



Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

May 2024

FLINTHILLS FORENSICS WINS 2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Our Mighty FHS Speech Forensics Team took 1st at State Saturday, May 4th. With “GREAT TAKES GRIT” as their chosen theme, they brought home the Winning Trophy with a 44 point lead over the 2nd place school. Our students fought Kiowa and Sylvan- Lucas all day, but after going into Semi-Finals in 2nd Place, the Mustangs jumped ahead following Semis.

Coach Julie McCreight said, “Their drive, determination and focus brought home the win. You should have seen them. You would have been proud to be a Mustang. It was quite a day!”

Twelve of the sixteen FHS Events placed in the Top 6, assuring at least one state medal for all 8 team members. Specific placings were as follows:

Prose (Storytelling with Characters) -

Sydney Sorum - 1st
Callie Cordts - 2nd
Cole Beard - 7th

Duet Acting (2 Actors Performing a Scene)

Sydney Sorum and Taylor Rosebraugh - 1st

Informative Speaking (A Speech which Informs)

Keira Poston - 1st
Brylee Heimgartner - 2nd
Ember Kinning - 5th

Oration (A Persuasive Speech)

Callie Cordts - 2nd
Brylee Heimgartner - 3rd
Keira Poston - 4th

Serious Solo Acting (1 Actor Portraying Several Characters in a Serious Situation)

Taryn Brittain-Fields - 2nd
Taylor Rosebraugh - 12th

Poetry (A Rhyming Story Performed with Characters)

Callie Cordts - 3rd



From the Desk of Superintendent, Brian Spencer

Sometimes new superintendents come into a district and right away try to make changes and put their “mark” on a district. Other superintendents spend some time watching, observing and participating in the life of the district and allow the district to make a “mark” on them. Rapid change, unless there is a crisis that must be addressed, is difficult for an organization. This second approach is what I have tried to do this year, and I can report that things are good here in the district. There are challenges we must continuously address, but that is true of all districts. There was not a “raging fire” that needed to be extinguished when I arrived, and when little fires have ignited throughout the district this year, our “firefighters” have been very capable of extinguishing them. We have good people in this district. As I reflect on the past year I can happily report that being a Mustang is as good now as I remember it 30+ years ago.

I won't list all the challenges we had this year and how we dealt with them, but I will use graduation as an example of how we have tried to make lemonade from a batch of lemons. Things seldom go according to plan. The high school gymnasium is one such example. There were underlying issues with the gym floor that caused it to fail more quickly than it should have. Ultimately the board made the decision to replace the floor as quickly as they could. Waiting until the summer wasn't a good option because the installers were already booked up for the summer. We would have had to begin next year without a gym floor if we waited. If things had gone exactly the way we had hoped, we would have been in the gym for graduation. They didn't go that way. When the floor was removed it was confirmed there was a problem with the cement slab. It was not as level as it needed to be, so it had to be ground in several places to ensure a solid base for the new floor. That added time to the process. Most of the rest of the installation went as planned, but there was a day or two when things were delayed for various reasons. There were several steps in the process all carried out by different people. Making that many schedules line up properly is almost impossible, but we nearly pulled it off. Ultimately, we were five days short of being able to have graduation in the gym. We could have pressed the issue and held graduation in there, but we would have risked doing damage to the finish on the floor. (Think folding chairs with heavy loads, not to mention rolling the bleachers out onto the not quite cured finish.) Additionally, the aroma was still very pungent. It easily could have caused reactions to several in attendance. The decision to move the graduation to the stadium was difficult because of the fear of weather, but it was our best decision. If weather would have been an issue, we would have had to move the ceremony indoors. Thankfully, that did not happen. It was a beautiful day. Our people rose to the occasion, and two very nice ceremonies were held on May 11.

That is how I feel this year went. We had some challenges, but the staff rose to the occasion and we addressed them. It is my goal to continue that system into the future. “Every Mustang, Every Day” means more to me now than it did back in July. Although we have great facilities, the people involved are the reason Flinthills is so great. As I mentioned at Graduation, the Board of Education is a great group of people that is serving for the right reasons. Our teachers and certified staff are committed to the students and truly enjoy serving them and each other. The rest of the faculty, custodians, bus drivers, paras, etc. are just as committed to their jobs and our students. This truly is a district dedicated to serving students. They realize that students are the reason we are here. Without them, there wouldn't be a school.

Finally, a group that is often overlooked are our patrons and alumni. You people are fantastic! Parents are sending us the best and most important things they have: their children. You support us and attend events and participate in fundraisers. Yes, there are times you challenge us or request reasons for what we do, and that is fine. When it is done in the proper way, it ultimately makes the organization stronger. If given the opportunity, I feel the school can respond and explain the reasoning behind the decisions made, and having that opportunity is vital for the success of the organization.

With all of that said, I can easily state I am excited about next year and what it will bring. It is a great time to be a Flinthills Mustang!

Out of District Enrollment



The Kansas Legislature has enacted a new law concerning out of district students attending public schools. This new law has generated significant press coverage and discussion across the state, but honestly it will not likely have much effect on Flinthills, USD 492. Flinthills has always accepted out of district students in good standing. A very high percentage of our students are out of district students. We

are pleased that our alumni that live outside of the district send their students to school here. We are also pleased that we are the school of choice for those who are able to choose where they attend.

With that stated what we have always done will be a little more formalized than it has been in the past. Our building capacity numbers as well as the anticipated enrollment numbers are posted on the website. Additionally, the application form and guidance concerning applying are linked on the website. The biggest question we have received so far concerns whether or not current out of district students must apply again. They do not. Unless you have been contacted by a building principal and been told your student is not in good standing and will not be eligible to attend next year, your children have been “grandfathered” in and we are expecting them to be here. The Anticipated Student Enrollment chart published on our website includes our current out of district students. We have a place for our returning students. You will not be treated any differently than our current in district students. We will see you at enrollment.

If you know of others wishing to enroll at Flinthills the best thing to do is have them call the school and talk to a principal. Beyond that direct them to the school website and the application process. Our transportation policy will remain the same. Those coming from El Dorado can meet the bus at the shelter belt. We will establish pick up areas for those coming from the other directions.

