



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

April 2024

Fearless and Focused—Amanda Brown Defeats Teams of Five from 5A Schools

At this year's TSA State Competition, Amanda Brown showed what can be accomplished by a single, motivated individual. When she accepted her first-place award, the judge looked at her in surprise and asked if she was the only person on her team because the second and third place teams, both from Olathe High School, each had 5 people on them. Amanda actually logged more hours on her project than the total from either of the other teams.



Amanda Brown joined TSA her Freshman year and competed in her first state competition virtually due to the pandemic. The Flinthills team divided into boys vs girls that year in On Demand Video, and the girls' team placed 4th in On Demand Video.

Amanda's first "in person" state competition was her sophomore year where she also chose to submit her name to be a state officer. She was a part of the 2nd place team for Fashion Design and was elected to the TSA State HS Representative. During the open viewing of all state submitted projects, she saw the Architectural Design competition and immediately decided that was going to be her next big project. She competed in Nationals in Dallas with her Fashion Design team and gained a lot of experience.

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***Congratulations Michael Hunter—
Area IV Principal of the Year***



From the Desk of Superintendent, Brian Spencer

There isn't anything quite like the final two months of a school year. It can be described as active, tense, fun, tiring, emotional, and fulfilling all at the same time! These traits are not limited to the students. Parents, teachers, staff, and administration all make the annual end of the year ride together!

As the Superintendent, I also have the legislative process in Topeka to add into the mix at the end of the year. Like most years the legislative session is nearly over by the middle of April, but the important education related legislation, specifically the finance portion, has not been settled. We don't know if we will have more or less money to operate next year, and how many more requirements we will be asked to implement. It is all part of the process, and I have learned there isn't any sense of getting too excited or frustrated until the session is over.

One law that was enacted last year will become more evident to many people in the next month or two. The Open Enrollment law is now in effect, and schools are publishing their anticipated enrollment numbers along with their capacity numbers and the number of out of district seats that will be available. The board discussed our numbers at the April board meeting and have preliminarily decided to set the grade level capacities at the number where Flinthills has traditionally explored adding another section if possible. The number begins at 20 for Kindergarten, and increases by one per year up to 5th grade where the number is 25. From the 6th to 12th grade the number is a soft 30 per grade. This is where we look at splitting core classes into two or more sections. As you all know there is more to dividing high school classes than class size. What elective classes are offered also affect class size and lead to more than one section of a class being offered throughout the day. Following our tentative numbers we project to have room for more out of district students in nearly every class. The first grade class is projected to have 20 students with a capacity of 21, and the junior class is projected to have 30. The rest of them are projected to be low enough that we will have a capacity of 5 to 10 more students should they choose to apply and be accepted. Honestly, this law will not affect Flinthills to a great extent. We have always welcomed and accepted out-of-district students. As we like to say, "Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang!" Many of our students are the children of Flinthills alumni who live outside of the district. We want and need those Mustang students and families. A very high percentage of our current students live outside the district. The numbers, as well as the application for new out-of-district students will be posted on our website in May. If you know of families wanting to attend Flinthills, please direct them to the website or simply tell them to give us a call. We will evaluate their situation and, hopefully, add them to the Mustang family.

That legislation was passed a year ago but is just now being implemented. Some legislation has a much quicker effect. This year they are discussing changing the way we count students for funding purposes, and that change could make a large difference in our financial situation. I won't go into too many details, but simply put, if a district has a declining enrollment, and most districts in Kansas do have fewer students attending than in the past, their funds will be reduced very quickly. An enrollment swing from graduating 30 students and only enrolling 20 Kindergarten students can have a large impact. Fortunately districts have been able to use the higher of the previous two preceding years for budgeting purposes. The current proposal would have schools use their current year's count, or the previous year's count. We are graduating 28 seniors and anticipate 14 Kindergarteners. Without some sort of a "phase in" process, we could be using a student count that is nearly 20 students less than the count we used this year. That is a significant cut. Again, this is simplistic math and numbers because the finance formula is complicated through various weighting factors such as transportation and free lunch students. The base state aid will be \$5381 per student. Multiply that number by 20 less students and you see why superintendents also relate to the end of the year description as active, tense, fun, tiring, emotional, and fulfilling all at the same time!

Honestly, I am confident it will be fine. The legislature will settle and we will be able to plan and prepare. Seniors will graduate, and new students will enroll. Our enrollment will hopefully begin to swing back up next year, and we will continue to try and improve our school, but there are times in the midst of the chaos and uncertainty, I worry about Flinthills and other rural schools. If you know a legislator, please encourage them to support rural schools.



The Kansas Principals Association (KPA) is proud to recognize our 2024 Kansas Principal of the Year area winners.

KPA is an organization of over 790 building level leaders from across the state of Kansas. These candidates were nominated by their school communities and selected by a committee of their peers. Candidates are evaluated on their school leadership, school improvement, dedication, professionalism, and service to students.

