

# Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS



## Flinthills Olympics

September 2024

Middle School and High School students were welcomed back to school with an exciting day of class competitions aimed at fostering team spirit and reconnecting with peers. The event, designed to help students transition smoothly back to school after a long break, included a series of fun activities such as airplane flights, pool noodle teams, javelin throw, and dodge ball. Throughout the competition, students earned points for their respective classes, with the Seniors and 8th graders emerging as the ultimate winners.



WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL

Intermediate



4th Grade



3rd Grade



5th Grade



Class of 2025



Primary





# From the Desk of Superintendent Brian Spencer

Back to school time is my favorite time of the year. The idea of a fresh start and a new beginning help create a positive climate throughout the school. Everyone seems excited to be back in school. Being back in school means different things to different people, but what everyone has in common is the new beginning and new schedule. My hope is always that the energy and excitement created at the beginning will hold over and become the standard for the year.

One thing we did last year that created a good deal of excitement within the district was the Courtesy Passes to home events. Last year, as a sign of appreciation to the patrons and supporters of the district, the board of education chose to provide Courtesy Passes to all home athletic events. The response from the community was so positive that the board has decided to continue the practice again this year! All “Mustang Family Members” will be admitted free of charge to home athletic events during the 2024-2025 school year. Just like last year, admission for post season games and league sponsored events held in our buildings will be charged, but the typical regular season games at home will be free admission for the Mustangs. We would like everyone to wear their Mustang clothing to the games to not only support the students, but also make it easy for the gate workers. If one shows up in Mustang clothing they will know you are one of the family, and you will be granted free admission.

Mustang fans do NOT need to get a new Courtesy Pass this year. If you would like one we will have them available. Contact the high school office and make arrangements to get one, but again, you don't need one. Simply wear your Mustang Colors and you will be granted admission to home games.

Continuing with the theme of generating excitement and new beginnings, I am back to serve another year. When I came here last year it was on an interim basis. The plan was to serve part time for a year, and then step back into retirement. Well, I enjoyed being a Mustang again so much, I not only wanted to come back for another year, I wanted to be here more often! Last year I was scheduled to work three days a week. This year the plan is to be here four days a week. It is truly a pleasure to serve here at Flinthills, and I appreciate the board giving me the opportunity.

On the topic of the board of education, there are some new members so I will list each of them and the area they represent. When you see them tell them thanks for serving our students.

District 1:	Position #1	Melissa Scribner
	Position #4	Joe Leibbrandt
District 2:	Position #2	James Heimgartner
	Position #5	Bayley Allemand
District 3:	Position #3	Travis Holcomb
	Position #6	Ireland Turner
At-Large	Position	Justin Grunder

We are off to a very good start. We hope to maintain that excitement and energy throughout the year. Please come on campus and support our students and staff as much as possible, and thanks to the board of education you can attend games for free simply by wearing your Mustang clothing!



# Principally Speaking....

It was fantastic to welcome both our returning and new students back to school last week. I hope you and your family enjoyed a summer filled with memorable moments. It's always a joy to see our students interacting with each other and with our dedicated Flinthills staff. This time of year is truly one of my favorites!

As we embark on another exciting school year at Flinthills, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. Our staff has been hard at work preparing to offer engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

It was great to see so many of you at the Community Cookout. What a wonderful show of support for our student athletes!

We look forward to a productive partnership with you to help our children reach their highest potential.

-Michael Hunter, MS/HS Principal

Welcome back to school! We are all excited to have your children at the Primary and Intermediate Schools. Our Character Strong word for September is Creativity. We have had a great start to our first few weeks of school.

-Mrs. Cooper, Primary/Intermediate Principal

## 4th Grade Lunch With Mrs. Cooper



**Don't forget to download our Flinthills School App to your mobile device for convenient access to everything you need to know! Check out the calendar on the App or at <https://www.usd492.org> for the most up to date information!**



# Volleyball Scrimmage & Football Jamboree



High school football players started scrimmage day by greeting elementary students as they arrived at school.



# 2nd Grade with Mrs. Anderson



**"A My Name is Alice" – Class book about our names.**



**Learning to type with correct hand position.**



**Centers**



## Cheer News

The Flintheads Mustangs High School Cheerleaders are gearing up for an action-packed football season. The squad has been working hard to master cheers and routines in preparation for the upcoming games. To kick off their season, the cheerleaders recently organized an overnight lock-in on Friday, August 16th. During the lock-in, they created posters, made locker signs, and continued practicing cheer skills. The cheerleaders are excited to build school spirit and to cheer on the football team. In addition, the group is set to host a mini cheer clinic, promising an opportunity for aspiring cheerleaders to learn and showcase their skills. Stay tuned for further details on this upcoming event!



