting lineup. Along with these girls in the regular rotation, Adley Humig, Sydney Sorum, and Emily Scribner will also play a part in the success of the varsity team this year.

The Mustangs top servers at this point in the season are Amanda Brown (92.4%), Karly Girty (91.3%), and Savannah McCreight (90.0%). Trena Garcia leads the team in aces with 45. Harlee Randall is doing an excellent job learning the middle hitter position. She has already put up 43 blocks and 185 kills. Karly Girty has also had 22 blocks, along with 290 assists. Amanda Brown has moved from a defensive specialist to a setter position and is doing a great job learning the position. Laura Scribner, defensive specialist, and Taren Lakin, libero, have shown impressive passing and digging abilities. Taren has 160 digs. Kolby Holcomb, who played middle hitter on the junior varsity team last year, has moved to offhand this year and is quickly becoming a go-to hitter. Madison Alvord, Adley Humig, and Rylie Wight have all had playing time in the outside hitting position.

- Coach Crystal Ratcliff



The JV/C teams are also having a successful year with a record of 8-2. Our JV/C team consists of Adley Humig, Taylor Sutton, Willow Kane, Callie Cordts, Yana Taylor, Sydney Sorum, Paige Corter, Rylie Wight, Emily Scribner, Karsyn Flores, Tagen Carney, Jasmine Slaughter, Taryn Brittain, and Cameryn Finley.



Sports News

Flinthills Mustangs mercy-rule Cedar Vale-Dexter in Season Opener

By: Charles Chaney

Butler County Times Gazette

It has been nine years since Flinthills tasted the sweet taste of victory to start their season. On Friday night and under new head coach Chase Casteel, the Mustangs finally were able get it again.

Flinthills finished off Cedar Vale-Dexter 48-0 at halftime in their first win over CVD in the same time span.

In fact, during that span of losses, the Mustangs had only scored 44 total points against the Spartans.

Not any more.

Flinthills (1-0) came out firing on all cylinders, showing this is a new team to be reckoned with in the South Central Border League. Junior quarterback Hunter Lowmaster started out the night with a 20-yard TD run as they took an early 8-0 lead.

Senior Kendall Pinkerton took his turns, scoring back-to-back touchdowns to end the first quarter and to give them a 24-0 lead for which they would never look back.

In the second quarter, Lowmaster found Pinkerton for his third touchdown of the night on a 20-yard touch-down strike, putting them up 32-0. Then, Lowmaster would have a pick-six returned.

The Mustangs would cap off the night when the super duo would find a connection again as Lowmaster found Pinkerton from six yards out to make the score 48-0.

Defensively, Lowmaster led Flinthills with five tackles, with one for loss and an interception returned for a touchdown.

Freshman Tate Leslie also had two interceptions on the evening. He also had four tackles and a forced fumble.

Johnathan McCreight had six tackles, including one for a loss and a forced fumble.

In all, Flinthills forced four turnovers and had 12 tackles for losses in the victory.

It's the first mercy-rule win for Flinthills since Oct. 2012 when they beat Burlingame 62-12 at home. It's the first road mercy-rule win for Flinthills since beating Altoona-Midway in Oct. 2011 (64-22).



Thrilling 3 Overtime Game Ends With Mustangs on Top!

The Flinthills Mustangs scratched back to .500, going 2-2 with a thrilling triple overtime win at Oxford. The Mustangs won 70 to 68.

Oxford opened up with the first touchdown of the evening and were answered right back with a 8 yd. Tayler Brown run for a touchdown. Oxford would punch in two more touchdowns putting the Mustangs down 22 to 6 with less than 4 minutes left in the second quarter. The Mustangs fought hard all night overcoming the 14-point deficit in the second quarter by putting together two big drives with less than 4 minutes remaining. One drive was capped by a 3 yd. Tayler Brown touchdown run and the other was capped with a 30 yd. receiving touchdown from Hunter Lowmaster to Conner Sigg as the clock expired. The Mustangs would finish the first half down 22 to 20.