Congratulations are extended from the Kansas Principals Association to these individuals.

2024 KANSAS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Area 1 - Chris Zuck, Olathe Northwest High School, USD 233
- Area 2 - Scott Boden, Goessel Jr/Sr High School, USD 411
- Area 3 - Michael Hunter, Flinthills Middle School/High School, USD 492
- Area 4 - Shawn Henderson, Hays High School, USD 489

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Area 1 - Tim Leffert, Piper Middle School, USD 203
- Area 2 - Brad Couture, Wamego Middle School, USD 320
- Area 3 - Nick Hansen, Southeast Middle School, USD 247
- Area 4 - Jana Irvin, Scott City Middle School, USD 466

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Area 1 - Stephanie Bourne, Lawson Elementary, USD 453
- Area 2 - Eric Sjogren, Soderstrom Elementary, USD 400
- Area 3 - Todd Sanchez, Linwood Elementary, USD 259
- Area 4 - Kerri Lacy, Lincoln Elementary, USD 489

SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Area 1 - Kelly Hoopes, Tonganoxie High School, USD 464
- Area 2 - Jessica Koch, Nemaha Central Elem/MS/HS, USD 115
- Area 3 - Shanda Seibel, Andover Central Middle School, USD 385
- Area 4 - Jonathan Hansen, Dodge City High School, USD 443

ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Area 2 - Tiffany Koehn, Iola Elementary, USD 257
- Area 3 - Allison Futhey, Caldwell Elementary, USD 360

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

Dear Mustang Families,

This year has gone extremely fast. It's hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is almost over. As this year concludes, the Flinthills staff would like to thank each family for our partnership in the education of children. We are so encouraged to be a part of student's lives each day at school through their educational experiences.

The upcoming weeks will be extremely fast paced and filled with athletic competitions, academic events, Fine Arts concerts, and celebrations. I encourage each of you to enjoy each moment and be sure to take the time to be present when possible. In the weeks to come, please check the school website and Facebook page for all upcoming events.

As we prepare for the upcoming graduation and promotion ceremonies, our faculty and staff would like to thank these young people for the opportunity to be a part of their education. It takes true partnership between the school and home to help all students reach their academic goals.

The eighth graders will be celebrated at their Promotion ceremony on Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 in the Flinthills gymnasium. Please come show your support for these young people who are moving from Middle to High School.

The faculty and administration at Flinthills are proud to present the graduating class of 2024 and celebrate all of their accomplishments. We hope that the lessons learned in and outside of the classrooms help prepare them to continue to achieve their goals into the future. We want to personally invite each of you to help us celebrate the graduating Seniors at our High School Graduation ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 11th at 3:00 in the Flinthills gymnasium.

March Intermediate Student of the Month



Morgan Dragoo

3rd grade

Parents/Guardians: Matt & Amanda Dragoo

Hobbies & Activities: Riding her horse and talking about hairy cows.

Favorite Classes: Reading

Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

As most of you are already aware, the Covid guidelines have changed again. We no longer have to report positive cases to KDHE or the local health department. Also, if your student tests positive, they no longer have to quarantine for 5 days. As soon as they feel better and no longer have a temperature, without fever reducing medications, they can return to school. This still can be several days before they feel well enough to come to school. It will take many years before the stigma of having Covid is not feared.

On the Medication Permission Form that you will receive for next year, a couple of things were added. Midol, Thera tears and Burn relief gel were added and approved by the board.

Allergies are in full force at this time. Make sure your student takes allergy meds if needed. As I said before, I am very limited as to what I can give them for allergies.

Stay Well and Healthy,
Nurse Rhonda 🤗

March Employee of the Month

Scott Starr

Mr. Starr is a calming presence in his classroom. Students love being in his classroom because he challenges them to use their time productively, whether it's working on homework or playing board games. He encourages them to do their best, and his efforts are noticed as his students find success in other classes. He works closely with classroom teachers to come up with the best strategies for his students.

Scott brings calmness to our district. His ability to work with upset/angry/energetic students without showing negative emotion is impressive. He is truly a team player, seeking information about various students before deciding what is best for them. He always puts his students first, and they know just how deeply he believes in their ability to succeed.



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

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CHEER CLINIC

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MAY 21-23

10AM-12PM

INCOMING 6-8TH GRADERS

COME JOIN US FOR 3 DAYS OF CHEER BASICS, LEARNING CHEERS, TUMBLING AND STUNTING!

(INCOMING 6TH GRADERS NOT PERMITTED TO STUNT)

PLEASE WELCOME HADLYE CLARK FROM TABOR COLLEGE!