# Mustang Supporters



Calling all Parents, Alumni and Community Members! Flinthills Booster Club is gearing up for a great year of cheering on our Mustangs! Booster Club supports all Middle and High School students in both academic and extracurricular activities in a variety of ways.

In previous years, the Flinthills Booster Club has purchased official state t-shirts for students who qualify for a state level event, paid for students to attend state competitions to cheer on our teams, and helped send all middle and high school students on end-of-year field trips. Booster club supports middle and high school teachers during Parent Conferences and Teacher Appreciation week and provides funding for a variety of activities as requested by coaches, directors or teachers. In addition, Booster Club awards at least one \$200 college scholarship for graduating seniors each year.

In 2023-2024, Booster Club spent over \$3500 to support our students and teachers. In order to continue to provide this level of support, we need your help! The first and best way to help is to be a part of Booster Club! We are always looking for new ways to provide opportunities for our students! We would love to hear your ideas! Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates!

## Please Join Us!

**Booster Club Meeting**  
**Monday, September 9th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**High School**

**PTO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 11th**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Cassoday Primary**



# Booster Club Sponsorships

Booster Club Sponsorships for the 2024-2025 year are now available! \$50 Sponsors will receive a Student Designed Booster T-shirt. This year's shirt will be unveiled at the September 6th home football game and will be available in black or grey. \$100 Sponsors will receive their choice of two Booster T-shirts or one Booster Polo Shirt. All Sponsors who sign up by November 1 will be listed on this year's Booster Club banner which will be displayed during winter and spring sporting events. Fill out the Sponsorship Form and return it to Tresa Garcia at the high school. Forms will also be available at all home games; just look for the Booster Club table!

## 2024-2025

### Flinthills Booster Sponsorship

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount  \$50 (T-Shirt)

\$100 (Polo or 2 T-Shirts)

Type (T-shirt or Polo) _____
Size _____
Color (Black or Gray) _____

<b>2nd T-Shirt Option (\$100 Sponsorship)</b>
Size _____
Color (Black or Gray) _____



## Flinthills High School 2024 Football Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
8/30	Rosalia/Cookout	Oxford/Independent	6:30 Jamboree
9/6	Rosalia	Central	7:00
9/9	Burden	Central	6:00 JV
9/13	Dexter	CV/D	7:00
9/16	Rosalia	CV/D	6:00 JV
9/20	Sedan	Sedan	7:00
9/23	Rosalia	Sedan	6:00 JV
9/27*	Rosalia	Northern Heights	7:00
9/30	Allen	Northern Heights	6:00 JV
10/4	Lyndon	Lyndon	7:00
10/7	Rosalia	Lyndon	6:00 JV
10/11	Rosalia	Chase County	7:00
10/14	Cottonwood Falls	Chase County	6:00 JV
10/18**	Rosalia	Madison	7:00
10/21	Madison	Madison	6:00 JV
10/25	Yates Center	Yates Center	7:00
10/28	Rosalia	Yates Center	6:00 JV
10/31	TBD	TBD	7:00



## Flinthills High School 2024 Volleyball Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
9/3	Rosalia	Caney, Douglass	5:00
9/5	Rosalia	Eureka, Conway Springs	4:00
9/14	Rosalia	Flinthills Tourney V	9:00 AM
9/17	Rosalia	Udall, Oxford	5:00
9/24	Sedan	Caldwell, Sedan	5:00
9/26	Belle Plaine	B. Plaine, Rose Hill, Sedgwick	5:00
9/28	Whitewater	Remington Tourney V	9:00 AM
10/1	Argonia	South Haven, Argonia	5:00
10/5	Rosalia	Flinthills JV Tourney	9:00 AM
10/8	Howard	Central, CV/D, West Elk	5:00
10/10	at 8 seed	SCBL Tournament Play-In	5:00
10/12	TBD	SCBL Tournament Top 8	9:00 AM
10/14	Rosalia	Olpe	5:00
10/15	Rosalia	Berean, Goessel	4:00
10/26	TBD	Sub State	TBD
11/1-2	TBD	State VB	TBD