The Mustangs sustained a couple of big injuries with starters Kendall Pinkerton and Tate Leslie going down in the first half, and the coaches had to rethink and reposition their entire offensive scheme. Senior Tayler Brown moved to quarterback. Hunter Lowmaster moved to tailback and BIG Brandon Gleason moved into the fullback position. Brandon Gleason would go to work for the Mustangs in the second half.

Oxford opened up with a touchdown to start the second half which was quickly answered with Brandon Gleason leading the charge and capped a drive with a 2 yd. touchdown run. The Mustangs found a huge defensive spark when Jonathan McCreight forced a fumble at midfield and Tiler Slaughter-Scott recovered the ball. The Mustangs would capitalize on the turnover with another drive finished off by a 7 yd. Brandon Gleason rushing touchdown that gave the Mustangs their first lead of the game.

From that point on the game was a back and forth affair. Oxford would tie it back up and the Mustangs would take the lead once again with a 1 yd. Hunter Lowmaster rushing touchdown. Oxford would score again to tie it up and send the game into overtime. The score at the end of regulation was 50 all.

Both teams successfully scored but failed their two point conversions in the first two overtime attempts. In overtime 1 Brandon Gleason punched it in with a 1 yd. touchdown run. In overtime 2 Brandon Gleason busted a 6 yd. touchdown run. Overtime 3 saw Oxford score again and fail to convert the two point conversion. In their last possession the Mustangs scored with a 11 yard Hunter Lowmaster rushing touchdown and BIG Brandon Gleason was finally able to give the Mustangs the win with a huge 2 pt. conversion.

-Coach Chase Casteel



Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

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

It is hard to believe that we are at the start of October. With October comes conferences, the end of the 1st quarter and Halloween. It is also a time when activities pick up at the school and with it we have started to have a few cases of the Covid show up in the building.

Conferences are a great time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress your child is making to this point of the year. If you have areas of concern or successes that you would like to share, it is a great time to do so. If you feel like you cannot wait until mid-month, I know that the teachers would love to visit with you any time.

There are still some rules that we need to follow involving Covid. We have started taking temperatures in the morning. We are following the same temperature as last year 99.6. If a student gets on the bus or enters the building with a temperature we will contact the parents to come and get them. We ask that the parents take temperatures at home to eliminate students coming to school with a fever. Like last year, we would like all students at the Intermediate to enter the North entrance, this will allow us to take temperatures at the door. Please do not drop your child off in the south parking lot. If they ride with a High School sibling, please have them come to the north side to drop off. We have placed seating charts on the busses. This will allow us to keep track of who is in close contact on the bus. At this time we ask that there be no extra riders on the bus.

We are working hard at keeping the students safe from exposure here at school, if your child has any symptoms please keep them home, if you would like to have them tested, we have the ability to do that here at the schools.

Halloween parties will be on October 29th; be thinking of a school appropriate costume. No blood or weapons, please.

I also would like to invite everyone to attend the PTO meetings, they have several exciting events planned in the upcoming months. The next meeting is October 11 at 6:30.

Hope to see you at one of many District functions in the near future.



Intermediate Student of the Month

Reece Jackson

4th grade

Parents: Steve & Kim Jackson

Hobbies & Activities: Fishing, Hunting, 4H, Robotics, and being outdoors

Favorite Class: Math and Drama



October 18—21, 2021

Flinthills Intermediate School

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/flinthillsintrscool>

This year Flinthills will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Parent/Teachers conferences. This will give us the opportunity to have the fair open the evening of conferences. The fair will be open each morning before school and after school each evening.

Along with shopping in person, you may also shop the virtual fair using our homepage at Scholastic. A new feature this year is the eWallet. An account can be set up where money is deposited and when the student purchases a book the money is withdrawn from the account.

A reminder letter will be sent home with the students as we approach the dates for the Book Fair.