We set the capacity levels by grade level, and we used the numbers we have traditionally used to decide if another section of a grade or class would be needed. The Kindergarten capacity number is 20. We add one per year up to 5th grade, and after that the capacity number is set at 30. (1st =21, 2nd = 22, 3rd =23, 4th = 24, & 5th = 25: 6th through 12th = 30)

Remember, if you are a current out of district student you are welcome back next year without having to complete an application or anything special. We are expecting you. Out of district students wanting to attend in 2024-2025 for the first time must complete that application process, and that information is available on our website.



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

Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is almost over. As this year comes to a close, our staff would like you to know that it has been an honor to be a part of the Flinthills' community. It is always so encouraging to be a part of student's lives through their educational experiences. It brings our faculty, staff, and administration tremendous joy to know that you entrust your students to us every day throughout the school year. We are so thankful for the ongoing partnership with e: you!

We hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer spending time with friends and family. Thank you for your partnership.

Go Mustangs!

John Walker
Carol Lawer
Michael F. Hunter
F. Z.
Jude Rosen
Robin Hunter
Steve & Laurie
Kenley Clark
Bill
John A. Austin
Jan Dvor
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Julie Gravelle Craft
Christy Alvarado
Patty Barker
Julie Wilketo
Janie Smidger
Scott Hunt

Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

I can't believe how fast this school year went by. Even students have commented on how fast it went.

I am already working on next year's mandated screening requirements and changes that have been or will be made next year. There are 3 major screenings that are required by the state which are hearing, vision and dental. Not every student will be tested. This year, I will be doing the hearing and vision screening and I plan on Shanin Peck (Registered dental hygienist) coming to do the dental screenings as she did last year. Immunizations are also another area that is mandated that we monitor, and I will be monitoring these and sending out letters when and if your student needs a vaccination. I just ask that you be patient getting reports, since I will be doing them. I will do my best to keep everyone informed as to when the testing is being done.

Another addition this year is that we will be able to check for flu and strep. I still have the Covid at home test strips and have received the Combo test strip, which will check for Covid and for Flu A & B. I will also be able to check for Strep. Checking for strep will be very limited, especially with the younger students. I will not do a throat swab on the younger kids if they cannot tolerate this procedure; instead, they should have one done at the physician's office. In this situation, I will do a visual check as we have done in the past.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in August!!

**Stay Well and Healthy,
Nurse Rhonda**



May Employee Of the Month

Michal Austin

So many things get done without any acknowledgement! When you stop and look, Michal is the "doer" behind many of those. She helps create a positive culture with SAFE, wins state and national awards with TSA, develops artists who win awards, and is the instigator for *many* staff functions. She is truly an awesome person and is a tremendous asset to our district.

Senior Spotlight



Lane Alvord – Lane has kept busy throughout his high school career. In the spring, he helped with the Special Families’ garage sale fundraiser. He also volunteers during Vacation Bible School at the Rosalia Christian Church. He helps neighbors burn pastures and attends church on Sundays. While at school, Lane helped with football during his junior and senior year at Flinthills. He currently works at Stands Farms. Lane plans to work at Stands Farms after he graduates and then work for his farm one day a week. Lane is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Callie Cordts – Callie has been in volleyball all four years at Flinthills. She went to state with her team her junior year while playing volleyball. Callie has participated in Forensics all four years and went to state each year with Forensics. She has been a part of the Drama Club for the last four years and served as the vice-president of the club for two of those years. She was in 8 plays throughout high school! She was inducted into the International Thespian Society when she was a freshman and performed at a conference. Callie is involved in NHS and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. While she participated in many school activities, she also worked outside of school. She received the Presidential Scholarship from Butler Community College. After graduation, Callie plans to attend Butler Community College and then transfer to Emporia State University where she will major in English Education. She wants to be a high school English teacher. Callie is graduating Magna Cum Laude.



Wyatt Beard – Wyatt has been involved in football while in high school. He has been employed throughout his high school career. He has been on the honor roll for 2 years at Flinthills and received the Butler 2000 scholarship. Wyatt plans to attend Butler Community College and major in cyber security. He would like to be a security analyst once he graduates from college.

Amanda Brown – Amanda played volleyball all four years of high school and participated in track for two years while at Flinthills. She received 2nd Team All-League and 1st Team All-Stars Grasslands in volleyball. She was involved in SAFE and Scholars bowl for two years, NAHS, NHS, and student council. Amanda also was a part of Skills USA, FCA and TSA for four years. In TSA, she has qualified for nationals all four years and has earned several top 5 placements at the state level. She has been on the Principal's Honor Roll while in high school and received the Purple Award Scholarship from Kansas State University. She has volunteered for VBS during the summer and has worked throughout her high school career at local businesses in El Dorado. Amanda plans to attend Kansas State University and will major in architecture. Amanda is graduating Magna Cum Laude.



Joseph Becker – After graduation, Joseph plans on entering the workforce. He is interested in something in the business realm.

Riley Garcia – Riley has been an eleven-year member of the Cassoday Boosters 4-H club, has been active in a variety of 4-H project areas, including dairy goats, bucket calf, ceramics, and foods. Riley is also a Butler County 4-H Ambassador. Riley has earned the prestigious awards from 4-H that include the Kansas Key Award, the “I Dare You” award, and the Butler County Services to 4-H and community award. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in El Dorado, where she serves as a Deacon, showing her dedication to both faith and service. Additionally, she was a part of the community wide GreenHouse Youth group for four years. She excels as a member of the Butler Blazers Special Olympics teams, competing in track, tennis, and bowling. She also loves dance, bowling and baseball with the Meaningful Life Foundation in Wichita. During high school, Riley was a member of FFA and enjoyed sharing about her goats at Farm day and in class. Riley was a cheerleader for all four years of high school and a member of the basketball team for two years. She was involved with theatre, taking part in six plays, and was in FCA, Band and Art. In FFA, Riley has received the FFA Discovery Degree and the FFA Greenhand Degree. Riley was also Winter Homecoming Queen her senior year! After graduation, Riley plans to continue her education at Butler County’s Transition Academy. Following that, she aspires to enroll in the Friendship Fields program at Friends University. Riley is also eager to secure a job. Riley is graduating Magna Cum Laude.