SEE MRS. ANDERSON TO SIGN UP

Coutts Art Show Results

Taylor Sutton received both 1st Place in Mixed Media and Overall Staff Choice for her Quadriptych series "Personal Personification" at the Coutts Museum of Art High School Art Exhibit in Eldorado. This series of 4 paintings, which are roughly 3-foot square each, are independently titled "I'm Still Having a Good Time", "Anxiety", "She is Me - I am She", and "Now You Are My Muse". This is the first time they have been displayed publicly due to their size and are even more stunning grouped together than individually! The show runs through April if you want to see some impressive artworks!

-Michal Austin



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PROJECTS FROM SHOP CLASSES



Austin Liggett—Oak Book Shelf

James Corter—Welding shop gifts



Shawn Kenneson—Poplar Night Stand



Javin Weis—a steel magnolia



Joey Kane—Oak Cross

Kaleb Grunder—Pick Axe



Newell Marsh — Oak and Maple Chess Board



Fine Arts Evening

May 1st

3-12 Art Show

3-5 Band and Music Program—6:30

6-12 Band, Jazz Band, Choir Program 7:30

Come early and browse our very own art show with artwork by our own students! Mrs. Austin will have a “Black Light” art show in the Board Office and other works in the lobby. These artworks have won awards and been in art shows, and now you get the opportunity to see them in person!



The 5th grade band will start the 3-5 program and close with “All About That Bass.” Then, you will be entertained by grades 3-5 singing and dancing.

The Middle and High School bands will feature both choirs and bands as well as our jazz band and the Music Appreciation class playing and singing a little country rock. The two bands will combine for the last number of the night bringing back a student favorite “The Great Locomotive Chase.”



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

Continued from Page 1—Amanda Brown, Giant Slayer

In Amanda's Junior year she took on her first Architecture challenge. The theme that year was a 26-room assisted living center. Amanda started researching, designing and building her model. Starting out with no knowledge and nothing but a sheer desire to learn, she spent her year researching and job shadowing. Her efforts paid off and she placed 2nd at State. Her On Demand video team, consisting of Amanda & Adley Humig, placed 5th.

Amanda's State Officer duties kept her busy as well. She attended several Leadership training sessions, eating lunch with the *State Board of Education* members, planning and helping lead the Winter Leadership Challenge for TSA members, and helping run the state TSA competitions.

For Amanda's senior year, she again focused on Architecture Design. The theme this year was a family vacation home near water. She researched different property and building codes and chose a location in Tennessee. With upgraded software, more knowledge, and a desire to be competitive on the national stage, Amanda dedicated 2-3 hours daily to designing her project. She researched handicap accessibility, HVAC, electricity & plumbing. She finally completed her paperwork as the first semester came to a close.

Second semester began and she focused her efforts on building her model. The resin water gives the viewer a sense of place immediately. Her two-story model is incredible! The roof is removable so you can see the layout of the 2nd floor, which is also removable for easy viewing of the first-floor layout. Amanda submitted her project at the state competition with confidence knowing she had given it her all. Her efforts paid off and she is the new Kansas TSA Architectural Design champion! This is even more impressive when 2nd and 3rd place went to two teams of 5 from Olathe! With minor adjustments to make from the judge's feedback she is truly National Competition ready! The National Competition is in Orlando, FL this year. Good luck Amanda!



Above: views of the outside of the house

Upper Right: view of the second floor, roof removed

Right: view of the first floor, roof and 2nd floor removed

Solar Eclipse

On April 8, 2024, students were able to view the solar eclipse. Even though we weren't in the path of totality, it was neat to see approximately 90% of the sun covered by the moon. Students enjoyed the event while gazing up from the football field. Several partial eclipses will be seen from Kansas in the future years, but the next total solar eclipse visible in Kansas won't be until August 12, 2045.



Classes—Where the Learning Begins

7TH GRADE HAS 2024 STATISTICS OLYMPICS

7th Grade Math has jumped into learning about statistics and data, prompting the 2024 Statistic Olympics! Five teams each created an event to record and find different measures of center.

Team Sophia the 1st (Rylee Randall, Ellie Kreidler, Alayah Bowlin, Makenna Jarvis, and Delanie Scott) created the Barbie race event with Delanie coming in 1st with a mean of 6.28 seconds, Rylee in 2nd place with a mean of 7.78 seconds, and Alayah in 3rd with a mean of 8.3 seconds. In this event, the students had to do a Potato sack race to fetch a Barbie doll and hop back to the finish line trying to be the fastest!

Team Leftovers (Stephanie Greene, Jake Scribner, Makayla Caravantes, Riley Humbarger, Trip Bohnen) created the Frostbite event. Coming in first place was Stephanie with a mean of 23 seconds, 2nd place with a mean of 22 seconds was Makayla, and 3rd place was Riley with a mean of 14 seconds. In this event, students dunked their faces in ice water to see who could last the longest. The girls dominated this event!