Please check out our homepage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/flinthillsintrscool> for more information.

Flinthills USD 492 welcomes the Class of 2035!



Ida Leibbrandt



Tobin Gulick



Bradlyn Wolfe



Tiger Alvarez



Mason Oates



Nelly Marsh



Montana Griffith



Taylen Newman



Trey Brenton



Greyson Franks



Avery Cochran



Blaze Baker

Pep Assembly

We were invited to our first Pep Assembly. First grade had so much fun getting to visit "The Big School". Thank you so much for inviting us. We can't wait to do it again next year!!!



Having fun in the classroom



1st
GRADE

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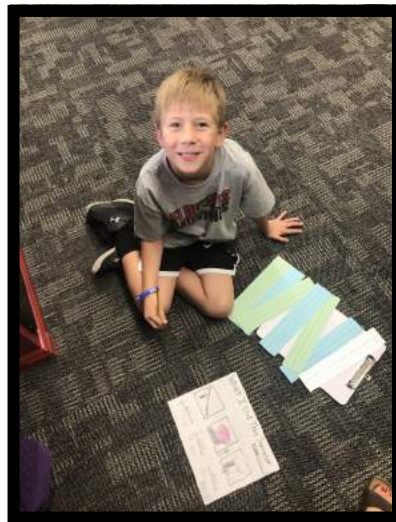
D.A.R.E. Starting With 5th Grade

Officer Burns from the Butler County Sheriff's Department began meeting with 5th graders on September 3rd. He joins us for one hour each week to share about making responsible decisions and the effects of our choices. We love when he lets us ask questions about law enforcement and he was able to share with us the impact that 9/11 personally had on him when it occurred. Last week we were able to get outside and take a picture with his D.A.R.E. car! In the next few weeks we will begin writing our D.A.R.E. essays for the essay competition. Thank you, Officer Burns, for your dedication to the students of our county!

-Mrs. Tammy Brown

Happenings in Second Grade

The month of September has been very busy and exciting in second grade. We were able to attend our very first pep rally, and the kids absolutely loved it! We were so excited to be apart of such fun festivities! Second grade has also been working diligently on their writing. We approach our writing with Power Writing, which helps students scaffold on their thoughts and ideas to help build up their writing.



Intermediate Career Day

The Intermediate school held a Career Day on September 8. We invited six members of our community to come and share about their career. Mikaela Sundgren shared about being a veterinarian, Barrett Simon talked about and had students practice their auctioneering skills, John Waller showed the students many of his tools and how he used them when working on HVAC systems, David Scribner shared about what the refinery does, Jillian Marsh explained what an entrepreneur is and showed how she turned her love of jewelry into a business, and Ramie Ramsey shared what is involved in being a nurse.

The students learned a lot about each of these careers and how what they are learning in school now can help them in their career when they become an adult. A big thank you to each of those who took time out of their busy day to come share with our students!