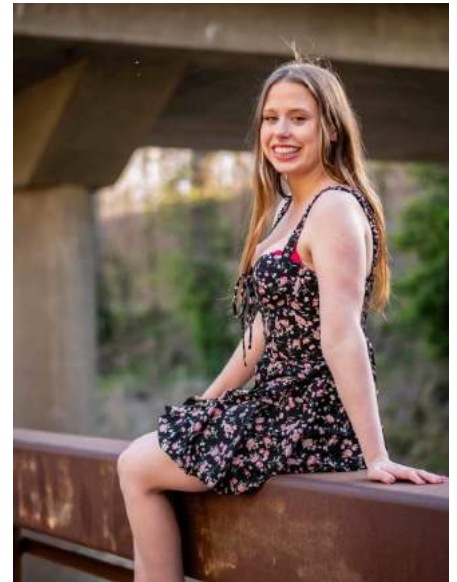
Alexa Hardin – Alexa has been involved in choir, Tri-M, and scholastics. At the regional music competition her junior year, her ensemble received a 2 and her solo received a 1! At the state competition, her solo received a 2. Senior year, she entered photography into Scholastics and received 2 Honorable Mentions. She also received the Elks Award and a scholarship from Butler Community College. She has been on the Black Honor roll and Principal's Honor Roll at Flinthills. She was also on the President's Honor roll at Butler her junior year. Alexa has been involved with community service at Fox Lake with the entertainment committee. She created halloween props, helped with running games/activities, and worked in the haunted houses! Alexa plans to attend Butler Community College to earn her Associates degree in Interactive, Digital and 3D Design. Alexa is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Abbigale Hilyard– You might see Abbigale at our local Dillons in El Dorado! She has worked there for a while as a cashier or courtesy clerk. Abbigale has also volunteered at Great Beginnings. At Flinthills, Abbi has been involved in NHS, NAHS, SAFE, track, and cheerleading. She plans to attend the University of Kansas after high school and major in Microbiology. Abbigale is graduating Magna Cum Laude.



Kolby Holcomb– Kolby has been a part of the Flinthills 4-H club for the last 11 years! She has been involved in FFA, NHS, and StuCo throughout her high school career. She is the treasurer of the FFA Misfits. Kolby plans to attend Butler Community College and work as chapter and secretary of StuCo. She has helped with VBS and works at Ranchin' n her Associates degree in General Studies. She plans to transfer to K-State and get a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education. She wants to be an Ag teacher once she earns her degree. Kolby is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Rebecca Holstine – Rebecca has been on the honor roll at Flinthills all four years of high school. She is a recipient of the Butler 2000 scholarship and the Aldine and Lloyd Chapman Presidential Gold Scholarship. She has been a cheerleader for the high school! Rebecca plans to continue her education at Butler Community College and then transfer to a 4-year college. Rebecca is graduating Cum Laude.



Kouper Jarvis – Kouper has been involved in FFA while at Flinthills. He participated in livestock judging and CDE. Kouper plans to join the workforce as a welder in the refineries after he graduates.

Willow Kane– Willow has been involved in basketball and softball during her sophomore year at Flinthills. She played volleyball and participated in track during her freshman year. She enjoyed playing sports and experiencing competition with a team that she could feel a part of. Willow enjoys spending time outside of school with family, playing card and board games with her friends, and being creative and writing, drawing, or taking pictures. After Willow graduates, she wants to take time to explore her interests and abilities. She plans to try out various jobs to gain insight into a variety of industries and professions. She will take basic classes at Butler Community College while understanding her strengths, interests, and values that will help guide her future path.





Danica Leis – Danica will be attending Butler Community College after she graduates high school. She plans on majoring in Health Sciences. She was the 2023-2024 Reporter for FFA and 2023-2024 Secretary for Skills USA. She has worked for a local El Dorado business for the last year. Danica is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Tate Leslie– Tate has been involved with youth group outside of school and participated in community service days at school. He was a part of basketball, football and FFA. Tate plans to attend Butler Community College after high school and transfer to K-State and major in Sports Management. Tate is graduating Cum Laude.



Austin Liggett– During Austin’s senior year, he received the Grassland All-Star Honorable Mention and the Grassland 2nd Defensive End awards for football. He has also received the Gold Key award for art along with an Honorable Mention through Scholastic. Austin has been involved in football, baseball, FCA, FFA, and SkillsUSA. During his junior year, he was president of the FCA and then vice president his senior year. After graduation, Austin is going to work for MCS Services to be an equipment operator.

Kianna Mantanona– Kianna was involved in band while in high school, earning top ratings in all ensembles she was in. She enjoyed setting up the free store at school for community service hours. After graduation, Kianna plans to attend Butler Community College to complete a certificate in cybersecurity. She wants to work as an ethical hacker once she graduates!



Braiden Neeley– Throughout high school, Braiden has been involved in football, track and drama. He has also been in a few plays at Flint-hills! After graduation, Braiden wants to join the workforce and become a realtor. His dream job would be an actor so he will be on the hunt for a director sometime soon!

Yana Nikolskaya-Taylor – Throughout her time at Flinthills, Yana was involved in Scholars Bowl, Cheerleading, TSA, and NHS. She was on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years. Some of Yana's strengths are in customer service. She has learned to work fast when she is under pressure. Yana plans to attend KU after high school and earn her degree in Political Science and later go to law school. Yana is graduating Summa Cum Laude.





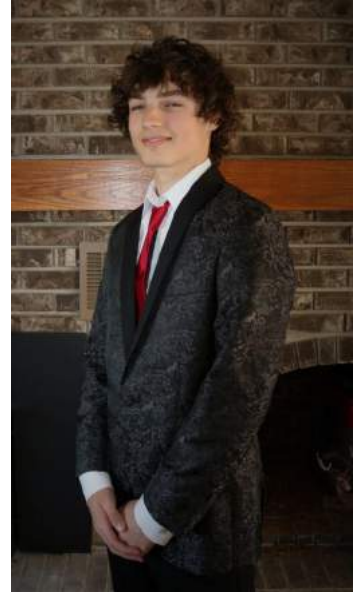
Conner Sigg – Conner’s high school journey was marked by an impressive array of achievements both on the football field and in the realm of theater. His talent and dedication show through with his slew of accolades in football, including the 2023 All Grasslands Honorable Mention, 2023 Varsity Football Team Captain, and 2023 SCBL First Team All-League Defense. His defensive skills were recognized with the 2023 All Butler County First Team Defense, specifically as a safety. His stellar performance didn’t go unnoticed statewide, as evidenced by his recognition in the 2023 Sports in Kansas 8M-I All State Honorable mention. Conner’s impact extended beyond athletics as he was also celebrated within his school’s theater community. His commitment to excellence in technical work and overall professionalism earned him the titles of Best Tech Work and Most Professional Theatre Student in 2023. His contributions to theatre were further honored with prestigious awards such as the Alpha/Omega Theatre Award, The Magnificently Mannered Theatre award in 2023, and Best Tech Work in 2021. Conner was also a 2023 Fall Homecoming Candidate. Conner is now ready to embark on his new journey as he joins the Wichita Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee after graduation, where his drive and commitment are sure to lead to continued success as he trains to become an electrician.