Team Brains (Teghan O'Rourke, Ellis Marshall, Eli Fulkerson, Cory Wells) created the Ruler Throwing event with Ellis in first place with a mean of 4.28 seconds, Teghan in 2nd place with a mean of 3.21 Seconds, and Eli in 3rd place with a mean of 2.9 seconds. In this event the student had to throw a ruler in the air and see who could get the longest time before hitting the ground.

Team Dragons (Terence O'Rourke, Aiden Sharp, Addison Thorne, Emily Thorne) created the Basket Throw Toss. Coming in first place, Terence scored a mean of 5.52 seconds, Aiden in 2nd with a mean of 11.31, and in 3rd, Addison with a mean of 1:11.01. In this event students had to throw markers into a basket from a specified space and see who could sink a basket in the shortest amount of time.

Team Steppa Squad (Kavin Flores, Dane Edwards, Lane Jenkins, Koleson Swafford, Remington Waller) created the Paper Plane Throw event. Coming in first was Kavin with a mean distance of 46.49 ft, in 2nd Koleson with a mean distance of 35.46, and in 3rd, Dane. In this event the students created a single paper airplane and measured in feet how far their airplane flew.

7th grade students are now creating presentations by gathering all of their data collected and creating correlating charts. At the end of the unit, the students will compete by using all of the events they have created to find the ULTIMATE Statistics Olympian!

-Jenna Anderson





Classes—Where the Learning Begins

HS Musicians Excel at Contests

Congratulations to the high school music students! They went to league on March 6 at Cowley County and dominated bringing home 15 I's, 3 II's and 1 III. Kudos to Cami Dutton who got a I with the trombone trio, vocal ensemble, marimba solo and the band as well as a II on her vocal solo – 5 top scores in one day! Mustang Proud!

I	Girls Ensemble	Emersyn Myers, Cali Crossfield, Cami Dutton, Alex Jackson, Dallas Griffith
I	Vocal Solo	Alexa Hardin
I	Vocal Solo	Brylee Heimgartner
II	Vocal Solo	Cami Finley
I	Vocal Solo	Chloe Grabast
I	Vocal Solo	Nilari Cabugo
II	Vocal Solo	Ember Kinning
I	Vocal Solo	Ataya Nesser
III	Girls' Trio	Paige Corter, Ember Kinning, Chloe Grabast
II	Girls' Trio	Ataya Nesser, Nilari Cabugo, Alexa Hardin
I	High School Concert Band	
I	Flute Solo	Keira Poston
I	Clarinet Solo	Yeva Taylor
I	Marimba Solo	Cami Dutton
I	Trombone Trio	Cami Dutton, Chloe Grabast, Nilari Cabugo
I	Percussion Quartet	Kyle Parker, Kianna Mantanona, Talon Scribner, Karynn Gleason
I	Trumpet Solo	Joliene Dragoo
I	Trumpet Solo	Brylee Heimgartner
I	Snare Drum Solo	Kyle Parker



Regional Results 2024

I	Girls Trio	Paige Corter, Chloe Grabast, Ataya Nesser
I	Vocal Solo	Chloe Grabast
I	Trombone Trio	Chloe Grabast, Cami Dutton, Nilari Cabugo
II	Vocal Solo	Nilari Cabugo
II	Vocal Solo	Brylee Heimgartner
I	Clarinet Solo	Yeva Taylor
I	Woodwind Trio	Keira Poston, Maddy Willard, Alex Scribner
II	Girls Quintet	Cali Crossfield, Cami Dutton, Dallas Griffith, Alex Jackson, Emersyn Myers
I	Trumpet Solo	Brylee Heimgartner
I	Drum Quartet	Karynn Gleason, Kianna Mantanona, Kyle Parker, Talon Scribner
II	Girls Trio	Nilari Cabugo, Alexa Hardin, Ataya Nesser
II	Vocal Solo	Cami Dutton
II	Vocal Solo	Ataya Nesser
II	Vocal Solo	Alexa Hardin
II	Snare Drum Solo	Kyle Parker
I	Flute Solo	Keira Poston
I	Vocal Solo	Ember Kinning
I	Trumpet Solo	Joliene Dragoo
I	Marimba Solo	Cami Dutton



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY



Cassoday Boosters 4-H



The March meeting of the Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club, held on March 18, was Parents' Night. Parents took over officer positions. Parent President and Reporter was Melissa Scribner; Parent Secretary and Song Leader was Tresa Garcia; Parent Treasurer was Karen Leibbrandt. Business included voting to hold an After-Fair Swim Party again this year. A committee was appointed to make plans. The club also voted to have a Ring Toss game at the Butler County Mini Fair. Parent Brad Thorne gave the program, demonstrating how to show a rabbit.

On April 7, the Cassoday Boosters held an exchange meeting with the Benton Busy Bees. Cassoday held their business meeting, followed by the Benton meeting. Both clubs then joined together for snacks and recreation.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 23 at the Butler County Mini Fair.