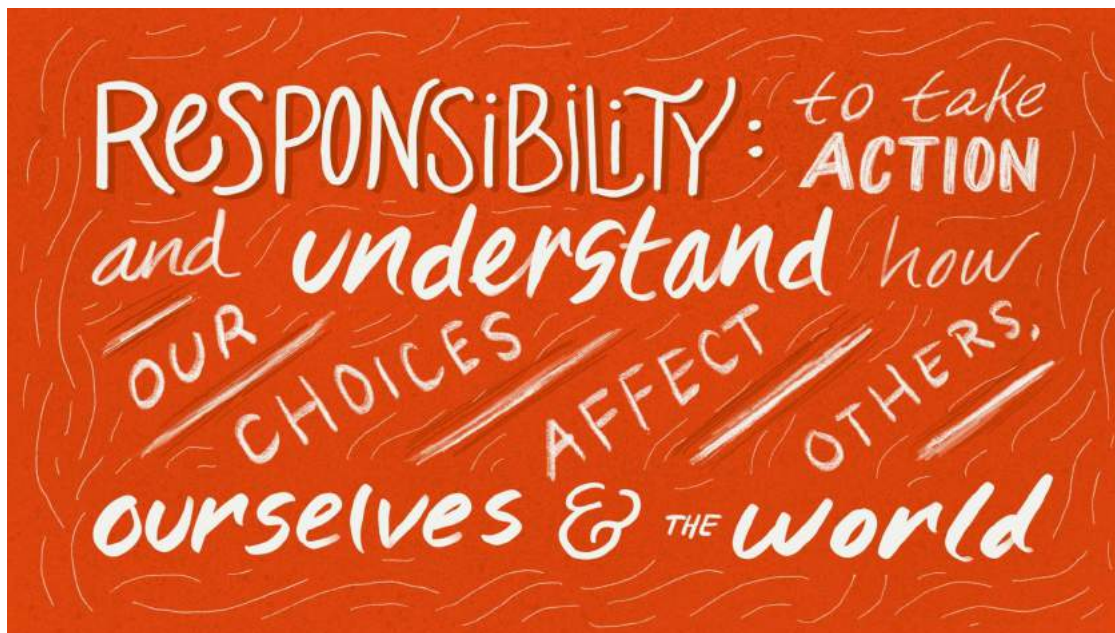
Intermediate STEM

Late start day was filled with fun and educational activities in the Intermediate building. Another activity we did that afternoon was a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) challenge.

This month's challenge was Save Fred. Fred was a gummy worm who had capsized his glass bottom boat (plastic cup). So students had to get him off the top of his boat and get him into his life preserver (a gummy lifesaver). But the challenge was that the students could not touch Fred, the boat, or the life preserver with their hands. They could only use the four paper clips they had been provided. The students worked in groups of three to solve this problem. There was some great conversation and team work and they all figured out how to save Fred!



Our Character Trait of the Month is Responsibility. - Mrs. Meggan Hansen, School Counselor



CASSODAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO COME SHARE IN THE FUN OF OUR HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

TIME: 12:00 P.M. AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

WHERE: CASSODAY CHURCH

WHAT: FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, PUMPKIN CARVING,
HAYRACK RIDE & TRICK OR TREATING

BYOP: BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN FOR CARVING

FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED



PTO Notes from 9-13-21

We have Walk-A-Thon scheduled for this year!

- Intermediate is Thursday, October 14th at 1:30
- Primary is Wednesday, February 23rd at 2:00

After the event, PTO will provide popsicles for everyone. Prizes will be a little different this year. It will still be \$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd but they will have a choice of cash/check, or a giftcard to a store of their choice. This year we are replacing the class pizza party with individual class goals....this should increase the number of kids that get a prize and increase motivation! So each class will have a specific goal to reach based on the number of kids in the class (like \$30 a kid times the number of kids) and if they reach that goal the class earns an ice cream sundae party! Hopefully this new goal will light some motivation in some kids!

PTO will provide soup for dinner during PT Conferences on Wed Oct 20th.

We are planning a Breakfast with Santa on 12/4...details to follow.

Next PTO meeting is Monday, Oct. 11 6pm at Rosalia. Same night as to BOE meeting.

-Sarah Grunder



Third Grade Begins Cursive

Third graders in Mrs. Casteel's class are excited to begin working on cursive handwriting for the year. The district uses Zaner-Bloser handwriting curriculum.

The students will spend about 15 minutes a day practicing each letter of the alphabet. Cursive handwriting is not taught in alphabetical order, but by grouping letters with similar stroke patterns to help students develop proper techniques. Throughout the year students will also be encouraged to *read* cursive written or printed by others.

By late spring third graders will have practiced both lowercase and uppercase cursive letters and will begin practicing their own signatures!