Sydney Sorum– Sydney participated in softball, theatre, forensics, student council, volleyball, basketball, drama club, FFA, NHS, International Thespian Society, Scholars bowl, math relays, and was the football manager while she was at Flinthills High School. Sydney will attend Washburn University and major in Allied Health. She wants to earn her degree and pursue a career as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. Sydney is graduating Summa Cum Laude.



Kolton Stanfield – Kolton was involved in football, forensics, theatre, and FFA while in high school. He was an FFA officer his junior year. You might see Kolton at the El Dorado Walmart as he has worked there during his senior year! Kolton plans to go into the workforce and work for Dustrol Inc. after graduation.

Shane Steinhauer – Shane works construction with his dad and also works at the theater. He has been involved with basketball, baseball, and TSA while in high school. He is still uncertain about what he wants to do after high school, but some of his options are to attend Butler Community College for Digital Media or join the workforce.



Conner Sutter - Conner occasionally works at the medical clinic that his mom works at to help out as a floater. He has played football for two years at Flint-hills. Conner has been on the Black Honor Roll his junior and senior year. While working at Sutherlands in El Dorado, he has developed his skills with customer service. Conner plans to attend Butler Community College. He wants to study automotive tech so he can be a mechanic once he graduates college! Conner is graduating Cum Laude.

Taylor Sutton - Taylor has been involved in National Honor Society, Technology Student Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Art Honor Society, and SkillsUSA while in high school. She has received numerous art competition awards, such as Scholastic Art and Writing, Regional Congressional Art competition, along with being chosen as the staff pick recently in the Coutts Art Museum and 1st in her category. Her art talents have earned her a Fine Arts scholarship to Friends University. Taylor has been the vice president of SkillsUSA and has been the state champion and state qualifier in her events, as well as TSA which has taken her to nationals, including this year. She has recently received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award. She has received Shocker Honors through WSU and has been on the honor roll throughout her high school career. She currently works at a local restaurant in El Dorado. Taylor will be attending Friends University to pursue Fine Arts. She doesn't know what she will be majoring in yet, but she is excited for the opportunity and the change of scenery! Taylor is graduating Magna Cum Laude.





Javin Weis - Javin has been involved in FFA and Skills USA while at Flinthills. He also played football and baseball. He has been on the Black Honor Roll at school for three years and then Principal's Honor Roll his senior year! Javin plans to attend Butler Community College and major in auto mechanics. He wants to be an automotive technician after he graduates! Javin is graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Cody Williams - Cody was the treasurer of the Flinthills FFA his junior year and was the president during his senior year. He was also the president of FCA during his senior year. He played football and was selected for multiple levels of awards at the league, area, and county levels. He was selected All-State for baseball during his junior year. He was on the honor roll for two and a half years. He received the Greenhand certificate and the Chapter certificate in FFA. He has been working his last two years of high school in El Dorado. Cody plans to attend Butler Community College and study farm and ranch management. After college, he wants to weld for a few years and then manage a ranch for himself or someone else! Cody is graduating Cum Laude.



APPLY KANSAS

2024

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FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT

SENIOR SIGNING DAY

ALL STAR HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR-SENIOR *Fun Day*

Booster Club Hosted a Junior/Senior Fun Day on Saturday, April 20. Thirty-one students traveled to Wichita for lunch at Pizza Ranch followed by two hours at All Star Sports. Everyone then returned to the school for prize drawings.

Each student that attended received at least two prizes. During the first round of drawings, seniors each chose a gift valued at \$50 or more. The gift items included pots and pan sets, dishes and silverware, a coffee maker, sleeping bags, gift cards and much more. Juniors each received a \$25 gift card. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, there were enough prizes that each student then received a second gift! The Junior grand prize was a 24-inch smart tv and the winner of the senior grand prize went home with a 50-inch television. The winning continued with drawings for a microwave, a Keurig, a cooler and an air fryer.

Sponsors for Fun Day included both businesses and individuals. The Fun Day Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this a memorable event for Flinthills students. They would also like to extend a special thank you to MCS Services for their donations totaling over \$1200.

Thank you Fun Night Sponsors!



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April HS Student of the Month

Karsyn Flores

Parents – Kyle and Kasey Flores

Hobbies – Rodeo, Baking, going to Concerts, and having Fun!!

Activities – FFA, Stuck, SkillsUSA and FCA

Favorite Class - TA for Mrs. Hunter and FFA with Mrs. Clark



April MS Student of the Month

Ian Forbes

April MS Student of the Month

Parent – Mika Forbes

Hobbies – Detailing cars, working on my truck, and hanging out with friends

Activities – Football Manager and Track

Favorite Class - Math



April Intermediate Student of the Month

Ellie Wilson

5th grade

Parents/Guardians: John & Tracy Wilson

Hobbies & Activities: Watching TV, hanging with friends and family, riding her mo-ped, and playing basketball and volleyball.

Favorite Classes: Band and Art



Booster Club T-Shirt Design Contest

The winning design will be used on sponsor shirts for 2024-2025. The student whose design is chosen will win a \$50 cash prize as well as a t-shirt with their design. This is great opportunity to add to your resume and to show off your design skills!



Maddy Willard wearing her 2023
-2024 Winning Design

Contest is open to Flinthills students in 9th-12th grade during the 2024-2025 school year.