FHS FORENSICS WINS LEAGUE AND HEADS TO STATE!



Watch our Forensics Team Perform their Pieces
At the Forensics Showcase on
Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 PM
in Mrs. McCreight's Room.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

April 2024

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From Ms. Hansen

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

Butler Community College: Sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in looking into taking college classes for the fall semester, please stop by Ms. Hansen's office. Some helpful tips when thinking about college classes:

- Apply at Butler Community College
- Take a look at the classes you might be interested in taking (on the Butlercc.edu website)
- Check the requirements for FHS students (with Ms. Hansen)
- Know if you want to have dual credit

Word of the Month

PERSEVERANCE

"Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through obstacles and challenges."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2024)



Award Assemblies

High school and middle school students will have an award assembly on May 10, 2024. High school academic assembly is at 8:30 am. Middle school academic assembly is at 1:00 pm. Parents and family members are welcome to attend these assemblies. After the high school assembly, seniors will stay for graduation practice and lunch at school!



Important Dates

- May 10 - High School Awards Assembly at 8:30 am
- May 10 - Middle School Awards Assembly at 1 pm
- May 11 - Graduation at 3 pm
- May 11 - 8th Grade promotion - 1 pm

Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **PERSEVERANCE**

- Why is it important for us to practice perseverance?
- When was the last time you showed perseverance?
- Thank of an obstacle you had to overcome. How did you do it?
- Who in your life shows perseverance?



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

2024 TSA State Competition

The 2024 TSA State Competition is over. The team competed hard and I am SO proud of them! I'd like to preface that our state competition is against Kansas TSA teams from schools of all sizes all over the state.

The two new TSA team members, Yana Taylor and Tylan Willard, both competed hard, taking on new challenges and competing in competitions they had never tried before. Yana broke semi-finals in Photography, where she was tasked to create a series of 3 photos that told a story. Yana takes beautiful photos but just couldn't pull out a win. Tylan also broke semi-finals in both Audio Podcasting and Prepared Presentation. His podcast on Hope Core was entertaining, informative and inspirational. For Prepared Presentation he was tasked on creating a slide deck on this year's National theme of Evolution of Excellence. His projects were amazing but he too just couldn't pull out a win.

Taylor Sutton's project Promotional Design broke her into semi-finals. She had to compete in a hands-on competition where she was tasked with designing a banner for a National Conference. She earned a 2nd place at State, qualifying her to compete at Nationals.

This is Taylor's 2nd year as a TSA member, and now a two-time National qualifier.

Amanda Brown is the team's only 4-year member. Amanda was also a state officer her junior year. Amanda's project was Architectural Design. Amanda created a two-story vacation home on a river. She was the only "team" to compete solo - both the Olathe teams she competed against had 5 members. Amanda walked away with a strong state championship, qualifying her to compete at Nationals.

Amanda and Taylor also competed in Problem Solving and placing 5th in State.

This was an extremely strong team, the first to have every member break into semi-finals. Other competitions they competed in included Essays, Forensic Science, Tech Bowl (the team placed 7th out of 10), OnDemand Video, & Extemporaneous Speech.

-Mrs. Michal Austin





Coltin Drago has received third place in the Kansas Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest.

Flinthills PTO would like to extend our most sincere "Thanks" to our community for your tremendous support. Donkey Basketball was a huge success and we look forward to hosting it again in the future.

We would also like to recognize our event donors. This event would not have been possible without their generosity.

Ranchin' Misfits
 Vannocker Livestock
 Scribner Enterprises
 Broke N Quarter Horses
 Bayley Allemand
 Kim Jackson
 Chloe Fuzzell
 Jets Diesel

Phyllis Jackson
 Alana Holcomb
 Brenton Family
 Judy Lowmaster
 Alvord Family
 El Dorado Wal-Mart
 Nicole Downard
 Fleming Feed &

Grain

Cow Tag Ranch – Chris & Kailey Brooks

Amy West



Sports News

2024 JH Wrestling

This year our team goal was to make everyone better. Every day at practice, we all worked together to see everyone at their best. It worked!

Our first outing was Remington. At the end of the evening, we all looked shell-shocked. Most of the 7th grade had not wrestled before. One tough night! The second one was Douglass. The improvement was unbelievable. All wrestled hard, some wins, some losses, but lots of effort.

By Friday, we were all much better wrestlers. We won more Friday than we lost. Our last meet was West Elk. It was a very fun night-lots more wins than losses.

All in all, a very good group to work with.

-Coach Bill





Pictures by Melissa Scribner



FMS



Sports News

Hartford Jaguar Invitational @ Emporia State Results Garrett Jackson sets new record!