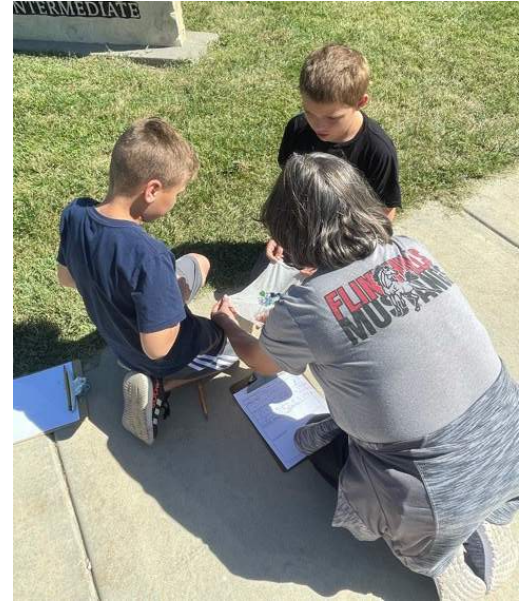
-Mrs. Jenna Casteel

Fourth Graders Learn the Scientific Method

Fourth graders used the scientific method to test paper towel strength. We tested Scott, Sparkle, and Great Value.

Most groups decided Scott paper towels are the strongest.

- Mrs. Tiffany Cogdell



Flinthills Families

On September 8th we had our first late start day of the year. The Intermediate school decided this would be a great opportunity to begin our Flinthills Families. Each teacher and para in our building had a family of five or six that included students from each of the grades, 3-5.

We began our morning with our family by working on some activities on our Character Strong trait of the month: respect. We discussed what it means to be respectful, decided if certain behaviors were rude or respectful, completed some respect puzzles, and played a game of Respect BINGO. Then we ate lunch in our family groups. This allowed us to have some great conversations and we enjoyed getting to know each other a little better.

We plan to meet with our same family group each month on late start days.





Mrs. Myrick's Kindergarten class completed their first letter of the week Sept 13-18.

They learned all about the letter M and made a Moose.

- Mrs. Halley Myrick

Shout Outs—9-3-21

Shout out to Mr. Johnsons shop class for customizing our ice machine table! - Kelli Davis

Shout out to Crystal for keeping our calendar up to date in the workroom! - Halley Myrick

Shout out to Mrs. Cartmell for providing such amazing support for me in the middle of everything else she does for the district! -Tammy Brown

Shout out to all of our support staff pushing into rooms for extra math support! I'm excited to see the growth it will help provide! -Tammy Brown

Shout out Nilarí Cabugo and Dallas Griffith for taking teachers and administrators lunch trays this week! -Mr. Kemp & Mr. Boldra

Shout out to Clara for cleaning the Intermediate rock. She took on a difficult task and made it look amazing! -Casey Cartmell

Shout out to the MS Boys Basketball team for getting a win against Central-Burden! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the HS volleyball team for getting wins against Caney and Douglass! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout Outs—9/3/21 (continued)

Shout out to Mrs. Grover for getting the Flinthills Flyer out to communicate so much to our Patrons! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mrs. Sangals for opening the library while I was gone this week. - Juli Willhite

Shout out to Mrs. Craighead for taking my STAR reading group while I was gone. -Juli Willhite

Shout out to Joan Grover for putting together a great flyer. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to our entire School Community for a great Community Cookout! - Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Mr. Boldra, Stephanie and our Board for providing all staff & students Flinthills shirts! It's awesome to see so many people showing Mustang pride! -Michal Austin

Shout out to Karen Hinnen for the beautiful roses last week. I'm still enjoying them! -Michal Austin

Shout out to Mr. Hunter for his calm leadership. I appreciate all your support! - Michal Austin

Shout out to Leesa for always being able to answer my questions or direct me to where I need to go. She really helps keep me organized! -Michal Austin

Shout Outs—9/10/21

Shout out to Kristin for organizing our Flinthills Families and our fun STEM activities. - Tiffany Cogdell

Shout out to Ramie Ramsey, Barrett Simon, John Waller, Jillian Marsh, Mikaela Sundgren, and David Scribner for coming to present to our intermediate students for our Career Day. The students enjoyed your presentations and learned a lot! -Kristin Sangals