\*Homecoming

\*\*Senior Night





**Flinthills Middle School**



**2024 Volleyball/Football Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>TIME (VB/FB)</u>
9/5	Rosalia	West Elk	4:30/6:30
9/12	Rosalia	Caldwell/S. Haven	4:30/6:30
9/14	CV/D	Udall, W. Elk, Sedan, CV/D	9:00 AM (VB Only)
9/19	Rosalia	Cedar Vale/Dexter	4:30/6:30
9/23	Oxford	Central, Udall, Oxford	5:00 PM (VB Only)
9/26	Oxford	Oxford	4:30/6:30
10/3	Sedan	Sedan	4:30/6:30
10/7	Central	Caldwell, CV/D, Central	5:00 PM (VB Only)
10/10	Rosalia	Udall	4:30/6:30
10/17	Central	Central	4:30/6:30
10/19	TBD	SCBL Volleyball Tournament	9:00 AM
10/21	TBD	SCBL Volleyball Tournament	5:00 PM

**Can't make the game in person? Look for Live Streaming options on the school website! Go to <https://www.usd492.org>. Find the Quick Links section and click on "SCBL Live Streaming" to access live streaming sites for all league schools.**



**The Lady Mustangs are ready for a great season!**

**Vype Magazine Poll**

In a fun competition featuring fifteen volleyball players from the Wichita area, Flinthills High School proudly had two representatives in a recent Vype Magazine poll. The public voted for their favorite player, and the results are in!

Senior Emily Scribner emerged as the clear favorite, capturing 41.23% of the votes, totaling an impressive 15,913 votes. With her outstanding performance and skill on the volleyball court, Emily's recognition is well-deserved. Senior Harlee Randall also showcased her talent and determination, securing a commendable 4th place in the poll. Look for both of these players on the court this fall!

# 4-H News

## Cassoday Boosters Summer News

Summer months are our busiest months by far! Summer activities started off with the Butler County Mini Fair. Several members took projects to share and the club hosted a ring toss booth. Contestants won a can of soda if they were successful in tossing the ring onto the can.



July is the month of the Butler County 4-H Fair. The Cassoday Boosters did fantastic in the fair. Some of the top award winners were:



**Riley Garcia:** Breed Champion-Senior Dairy Doe (Nigerian), Reserve Breed Champion-Senior Dairy Doe (Lamancha), Reserve Champion Horticulture

**Emma Leibbrandt:** Reserve Champion Junior Livestock Judging

**Ida Leibbrandt:** Reserve Champion Dessert Imposter

**Cally Miller:** Supreme Breeding Doe – Meat Goats, Champion Senior Meat Goat Showmanship, Supreme Heifer, Supreme Cow/Calf Pair, Grand Champion Market Meat Goat, Grand Champion Senior Round Robin Showmanship

**Cami Miller:** Reserve Supreme Heifer, Reserve Supreme Cow/Calf Pair, Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship, Reserve Champion Middleweight Sheep, Champion Senior Beef Showmanship, Reserve Champion Round Robin Showmanship

**Emily Scribner:** Senior Reserve High Points – Horses, Reserve Champion Middleweight Market Beef, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Photography Judging

**Jacob Scribner:** Intermediate High Points – Horses

**Ty Scribner:** Reserve Champion Color Photo

**Addison Thorne:** Best of Breed Senior Buck – Rabbits



Following the fair, the Cassoday Boosters hosted an After-Fair Swim Party at the El Dorado city pool for all Butler County 4-H'ers and families, as well as FFA members who participated in the fair. All attendees enjoyed swimming, snacks and games, including a Hula Hoop contest. Cassoday Booster, Alex Scribner tied for first place in the Hula Hoop contest keeping the hoop spinning for 5 minutes and 35 seconds. After five and a half minutes, and appearing to be able to go on all night, the remaining two contestants each tried adding a second hoop. Neither was successful and a tie was declared.



On August 11th, we had our Supporters Ice Cream Social. It was held at the Cassoday Community Building. The 4-Hers had their projects on display and served ice cream of all different flavors with a door prize drawing at the end. Thank you to all of the 4-H Supporters!



If you want to have fun with us in 4-H this year contact Tresa Garcia or any 4-Her for more information.

- Jacob Scribner, Reporter

# 4-H News

This summer the Flinthills 4-H Club members took many projects to the Butler County Fair. They all did a great job with their projects and received many blue and purple ribbons. The club received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Swine, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Beef, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bucket Calf Herdsmanship. The following members were recognized in the Parade of Champions.