Garrett Jackson is the new Flinthills Middle School 100m Dash Record Holder with a time of 11.76 seconds. Garrett broke a 53-year-old record of 11.9 seconds set by Rick Brown in 1971. Congratulations Garrett!

Boys: 2nd Place out of 6 Teams

Turbo Javelin 6th Place: Jake Scribner
 Discus 2nd Place: Chris Bowlin
 High Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
 High Jump 5th Place: Kaleb Grunder
 Long Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
 Long Jump 5th Place: Deken Girty
 Shot Put 3rd Place: Deken Girty
 Shot Put 4th Place: Chris Bowlin
 3200m Run 4th Place: Coltin Dragoo
 3200m Run 6th Place: Kaleb Grunder
 75m Hurdle 2nd Place: James Corter
 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Chris Bowlin
 75m Hurdle 4th Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 100m Dash 1st Place: Garrett Jackson
 1600m Run 6th Place: James Corter
 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Remington Waller,
 Deken Girty, Ty Finley, Garrett Jackson
 400m Dash 1st Place: Garrett Jackson
 400m Dash 4th Place: Newell Marsh
 4 x 200m Dash 1st Place: Newell Marsh,
 Aidan Herrman, Kaleb Grunder, Ty Finley
 200m Dash 2nd Place: Remington Waller
 200m Dash 4th Place: Deken Girty
 4 x 400m Relay 4th Place: Koleson Swafford,
 Aidan Sharp, Nolan Riemann, Newell Marsh

Girls: 1st Place out of 6 Teams

High Jump 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann
 High Jump 3rd Place: Rylee Randall
 High Jump 5th Place: Makayla Caravantes
 Long Jump 2nd Place: Adrienne Riemann
 75m Hurdle 1st Place: Delanie Scott
 75m Hurdle 2nd Place: Makinsey Waller
 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Stella Edwards
 100m Dash 3rd Place: Makinsey Waller
 100m Dash 4th Place: Rylee Randall
 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Makinsey Waller,
 Stella Edwards, Adrienne Riemann, Rylee
 Randall
 400m Dash 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann
 200m Dash 1st Place: Rylee Randall
 200m Dash 6th Place: Delanie Scott
 4 x 400m Relay 1st Place: Makayla
 Caravantes, Delanie Scott, Emmie Marsh,
 Makinsey Waller

-Coach Casteel



Pictures by Carie Town



HS Track

The High School Track & Field team is off to a great start this season. We have only had a couple of meets so far, but have brought home numerous medals and have had many PRs.

We traveled to Oxford with a small group for our first meet of the season. All four of the athletes competed well, and Braiden Neeley brought home a bronze medal in the javelin throw.

We had more of a full squad for our second meet at Eureka. It was a great meet, and all of the athletes competed well once again. The medalists from this meet were:

100m – Harlee Randall, 1st

200m – Harlee Randall, 1st

Charli Bohnen, 5th

100m Hurdles – Nilari Cabugo, 2nd

4x100m Relay (Nilari Cabugo, Rylie Wight, Charli Bohnen, Harlee Randall), 1st

Shot Put – Paige Corter, 1st

Javelin – Paige Corter, 5th

Shot Put – Mason Randall, 3rd

Javelin – Braiden Neeley, 4th

We have quite a few more meets coming up in the next few weeks. We will also be hosting the SCBL League meet on Friday, May 10. This will be the first high school meet that we have hosted in quite some time so please come out and support this hard working group of young women and men.

-Coach Steve Jackson

Flinthills 5th Grade Basketball Team Winners

The Flinthills 5th grade Walnut Valley Rec League girls' basketball team ended the season with a winning record, 5-4! The league is actually a 5th and 6th grade league and Flinthills is the only team in the league that does not have 6th graders due to MS basketball. These girls had to play hard and overcome height and age differences in every game. They learned how to work together as a team and overcome obstacles! We are so proud of them and have loved coaching them through the years! Good luck in MS ball next year ladies! Your future is bright and we can't wait to cheer you along!

Love, Coach David and Coach Sarah



Sports News

Eureka Junior High Classic Results 4/2/2024

6th/7th Grade Girls: 2nd Place out of 8 Teams

100m Dash 2nd Place: Rylee Randall

200m Dash 4th Place: Delanie Scott

100m Hurdle 1st Place: Delanie Scott

100m Hurdle 2nd Place: Stella Edwards

100m Hurdle 3rd Place: Makinsey Waller

4 x 100m Relay 2nd Place: Emmie Marsh, Stella Edwards, Makinsey Waller, Rylee Randall

4 x 200m Relay 4th Place: Brentley Decker, Addison Thorne, Ellie Kriedler, Emily Thorne

Sprint Medley Relay 1st Place: Bellah Hickman, Stella Edwards, Delanie Scott, Makinsey Waller