Huge shout out to my coworkers Tammy Brown, Tiffany Cogdell, Jenna Casteel, Erik Sorum and Kristin Sangals for all the help with my homework questions so far. It has been a huge help!! -Dawn Waller

Shout Outs—9/10/21 (continued)

Shout out to Casey Cartmell for always being so kind to our students with all their needs. -Dawn Waller

Thank you, Mr. Casteel, for getting IPS folders to kids yesterday! -Julie Rosenquist

Thank you, seniors, for an entertaining reading of Beowulf! It was great! -Mrs. Rosenquist

Thank you, Mr. Hunter, for leading the MTSS late start meetings! -Mrs. Rosenquist

Thank you, high school students, for doing your best on the Fast Bridge tests! I am proud of you! -Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to the MS Football Boys for cleaning up after eating their meal, and for cleaning up where the Sedan MS Football team was sitting in the gym.

Great example of servant leadership! -Trevor Kemp

Shout out to Julie Rosenquist & Karen Hinnen for their work in getting MTSS data and helping us started in the process! I appreciate the extra work you've taken on! -Michal Austin

Shout out to John Waller & Robert Beard for taking on the title of "Grill Master" Thursday evening for me! The help was appreciated! -Michal Austin

Shout out to Mrs. Austin for taking the time to make staff ID cards. -Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Jim Vaught for hanging the butterfly houses at the primary! -Lisa Taylor

Shout out to the Varsity HS Football Team and coaches for their convincing win last Friday against CVD! But don't be satisfied! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the HS Girls Volleyball Team for their home wins this week against Classical and the Defenders! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Middle School volleyball Team for getting a win last night! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Middle School Football Team for their dominating win last Thursday, and for a well-fought game last night! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Madilynn Thomas for being featured as a SAFE student in VYPE magazine! -Michal Austin

Shout Outs—9-17-21

Shout out to Hailey Hall for delivering supplies to teachers! I really appreciate your help! - Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to Karen Hinnen for monitoring students finishing Fast Bridge testing this week. I really appreciate students having a quiet place to go test! Thank you! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Jamie Sundgren for letting us borrow your headphones for the Fast Bridge testing. This really helped students! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout Out to Michal Austin for all of her hard work on the Football Helmet Decals and Senior Sports Posters. - Mr. Casteel

Shout out to Sheri Stephens for sewing up and repairing one of our new jerseys. - Mr. Casteel

Shout out to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Totty for all of their help mounting the new HUDL Focus cameras. - Mr. Casteel

Shout out to Bill Edwards for helping us bend lyres and adjust marching harnesses so we could march. -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to Taren Lakin for doing such a great job leading the band at the fair! It is not an easy job and she did it with ease. -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to the students in the Middle and High school bands for representing Flinthills so well with their respectful behavior and their awesome music at the State Fair! -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to the parents who were our sponsors and friends at the State Fair. -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to Kaily, Larrisa, Madilynn, and Taren for being willing to share their talents and provide the Star Spangled Banner whenever asked. -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to StuCo for a fun Homecoming week. -Mrs. Grover

Shout to Michal Austin for doing an awesome job on the band T-shirts. -Mrs. Grover

Shout out to Jenna for letting me do my lesson assignment in math!! It was lots of fun! - Dawn Waller

Shout out to Amber Willhite for coming on board and being flexible in her schedule and helping out so much. -Dawn Waller

Shout to Russell for having my back on the afternoon bus routes. -Michelle Nelson

Shout out to the Middle School JV & V Girls Volleyball Teams. It's always great to be a Mustang but last night was really GREAT! -Coach Girty and Coach Nelson

Shout out to Mrs. Grover and the band on their I rating at the State Fair. -Michelle Nelson

Shout Outs—9/24/21

Shout out to Ataya Nesser for picking up trash on the playground. It was greatly appreciated!! - Ms. Jones