Must use school colors – Red, Black and/or White Print on Red, Black or Grey t-shirt

Must include years (2024-2025)

Remember this is a “Flinthills Booster” t-shirt; not a Booster Club t-shirt

It is recommended that you use a graphic design website such as Canva

Please do not use apps or websites not intended for graphic design, such as Word

Please do not use a retail t-shirt website such as Custom Ink

Submit Designs by 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2024

Entries will be submitted using a Google Form. Once school starts in August you can access the form in Google Classroom or see Mrs. Garcia for a link

Contact Mrs. Garcia (t.garcia@usd492.org) with questions

Classes—Where the Learning Begins



Brock Donner, Hunter Davis, not pictured Luke Jenkins—Kayak trailer conversion to utility trailer.



Kolter Flores—Aluminum Trailer TIG Weld Repair



Austin Liggett—Oak Bookcase



Kaleb Grunder—Walnut Shoe Wall Rack



Javin Weis—Cedar Planter Box

Shop Projects

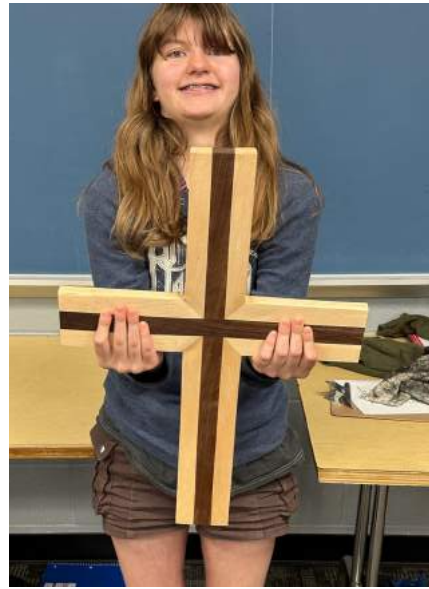
Ari Johnson—Cross



Kaleb Grunder—Cedar Cross



Alli Sutter—Cross



Jacob Hudson—Train Whistle

Cody Wells—Maple Baseball Bat



James Corter—Birdhouse



Garrett Jackson—Maple Baseball Bat

Classes—Where the Learning Begins

FHS Musicians Are Competitive and Versatile

Our high school musicians are very busy people. In addition to preparing for pep bands, honor bands, jazz band and concerts, the instrumentalists also prepare and compete at the league, regional and state levels. They only have one competition so it makes it more intense than if we had multiple practice meets. With such a small band, the players started learning new instruments so that a “missing” part on one piece would be covered. As a result, 84% of our high school band members play more than one instrument. That is an incredible feat.

The vocalists don't have quite as many styles of music to prepare, but approximately 1/3 of the choir is also in band. These are the students who are also involved in plays, clubs, and sports. The others work on learning to sing three-part harmony and singing a cappella (without accompaniment).





Classes—Where the Learning Begins

Mustangs Take 2nd at League Math Relays

On March 26th, thirty-one students on the high school math relays team made the journey to Udall to compete in the SCBL Math Relays. The Mustangs needed to get some revenge at the competition to get back into the top 2 to get a plaque at the league relay after taking 3rd as a school in the fall. They accomplished their mission by flying colors. As a school, they went from 6 points behind 2nd place to getting 2nd and being 40 points ahead of 3rd place! Our seniors and juniors led the way by both taking 2nd in their respective grade levels. Individually, Charles Farris had the highest placing with a silver, while Talon Scribner and Nilari Cabugo picked up a bronze medal each. Karynn Gleason picked up a gold in the sophomore division, while Brylee Heimgartner, Colton Reust, Yeva Taylor, and Joliene Dragoo all had silver finishes. The juniors were led by Kyle Parker and Emily Scribner. Kyle picked up a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medal and Emily picked up a 1st and 3rd of her own. Jake Mead had a 2nd and Cami Dutton medaled 3rd. In the senior division, Callie Cordts had two 2nd place finishes, Sydney Sorum had a 3rd place. Tylan Willard tested up in the senior division getting a silver and a bronze along with Cali Crossfield who tested up and also got a bronze. Many other students also contributed with a 4th or 5th placing that adds to our team total points! Overall, it was great seeing the strides these students made over the year to make such a jump in team points, and I look forward to seeing what they can do in the future!

- Mr. Trevor Kemp



MS Musicians Go To Contest

The majority of middle school students are in either band or choir and traveled to Cowley County Community College for the SCBL League Music Contest. The band scored a I which is the top score and the first time they have earned that rating.



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

Flinthills 4-H Club

The Flinthills 4-H Club helped with the Rosalia Community Easter Egg Hunt again this year. There were 14 members that distributed around 4,000 eggs on the football field.





The Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club's April meeting was an exchange meeting with the Benton Busy Bees. The meeting was held at the Benton Community Center. Each club held a separate business meeting. The next club meeting will be held on May 23 at 5 p.m. at the Butler County 4-H Building. Following the meeting club members will attend the county Mini Fair. The Mini Fair is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to exhibit spring projects and other items not shown at the county fair. Activities will include Horticulture Judging, Project Show and Tell, Club Activity Booths, Favorite Foods Contest and more. Admission is free and the event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. with participant set-up beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Butler County 4-H Fair will be held July 18 -24 at the county fairgrounds. Cassoday Boosters members will have livestock, foods, crafts, clothing and other items on exhibit.

Flinthills First Honor Flight Collaboration Was a Success!



ACTIVITIES KEEP US BUSY

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Humorous Solo (1 Actor Portraying Several Characters in a Funny Situation)

Sydney Sorum - 5th

Seniors, Sydney Sorum and Callie Cordts led the team scores. They were triple entered and performed a total of 15 times. Brylee Heimgartner and Keira Poston performed 10 times. All members of the team contributed greatly to the final team score...every performance and in every round. GREAT Really DOES Take GRIT!