Colton Anderson - Reserve Grand Champion Floriculture  
 Brently Decker - Res. Grand Int. Champion Woodwork, Int. Reserve High Point, Grand Champion Floriculture, Champion Int. Bucket Calf Showman



Kolby Holcomb - Res. Champion Middle Weight Market Swine, Champion Senior Swine Showmanship, Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt



Adylin Hull - Res. Champion Black & White Photo 2-3 yrs in project



Chloe Martin - Grand Champion Senior Woodwork

Kyle Parker - Champion Lightweight Steer, Challenge of Champions Champion



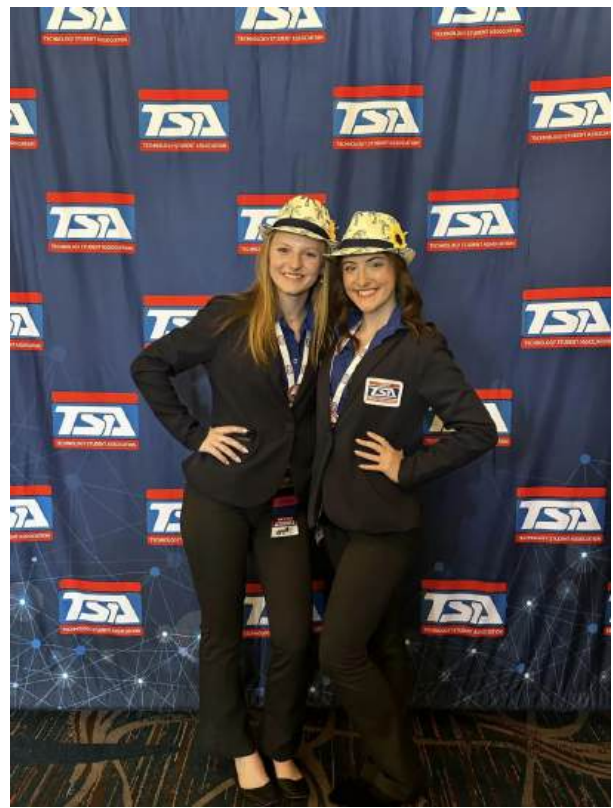
Luke Parker - Reserve Grand Champion Int. Visual Arts, Reserve Champion Int. Beef Showmanship, Res. Grand Champion Int. Round Robin

Remington Waller - Reserve Grand Champion STEM

## TSA NATIONALS 2024

Last summer Amanda Brown and Taylor Sutton traveled to Orlando to compete at the National TSA competition. Amanda was competing as the state champion for Architectural Design, and Taylor was competing with her Promotional Design project. While neither broke the semi-finals they competed hard, learned a lot and represented Flinthills well. With 10,000+ attendees consisting of 48 states and 5 countries, the girls met several people and exchanged state pins with them.

Tammy Brown accompanied us on the trip to assist with the driving. Transporting Amanda's 24" square architecture project can be challenging, which is why the option to drive was chosen. Highlights on the drive up and back included stops at the Memphis Bass Pro Shop, Grand Ole Opry, and several Buc-ees.



**Picture Day**  
Rosalia - Sept. 17  
Cassoday - Sept. 18

# INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL 2024

In June, Sydney Sorum, Callie Cordts and Mrs. McCreight attended the International Theatre Festival at Indiana University. There, Sydney competed in the Solo Acting Competition, which she qualified for at the Kansas State Conference. Her performance was scored as "Excellent" averaged among three judges. Other Conference Activities included attending shows from all corners of our country, taking part in workshops presented by theatre professionals flown in from various states, and meeting people from all over the world. Sydney represented FHS well by competing in a highly regarded competition. Congratulations, Sydney!



# SUMMER SPORTS



The 1st & 2nd grade boys baseball team finished the season in 2nd place. The boys worked hard & learned how to play as a team. It was a fantastic season!

Noah Bowlin, Dezi Araiza, Ty Scribner, Hunter Dawson, Lane Oates, Paxten Armstrong, Trey Brenton, Blaze Baker, & Mason Oates  
Coaches: Shona Armstrong, Jake Oates, & Emily Brenton

### Flinthills 5th/6th grade Softball!

#### They Have Grit & They Don't Quit!

The Flinthills Squirrels...a very suited name for this team of hard working, talented, and fun loving group of girls. A team that went UNDEFEATED this season with a record of 12 -0. Our final game of the summer lasted nearly 3 hours with 2 extra innings being played. We played flat the first half of the game, but came to life in the end with big hits and well executed defensive plays to pull out the "W" and an undefeated record! We are so proud of these girls and the work they put in! Special thanks to Sydnee, Charli, and Joliene for all of their help!



Top row: Coach Clint Bohnen, Mayley Decker, Jasper Bohnen, Aubree Hayes, Makinsey Waller, Audrey Grunder, Pippa Hebert, Coach Charli Bohnen, Coach Sarah Grunder. Front row: Jocelyn Oates, Brentley Decker, Stella Edwards, Kynlee Naill, and Hollis Hebert, Not pictured: Coach Sydnee Sorum

**Flinthills had two 7th & 8th grade boys Baseball teams this summer. They played each other twice and each team went 1-1 against the other.**



**Mustangs #1 (red team) coached by David Scribner, 3rd place in the league**



**Mustangs #2 (black team) coached by Matt Dragoo**



Lane, Remington, Ellis, Ty and Jake attended the Pacheco Football Camp



Reagan Waller and Morgan Dragoo played on the Firecrackers team.