Shout out to JoAnn Craighead for being so flexible and being able to do something different every day and doing it with a smile! -Kristin Sangals

Shout out to Mr. Hunter for his guidance this week! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Michal Austin for all she does for Flinthills! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Mr. Totty for stocking the room with lots of cleaning supplies! -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Ms. Sundgrun for letting us borrow her earphones for FastBridge testing. -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Alexis Hatvick for her hard work on bulletin boards. -Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to StuCo for planning an entertaining Homecoming parade! -Mrs. Rosenquist

Shout out to Mr. Casteel for keeping the computers running and troubleshooting issues. -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to Mrs. Hinnen for helping with the CBM testing. -Julie Rosenquist

Shout out to all the Mustangs that were a part of the Homecoming Parade and pep rally, it was really fun! -Lisa Taylor

Shout out to everyone involved in getting the Primary students to the Homecoming festivities! I heard several kids talking about it being "their first pep rally!" -Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Debbie Anderson for subbing in Kindergarten on a "field trip" and doing awesome! -Lisa Taylor

Shout out to Julie Rosenquist for the beautiful card! What a pick-me-up! -Michal Austin

Shout out to Dallas Griffith for being so considerate and helpful at lunch! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Stephanie Girty who works so hard for the students of this district! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to Justin Decker and Shawn Ramsey for delivering a donated alleyway on Monday! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to the Middle School Football and volleyball teams for getting some wins at Oxford last night! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to our nurses, Sarah Wood and Ramie Ramsey, for all their help this week with COVID testing and communicating with parents about all of the testing protocols and safety tips! -Jeremy Boldra

Shout out to our Middle School Football team for showing great sportsmanship at the football game against Oxford! We had a patron from another team recognize their efforts following the game!

Shout out to Mr. Hunter, Mr. Gawith, Mr. Totty, and all of you who have helped mitigate the spread of COVID this past week! We really appreciate the extra effort! -Jeremy Boldra

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 B HS FB vs. Chase County 7:00	2 HS JV VB Tourney @ Rosalia 9:00
3	4 C MS VB @ Oxford 5:00 (VB Only) HS JV FB @ Chase County 6:00	5 A HS VB @ Dexter 4:00	6 B SCBL Meeting FFA @ Fairfield Primary / Pumpkin Patch Field Trip	7 C preACT Test — 10th Grade HS JV VB vs. Eureka 5:00 MS VB/FB @ Udall 4:30/6:30 3rd grade / Ag Day	8 A HS FB @ Burden 7:00	9 HS VB Tourn- ament @ West Elk 9:00
10	11 B Columbus Day PTO 6:00 BOE @ Rosalia 7:00 HS VB @ Olpe 5:00	12 C ACT WorkKeys— Juniors	13 A Staff Development 7:40—9:40 Student Late Start 10:00 FFA @ Isabel	14 B preAct Test 8/9— 9th Grade MS VB/FB @ Dex- ter 4:30/6:30 Intermediate Walk-A-Thon	15 NO SCHOOL Staff Dev/Work Day HS FB @ Madison 7:00	16 MS SCBL VB Tournament HS Choir to K- State Vocal Arts Day
17	18 C MS SCBL VB Tournament Book Fair	19 A ASVAB—10th Grade Book Fair	20 B P/T Conferences 4:00—8:00 FFA @ Kingman TSA Regional Book Fair	21 C P/T Conferences 4:00—8:00 Book Fair	22 NO SCHOOL HS FB vs. Udall 7:00 Senior Night—FB & Cheer	23 VB Sub-State
24	25 A Booster Club 6:00	26 B MS Math Relays @ Cedar Vale 4:45	27 C Math Relays @ Emporia—all day	28 A	29 B Halloween Parade & Parties— Primary 2:00 Intermediate 2:15 VB State	30 VB State
31 Halloween Drama Commu- nity Food Drive 6:00-8:00						

Flinthills Flyer

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