2024 MS Wrestling Team



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FHS Baseball

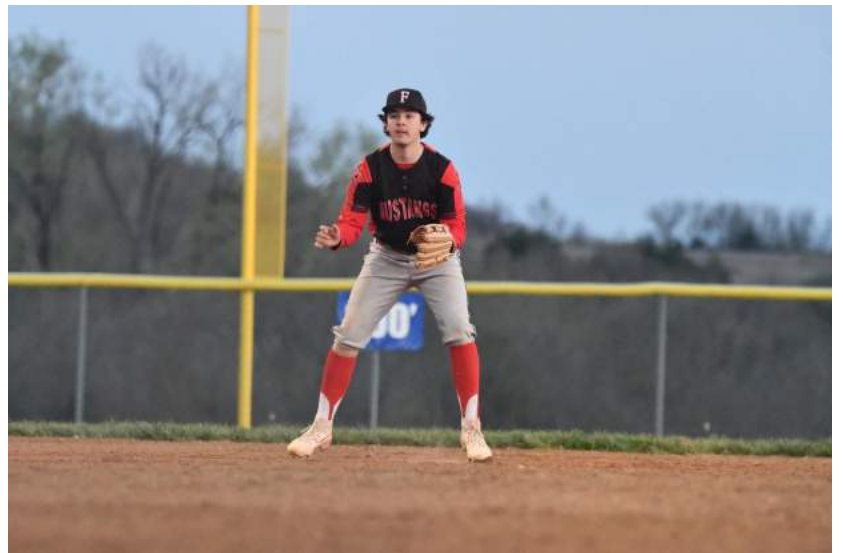
The Flinthills Mustang baseball team showed solid improvement this season. Last season, the Mustangs were low on personnel and struggled to find very many wins. This season the Mustangs improved their record mightily and showed signs of future promise.

With a number of young players having a lot of potential, the Mustangs were able to compete more consistently this season. There were two great examples of this. One game the Mustangs lost 1-4 to the SCBL champions in a well-played game. In the other example against the league champions, the Mustangs were tied going into the next to last inning.

A big thank you goes out to Shane Steinhauer, Javin Weis, and Austin Liggett for their contributions to the program as seniors. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

The expectations will be high going into next season as the Mustangs return seven starters from this season's team.





Sports News



FHS Softball

Softball season just concluded their season at the Lyndon Regionals in May. Even with battling through some injuries, the Mustangs have still had a great season due to the positive culture and hard work ethic of the girls. The softball team finished at a 15-9 record overall, and a league tournament runner up. The 15 wins marks the second most wins in a season and the team has made the league tournament title game in back-to-back years for the first time in the team's history. Coach Simmons and I have been proud of what the girls have accomplished and the improvements our new contributors showed. We are also looking forward to seeing how far they can go next year! Thank you to all that came out and supported during the season! Look to the school's Facebook page for updates on records and accolades these girls have received for the year in the coming weeks!

- Coach Kemp





Sports News



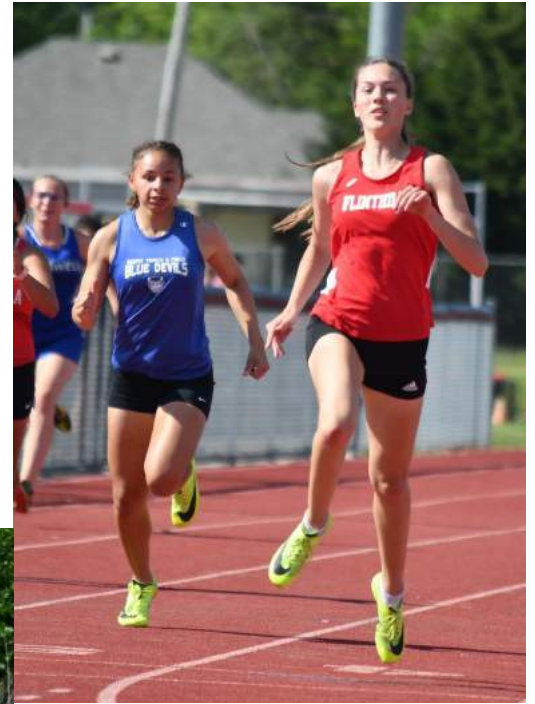
FHS Track and Field

The high school track team has had a successful season so far. We began our competitive season at Oxford on March 28, and, as of the printing of the Flyer, we still have Regionals and State competitions remaining. We have relatively low numbers of athletes competing this season, but what we have lacked in numbers we have more than made up for in talent.

We have had high placings at numerous meets and have brought home numerous medals. Our girls' team which consists of only 7 ladies finished in 5th place at the SCBL league meet hosted here at Flinthills.

Harlee Randall has also broken the 200m record this season at 26.03 seconds. The previous record of 23.30 was set in 1977. We have quite a few athletes who are currently ranked in the top 10 in our regional, so please be checking the school's social media pages to see updates on the meets yet to come.

Congratulations to all of the student-athletes on the season thus far!





FMS Track and Field

WOW is an understatement! Before we get started with results, a huge shoutout must also go out to our amazing Flinthills community! Thank you to our teachers, students, spring athletes, and community members who volunteered to help host our meet. You are all greatly appreciated and we wouldn't be able to do it without all of you!

5' 6" set by Rick Brown has held the Middle School Boys' High Jump record since 1971. It became quite the gathering at the High Jump pit yesterday afternoon as Ty Finley cleared 5'6" to tie the record and set a PR. But Ty wasn't finished yet. Ty went on to clear 5'8" setting the new Middle School Boys High Jump record.

15' 9.5" is also your new Middle School Girls Long Jump record. Adrienne Riemann broke Kenisa Myers's record of 14' 9.5" set in 2016 by a whole foot. Adrienne has also High Jumped 4'10" this season tying the Middle School Girls High Jump record set by Tammy Long in 1971.

If you thought we were done setting records, you would be wrong. Our 8th Grade Boys 4 x 200m Team consisting of Joey Kane, Aidan Herman, Kaleb Grunder, and Ty Finley set the new Middle School Boys record with a time of 1:50 flat. This beats the old record of 1:50.6 set in 2000 with the team of Chris Traylor, Jacob Simon, Lane Willhite, and Matt Anderson.