Mustang Summer Volleyball Camp

### Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp

On Monday, August 5th Flinthills held its 2nd Jackie Stiles Basketball Camp. Jackie has such love for life and truly knows how to motivate kids on the court and off the court, as well as taking that motivation into other sports and aspects of life! We are truly grateful that she is willing to come out to our school and share her passion for life and basketball Huge THANK YOU to those that donated to this event to help make it possible! It's such a blessing to live in a community that shows up big-time for kids!

#### Donors

- Bakery 177
  - Cassoday Community Church
  - Cassoday Festival
  - Flinthills PTO
  - Flinthills Booster Club
  - Grunder Ranch
  - HayWire Ranch
  - Scribner Enterprise
  - Stands Farms
  - Triple B
- Thank you, Brandy Avery with Eldo Ink for making our shirts!



# Senior Sunrise



In the early morning hours of August 14th, the Class of 2025 gathered at the football stadium for Senior Sunrise. As they arrived in the dark, they were greeted with music, donuts, muffins, and drinks. They took pictures, did autograph signings and laughed together until the sun came up. Memories were made in the best way possible. We hope you have a wonderful year, senior class!





# **CASSODAY FLINTHILLS FESTIVAL**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**PARADE KICKS OFF EVENTS @ 10AM**

**MUD RUN  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FOOD ALL DAY  
RAFFLES  
DANCE**

**FOR QUESTIONS, DONATIONS, OR TO  
PARTICIPATE CONTACT TEHL LYNN  
(620)423-5707**



## ***Nurse's Health Zone***

By: Rhonda Craven RN

**My, how fast the summer went and back to school is starting with a roar. So, so much paperwork and I want to thank all of you parents for being so patient and completing all the necessary nursing paperwork that is required.**

**No guidelines have changed, at this time, for any of the illnesses that we monitor. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me at the Rosalia school or check your handbook.**

**The first week of September, I will be taking my training for audiology testing. Soon after that, I hope to start the visual and hearing testing. As I said before, not every student is checked every year. I will send out the results to the parents/guardian of the students I do test.**

**Looking forward to another great year,**

*Nurse Rhonda*

### **2024-2025**

#### **Flinthills Board Meeting Dates**

September 11, 2024, at Cassoday  
 October 9, 2024, at Rosalia  
 November 13, 2024, at Rosalia  
 December 11, 2024, at Cassoday  
 January 8, 2025, at Rosalia  
 February 12, 2025, at Rosalia  
 March 12, 2025, at Cassoday  
 April 9, 2025, at Rosalia  
 May 14, 2025, at Rosalia  
 June 11, 2025, at Cassoday

### **Congratulations Coach Ratcliff!**



### **Title I Program Information**

Title I is a federal program that provides additional reading and/or math instruction. The students who qualify are not learning disabled. They just need extra help with math or reading.

#### What are the goals of Title I?

The Title I program strives to provide an environment that:

1. Promotes a positive attitude toward reading
2. Improves student achievement in reading and math

Builds students' self-esteem and confidence

#### How does my child qualify for Title I?

Several different criteria are used to qualify a student. FastBridge scores, Pathways to Reading assessments, and teacher recommendations are considered when referring a student for Title I services.

#### Will my child always be in the program?

No. We work closely with the classroom teacher to monitor student progress. When a student's reading or math achievement reaches their appropriate grade level, the student is dropped from the program if the Title I teacher and classroom teacher feel the student no longer needs the extra support.

#### How does Title I benefit my child?

The Title I teacher provides intensive, individualized instruction to students who need it. As students experience success, they gain confidence in their abilities and their performance in the classroom improves.

#### Qualifications of Mrs. Ratcliff

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education  
 Master of Science Degree in Instructional Specialist  
 Licensed PreK-12 Reading Specialist

#### Qualifications of Mrs. Dragoo

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education

#### Parents Right to Know

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals including:

- Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught;
- The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both;
- If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child(ren) is taught for four or more continuous weeks by a teacher that does not meet the appropriate state certification standards.

All students/families served in schoolwide buildings and students/families served in targeted assistance programs must complete a parent school compact.

All parents will be informed they have the right to request their child's/children's state assessment scores and they have a right to obtain the school and school district state report cards.

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