High Jump 2nd Place: Rylee Randall

High Jump 3rd Place: Makayla Caravantes

High Jump 4th Place: Addison Thorne

Long Jump 2nd Place: Makinsey Waller

Discus 2nd Place: Makayla Caravantes

Discus 4th Place: Hollis Hebert

Turbo Javelin 4th Place: Emily Thorne

Turbo Javelin 5th Place: Bellah Hickman

Shot Put 1st Place: Emily Thorne



8th Grade Girls:

400m Dash 1st Place: Adriene Riemann

High Jump 2nd Place: Adriene Riemann

Long Jump 1st Place: Adriene Riemann

6th/7th Grade Boys: 1st Place out of 8 Teams

100m Dash 5th Place: Lane Jenkins

200m Dash 1st Place: Remington Waller

200m Dash 2nd Place: Eli Fulkerson

400m Dash 3rd Place: Nolan Riemann

800m Run 4th Place: Luke Parker

800m Run 5th Place: Jake Scribner

1600m Run 5th Place: Eli Fulkerson

100m Hurdle 3rd Place: Teghan O'Rourke

4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Ian Forbes, Lane Jenkins,

Teghan O'Rourke, Remington Waller

4 x 200m Relay 3rd Place: Luke Parker, Gleb Taylor,

Reece Jackson, Nolan Riemann

High Jump 3rd Place: Teghan O'Rourke

Long Jump 1st Place: Remington Waller

Discus 1st Place: Trip Bohnen

Discus 2nd Place: Nathan Town

Turbo Javelin 2nd Place: Jake Scribner

Turbo Javelin 5th Place: Reece Jackson

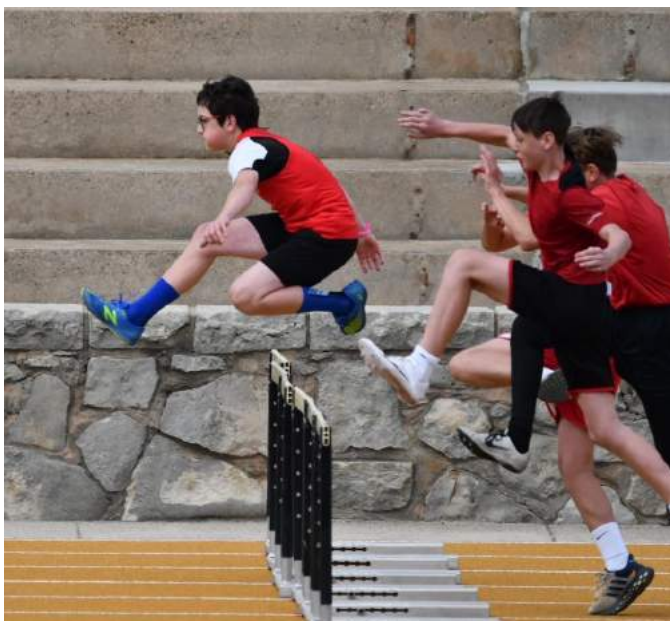
Shot Put 2nd Place: Dane Edwards

Shot Put 4th Place: Lane Jenkins



8th Grade Boys: 1st Place out of 8 Teams

- 100m Dash 1st Place: Garrett Jackson
- 200m Dash 5th Place: Aiden Herman
- 400m Dash 2nd Place: Garrett Jackson
- 400m Dash 3rd Place: Newell Marsh
- 800m Run 1st Place: Coltin Dragoo
- 800m Run 3rd Place: Joey Kane
- 1600m Run 4th Place: Chris Bowlin
- 1600m Run 5th Place: James Corter
- 100m Hurdle 4th Place: James Corter
- 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Deken Girty, Newell Marsh, Ty Finley, Garrett Jackson
- 4 x 200m Relay 1st Place: Aidan Herman, Joey Kane, Kaleb Grunder, Ty Finley
- Sprint Medley Relay 2nd Place: Kaleb Grunder, James Corter, Joey Kane, Garrett Jackson
- High Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
- High Jump 4th Place: Kaleb Grunder
- Long Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
- Turbo Javelin 2nd Place: Deken Girty
- Turbo Javelin 3rd Place: James Corter
- Turbo Javelin 5th Place: Cory Wells
- Shot Put 3rd Place: Chris Bowlin
- Shot Put 4th Place Deken Girty



Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

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

Our Character Strong words for April are Patience and Perseverance. We are getting closer to the end of the school year and Spring is definitely in the air. Field trips are coming up and spring programs. Enjoy family time outdoors!

Both schools- participated in the Solar Eclipse on April 8. Students had fun and learned facts about the event.



Title Literacy Night was April 10 in Rosalia. Students and their families enjoyed Camp Read-a-Lot with flashlight reading, Bingo for Books, and making Smores were a few of the stations.



Farm Day is coming up on April 17. May 1 is the 3-5th grade Band & Vocal Concert at 6:30PM. The Primary Spring Concert is May 7 at 7PM. Pre-K Graduation is May 9 at 6:30PM.