Flinthills Invitational Track Meet Results 4/23/2024

6th/7th Grade Girls: 1st Place out of 8 Teams with 165 Team Points

Long Jump 1st Place: Makinsey Waller
 Long Jump 4th Place: Stella Edwards
 Long Jump 6th Place: Brentley Decker
 High Jump 3rd Place: Rylee Randall
 High Jump 4th Place: Makayla Caravantes
 High Jump 5th Place: Addison Thorne
 Shot Put 2nd Place: Emily Thorne
 Shot Put 5th Place: Hollis Hebert
 Shot Put 6th Place: Ellie Kreidler
 Turbo Javelin 1st Place: Emily Thorne
 Turbo Javelin 5th Place: Aubree Hays
 Turbo Javelin 6th Place: Brentley Decker
 Discus 2nd Place: Makayla Caravantes
 Discus 4th Place: Addison Thorne
 Discus 6th Place: Hollis Hebert
 Pole Vault 2nd Place: Emmie Marsh
 Pole Vault 5th Place: Aubree Hays
 100m Dash 1st Place: Rylee Randall
 75m Hurdle 1st Place: Delanie Scott
 75m Hurdle 2nd Place: Stella Edwards
 75m Hurdle 4th Place: Makinsey Waller
 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Emmie Marsh, Stella Edwards, Makinsey Waller, Rylee Randall
 400m Dash 3rd Place: Emmie Marsh
 4 x 200m Dash 2nd Place: Emmie Marsh, Ellie Kreidler, Hollis Hebert, Aubree Hays
 200m Dash 1st Place: Rylee Randall
 200m Dash 2nd Place: Delanie Scott
 800m Sprint Medley 1st Place: Bellah Hickman, Stella Edwards, Delanie Scott, Makinsey Waller

8th Grade Girls: 4th Place out of 8 Teams

Long Jump 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann
 High Jump 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann
 Turbo Javelin 3rd Place: Hannah Hartman
 400m Dash 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann
 200m Dash 1st Place: Adrienne Riemann

6th/7th Grade Boys: 1st Place out of 8 Teams with 178 Team Points

Long Jump 2nd Place: Remington Waller
 High Jump 4th Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 High Jump 6th Place: Lane Jenkins
 Shot Put 3rd Place: Dane Edwards
 Shot Put 5th Place: Lane Jenkins
 Turbo Javelin 3rd Place: Jake Scribner
 Discus 2nd Place: Dane Edwards
 Discus 4th Place: Trip Bohnen
 Discus 5th Place: Nathan Town
 Pole Vault 1st Place: Jake Scribner
 Pole Vault 2nd Place: Noah Riemann
 Pole Vault 3rd Place: Luke Parker
 1600m Run 4th Place: Ian Forbes
 100m Dash 1st Place: Remington Waller
 100m Dash 2nd Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 100m Dash 3rd Place: Lane Jenkins
 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Lane Jenkins, Terence O'Rourke, Teghan O'Rourke, Remington Wal-

ler

75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Terence O'Rourke
 75m Hurdle 4th Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 400m Dash 4th Place: Nolan Riemann
 400m Dash 5th Place: Jake Scribner
 200m Dash 1st Place: Remington Waller
 200m Dash 2nd Place: Eli Fulkerson
 200m Dash 5th Place: Trip Bohnen
 800m Run 3rd Place: Luke Parker
 800m Run 4th Place: Jake Scribner
 800m Run 6th Place: Ellis Marshall
 4 x 200m Relay 4th Place: Luke Parker, Gleb Taylor, Koleson Swafford, Nolan Riemann
 800m Sprint Medley 3rd Place: Aidan Sharp, Ellis Marshall, Koleson Swafford, Nolan Riemann

8th Grade Boys: 1st Place out of 8 Teams with 170 Team Points

Long Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
 Long Jump 4th Place: Deken Girty
 Long Jump 6th Place: Newell Marsh
 High Jump 1st Place: Ty Finley
 High Jump 5th Place: Kaleb Grunder
 Shot Put 3rd Place: Deken Girty
 Shot Put 5th Place: Chris Bowlin
 Turbo Javelin 3rd Place: Cory Wells
 Turbo Javelin 4th Place: James Corter
 Discus 2nd Place: Cody Wells
 Discus 4th Place: Chris Bowlin
 Pole Vault 1st Place: Kaleb Grunder
 Pole Vault 2nd Place: Colton Dragoo
 3200m Run 2nd Place: Colton Dragoo
 75m Hurdle 4th Place: James Corter
 100m Dash 1st Place: Garrett Jackson
 100m Dash 6th Place: Aidan Herman
 4 x 100m Relay 1st Place: Deken Girty, Newell Marsh, Ty Finley, Garrett Jackson
 1600m Run 3rd Place: James Corter
 400m Dash 1st Place: Garrett Jackson
 400m Dash 2nd Place: Newell Marsh
 4 x 200m Dash 1st Place: Joey Kane, Aidan Herman, Kaleb Grunder, Ty Finley
 200m Dash 2nd Place: Deken Girty
 200m Dash 5th Place: Cody Wells
 800m Run 3rd Place: Joey Kane
 800m Run 4th Place: Colton Dragoo
 800m Sprint Medley 2nd Place: Joey Kane, James Corter, Kaleb Grunder, Newell Marsh



MS Girls League Champions

Your 6th / 7th Grade Girls are the 2024 SCBL League Champions! Your 8th Grade Boys are the 2024 SCBL League Runner-Ups. The 8th Grade Boys missed being League Champions by half of a point. Oxford scored 149 team points and we ended the day with 148.5 team points. We were the only team that beat Oxford this season at Udall in April. Our 8th Grade Boys 4 x 200m also broke their record set this season of 1:50 with a time of 1:49.41.

We came home with many Individual SCBL League Champions and League Runner-Ups! Great season Mustangs!

SCBL League Meet @ Udall 5/3/2024

6th/7th Grade Girls: SCBL League Champions!

3200m Run 3rd Place: Makayla Caravantes
 75m Hurdle SCBL League Champion: Delanie Scott
 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: Stella Edwards
 200m Hurdle SCBL League Champion: Delanie Scott
 200m Hurdle SCBL League Runner-Up: Makinsey Waller
 100m Dash SCBL League Runner-Up: Rylee Randall
 200m Dash SCBL League Runner-Up: Rylee Randall
 200m Dash 4th Place: Delanie Scott
 400m Dash 5th Place: Emmie Marsh
 4 x 100m Relay SCBL League Champions: Emmie Marsh, Stella Edwards, Makinsey Waller, Rylee Randall
 4 x 200m Relay 4th Place: Emmie Marsh, Ellie Kreidler, Hollis Hebert, Aubree Hays
 4 x 400m Relay SCBL League Runner-Ups: Bellah Hickman, Stella Edwards, Delanie Scott, Makinsey Waller
 Discus SCBL League Runner-Up: Makayla Caravantes
 Discus 5th Place: Addison Thorne
 Shot Put 5th Place: Emily Thorne
 Shot Put 6th Place: Hollis Hebert
 High Jump SCBL League Runner-Up: Rylee Randall
 High Jump 5th Place: Maskayla Caravantes
 Long Jump 4th Place: Makinsey Waller
 Pole Vault SCBL League Runner-Up: Emmie Marsh
 Pole Vault 5th Place: Aubree Hays

8th Grade Girls:

High Jump SCBL League Champion: Adrienne Riemann
 Long Jump SCBL League Champion: Adrienne Riemann
 400m Dash SCBL League Champion: Adrienne Riemann
 200m Dash SCBL League Runner-Up: Adrienne Riemann

6th/7th Grade Boys: SCBL League 3rd Place

75m Hurdle 5th Place: Terence O'Rourke
 75m Hurdle 7th Place: Ian Forbes
 200m Hurdle 5th Place: Terence O'Rourke
 100m Dash SCBL League Runner-Up: Remington Waller

100m Dash 5th Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 200m Dash 3rd Place: Remington Waller
 4 x 100m Relay SCBL League Runner-Ups: Lane Jenkins, Terence O'Rourke, Teghan O'Rourke, Remington Waller
 4 x 200m Relay SCBL League Champions: Terence O'Rourke, Lane Jenkins, Teghan O'Rourke, Eli Fulkerson
 4 x 400m Relay 5th Place: Jake Scribner, Aiden Sharp, Koleson Swafford, Nolan Reimann
 Discus 5th Place: Dane Edwards
 Discus 7th Place: Trip Bohnen
 Shot Put 4th Place: Dane Edwards
 Shot Put 5th Place: Lane Jenkins
 High Jump 4th Place: Teghan O'Rourke
 Long Jump 3rd Place: Remington Waller
 Pole Vault SCBL League Runner-Up: Jake Scribner
 Pole Vault 4th Place: Noah Riemann
 Pole Vault 5th Place: Luke Parker

8th Grade Boys: SCBL League Runner-Ups!

3200m Run 3rd Place: Coltin Drago
 75m Hurdle 3rd Place: James Corter
 75m Hurdle 7th Place: Aidan Hermann
 200m Hurdle SCBL League Runner-Up: James Corter
 200m Hurdle 3rd Place: Chris Bowlin
 100m Dash SCBL League Runner-Up: Garrett Jackson
 200m Dash 7th Place: Deken Girty
 1600m Run 4th Place: James Corter
 400m Dash SCBL League Champion: Garrett Jackson
 400m Dash 4th Place: Newell Marsh
 800m Run 4th Place: Joey Kane
 4 x 100m Relay SCBL League Champions: Deken Girty, Newell Marsh, Ty Finley, Garrett Jackson
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 4 x 400m Relay SCBL League Champions: James Corter, Joey Kane, Kaleb Grunder, Newell Marsh
 Discus SCBL League Runner-Up: Chris Bowlin
 Discus 3rd Place: Cody Wells
 Shot Put 3rd Place: Chris Bowlin
 Shot Put 4th Place: Deken Girty
 Long Jump SCBL League Champion: Ty Finley
 High Jump SCBL League Champion: Ty Finley
 Pole Vault SCBL League Runner-Up: Kaleb Grunder
 Pole Vault 3rd Place: Coltin Drago



Art Show is Astounding

On May 1 while the 3-12 music concert was happening there was also the first ever black-light art show! Students grades 3-5 created the majority of the black light art that was displayed. "Under the Sea" was the theme, and artwork consisted of underwater creatures in a variety of mediums including ceramics, painting and collage. 6th grade art students and high school art students also displayed art, and photography students showed off their best work. Community guests were treated to a stop-motion collage video as they walked in the door, created entirely by our Intermediate art students. The video can be viewed by scanning this QR code. Even though this show was an incredible amount of work. seeing the joy on my art student's faces as they entered the board office where the show was held was worth every second!







The 2024 Intermediate Talent Show was held on May 15 in the high school auditorium. Seventeen acts took part in the show.

Kendall Jones sang “Long Live Cowgirls.” Maxton Lemons and Toby Brenton showed off Toby’s state facts knowledge with a States Q&A. Jasper Bohnen’s vocal solo was “Grandpa (Tell Me ‘Bout the Good Old Days). Gunner LaRue stumped the audience with several riddles. Ralen Wilhite, Olivia Wilson, Ellie Gulick and Emma Leibbrandt performed an original dance to “Rockstar.” Halstyn Ludwick showed off her gymnastics skills in a fun routine. Jasper Bohnen teamed up with Harper Hinde dancing to “Napoleon Dynamite.” Mayley Decker and Laycie Jones showed off their breakaway roping skills. Audrey Grunder played “Pirates of the Caribbean” on the piano.

Hudson Hinde, Jayci Teter, Ellie Wilson, Hazel Ludwick and Halstyn Ludwick wrote and performed the skit “The Worst Store Ever.” Alexis Cremer and Regan Dunn sang “You Are My Sunshine.” Addison West was joined by her grandmother to share several selections on the piano. Audrey Grunder, Pippa Hebert and Jocelyn Oates entertained the crowd with their original skit “Mission Impossible 2.0.” Each class also presented a piece they had worked on in Drama Class. The Sassy Sisters with Mr. Clark closed out the mornings’ show with a medley of songs that had all of the students singing along.



The Sassy Sisters & Mr. Clark





Our family would like to Thank everyone who has supported us through this past year. It's hard to believe that it has been 1 year on May 17th that we started our emotional roller coaster ride with our Little Wrenley. Whether your support was through PRAYERS or through one of our Fundraisers. We wouldn't be where we are today without each of you 💕

She still has so many more challenges in front of her but with your continued Prayers and support we are sure she will conquer them all.

Wrenley is now 15 months old with a Smile that is sure to melt your heart. We are hoping that as her immune system gets stronger she can meet some of you.

THANK YOU ALL 💕💕💕



Flinthills Primary and Intermediate

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

Our Character Strong word for May is Courage. I hope all of you have a wonderful summer and make some amazing memories! It has been a joy working with our students, staff, and parents this year! Thank you to our staff for all of your hard work and dedication to our students!!

Primary School memories for the month of May:



Intermediate School memories for the month of May



Flinthills Flyer

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