If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket to win this awesome quilt, please contact a primary student or the school at 620-735-4428. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5, checks should be made payable to Flinthills PTO, and you do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be held May 7, 2024 after the primary concert.

Elementary Literacy Night

On Tuesday, April 9th elementary students and families were invited to Literacy Night. This year, the teachers hosted "Camp Read-a-Lot" and had literacy activities related to camping.

Students enjoyed fishing for rhyming words and antonyms, building words, making S'mores, and reading in our camp with a few high school volunteers. The "Puppet Pals" station turned out to be a favorite as students showed off their creativity by turning favorite book characters into paper bag puppets. Bingo for Books is always a hit as students go home excited about their free books -- which the teachers love to see!

Rick and Jenny's brought their Rollin' Burger Joint out again and donated a portion of sales to the school to help purchase more books. Thank you, Rick and Jenny!

Thank you to all the teachers and staff who had a part in making this year's literacy night a success! Special thanks to our high school volunteers: Brylee Heimgartner, Alex Scribner, Joliene Dragoo, and Emma Anderson.
-Crystal Ratcliff; pictures by Amanda Dragoo



READ ACROSS AMERICA

The Intermediate classes celebrated Read Across America March 2nd thru March 8th. This year the students kept a reading log and were encouraged to read at least 20 minutes per day. Each day was also a dress up day where everyone got to wear pajamas, red or blue, crazy socks, etc.

Mrs. McCreight and a few of her drama and forensic students read a Dr. Seuss book to the students each morning along with teachers also reading a book to their class. At the end of the week they students voted on their favorite Dr. Seuss book.

On the last day to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday we enjoyed a sundae bar.



KEEPING TRACK OF EVERYTHING!

Red—High School

Blue—Middle School

Green—Primary and Intermediate

Black—More than one level

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>
Monday, April 22	3:00	SS/BB @Oxford Honor Flight returning
Tuesday, April 23	3:00	MS Track @ Rosalia
Wednesday, April 24		Field Trip – 7 th and 8 th graders to Abilene NHS Induction
Thursday, April 25	2:00	MS Track @ Eureka
Friday, April 26		Field Trip – 7 th graders to Gem/Mineral Show in Wichita
Saturday, April 27		State Solo/Small Ensemble Contest @ Hesston
	6:30	FHS Forensics Showcase
Sunday-Tuesday, April 28-30		State FFA @ Manhattan
Monday, April 29	4:00	SB/BB @ South Haven
Tuesday, April 30	3:30	HS Track @ Burlington

Important Dates in May

Wednesday, May 1	6:30	3-5 Band/Music Concert
	7:30	6-12 Band/Choir Concert
	6:00	3-12 Art Show
	8:30	Retirement Reception for Mrs. Grover after the concert
Thursday, May 2		Field Trip – 5 th graders to World Treasure Museum
	1:30	MS SCBL TR @ Oxford (11:30) League BB/SB Tournament
Friday, May 3		Field Trip – 3 rd and 4 th grade to Exploration Place
	3:00	HS Track @ Remington League BB/SB Tournament
Saturday, May 4		State Forensics @ McPherson
Monday, May 6	12:45	MS Choir perform at Homestead
	2:00	MS Choir perform at El Dorado Care and Rehab

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>
Thursday, May 7 th	8:00	Sports Physicals – 5 th grade
	7:00	Primary Spring Concert
		Primary Quilt Drawing after the concert
Wednesday, May 8		Field Trip – 6 th graders to Dinosaur Field Station in Derby
		FFA MS Academy @ Maize (only 8 th graders)
Wednesday, May 8-17		Regional BB tournament hosted at Flinthills
Thursday, May 9		Regional BB
	6:30	Pre-K Graduation
Friday, May 10		Seniors Last Day
		8 th Grade Last Day
	8:30	HS Academic Assembly
	1:00	MS Academic Assembly
	3:00	SCBL HS Track @ Flinthills
Saturday, May 11	1:00	Promotion – 8 th grade
	3:00	Graduation – 12 th grade
Monday, May 13		Regionals SB @ Lyndon
Tuesday, May 14		Field Trip – Grades 3, 4, 5 Bowling Trip
		Field Trip – Cassoday to Sedgwick County Zoo
		Regionals SB @ Lyndon
Wednesday, May 15	8:30	Intermediate Talent Show
	11:45	Intermediate Awards
	1:00	Intermediate Field Day
Thursday, May 16	1:00	Last Day of School – Early dismissal
	12:30	Primary Rodeo Day; dismissal from Cassoday at 12:30
Friday, May 17		Regional Track
Thursday, May 23		State SB/BB
Friday-Saturday, May 24-25		State Track @ WSU



Flinthills Flyer

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