

Flinthills Flyer

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Flinthills Fall Homecoming 2024



Flinthills Fall Homecoming Royalty were crowned at half-time of the football game on Friday, September 27. Queen candidates were Emily Scribner, Addison Cartmell and Harlee Randall. Candidates for King were Kodee Pinkerton, Jacob Mead and Corbin Araiza. Jacob Mead and Addison Cartmell were selected as the 2024 Fall Homecoming King and Queen. They were crowned by kindergarten escorts, class of 2037, Bailey Alvord and Elliot Alvord. Bailey is the daughter of Bart and Sam Alvord. Elliot is the son of Dustin Alvord and Amy Jones. Their escorts are last year's fall Homecoming Queen and King, Sydney Sorum and Austin Liggett.





From the Desk of Superintendent Brian Spencer

One of the toughest decisions I face each month is choosing a topic for the *Flinthills Flyer*! Sometimes the choice is easy, but most months it is difficult to narrow the scope and write about something pertinent to everyone in the district. This is one of those months. We have gotten settled into a new routine and the happenings in the district are likely covered by others who are writing articles. My options for a topic are wide open. I simply need to make a decision and write the article.

Most people are likely surprised to read that choosing a topic for the newsletter is one of the toughest decisions I make, and hopefully you don't believe that! There are many, many more important decisions than that involved in being a superintendent! I am often asked about the biggest challenges facing schools or even what are the most pressing issues in the district? The answers I gave to those types of questions twenty years ago are different from the answers I give most often in 2024. It used to be finances, facilities, or even transportation of students. Now the answer is hiring certified teachers!

Back in the 90's when I first became an administrator, it was common to simply place an advertisement in the local newspaper for an elementary school teacher and receive over twenty applications. Additionally, it was unusual to hire local students right out of college because you wanted them to have experience prior to "coming home to teach". Now, schools advertise in a much wider geographic area, - Actually with the internet, when we post a job to some sites it is shared across the country and even outside our borders to placement agencies all around the world - and we receive less applications. Honestly, I have not received twenty applications for any teaching position in the last decade! There is a teacher shortage. That is my response to the question of what is the biggest issue facing education.

Now schools hope to entice young people to "come home to teach" right out of college because they are connected to the area. Often the biggest factor to hiring a new teacher is if there is a family connection to the area. When people are given the opportunity to come back home, they will often take it. There are openings all over for teachers, so they can choose where they want to work and live. Many will choose to go home if there is an opportunity.

Additionally, not long ago the only way to become a teacher was to spend four or five years in college, student teach, and then apply for the license. Nowadays, there are several alternative pathways that can lead to becoming a teacher. A college degree is still ultimately required to get full certification or licensure, but often the course work can be completed while the applicant is working in the district. Additionally, there are people that have a degree in some area, but never took education courses or training, that decide they may want to become a teacher. These people can be placed right away, and receive a license in a short amount of time. It has been fun to see some "non-traditional" teachers come into the teaching profession this way and find success. If you or someone you know has a degree, and are thinking teaching would be a good career change, or maybe a great thing to do after retiring, it is much more possible than ever before.

Now, this doesn't always work. A beginning teacher works longer and harder than the average person realizes! Taking college classes while one is a beginning teacher really tests one's stamina and ability to organize and prioritize. It isn't for everyone, and as we all know, not everyone is meant to be a teacher. Sometimes it simply doesn't work out, but in the current educational climate, schools are willing to take that risk and help give people the chance to be teachers.

So, Mustang Faithful, I need help with my decision making process. Encourage your family and friends that would make good teachers to seriously consider it, especially if they are interested in returning to the area, and even if they have not completed any teacher training. We may have a position for them here in the future, or there will be a position in the surrounding area for them. - Or, you can send me a suggestion for next month's *Flyer* article!



Principally Speaking...

The Fall Homecoming is a special occasion that brings together families, friends, alumni, and our community to reconnect, reminisce, and create lasting memories for all Mustangs. Flinthills High School's 2024 Fall Homecoming Week was filled with excitement and activities! The theme of the week was "Blast from the Past" which included dress up days for the 1950's, 1970's and 2000's. It was an action-packed week filled with creative costumes and fun games. On Friday, a parade through Rosalia concluded with a Pep Rally held at the Football Field. 2024 Fall Homecoming Queen candidates were Emily Scribner, Harlee Randall and Addison Cartmell. King

candidates were Corbin Araiza, Jake Mead and Ko-dee Pinkerton.

The Homecoming King and Queen were announced at half-time of the Flinthills HS Football game vs. Northern Heights on September 27. The 2024 Fall Homecoming King is Jake Mead and the Homecoming Queen is Addison Cartmell. Congratulations Jake and Addison! The Homecoming dance was held on Saturday, September 28th.

We want to thank our Flinthills Student Council (FHS StuCo) for helping to organize this event. It was a great week!

-Michael Hunter, MS/HS Principal

Welcome to fall weather! We are all excited to have your children at the Primary and Intermediate Schools! Our Character Strong word for October is Honesty.

Primary School -Grandparents Day was September 6. We had a great turnout! Students sang a few songs to their grandparents/ VIP's, had milk and cookies together, and did crafts together. Thank you to our grandparents/VIP's, for spending the afternoon with us!

Intermediate School -3rd grade lunch with Mrs. Cooper was a blast outside! Students earned their outside lunch for good behavior in the lunchroom and following their Mustang expectations.

-Mrs. Cooper, Primary/Intermediate Principal



Homecoming Week Activities

September 24 -27 was Homecoming Week at Flinthills! The theme for the week was decades, with classes competing for the most students dressed in the style of the day. It was a fun, spirit-filled week!

Tuesday was 50's day with lots of fun costumes. Sophomores won the day with Seniors 2nd, Juniors 3rd and Freshmen 4th. The game of the day was tic tac toe with basketballs and trashcans. The Juniors came in 1st, Freshmen 2nd, Seniors 3rd and Sophomores 4th.

The 70's was the theme on Wednesday with students dressing as the best hippies they could! Seniors won the costume contest by a landslide!

Sophomores were 2nd, Juniors 3rd and Freshmen 4th. In the game students showed just how uncoordinated they really are with Limbo fun! Sophomores snatched the title, followed by the Seniors, Freshmen and Juniors.



On Thursday, Juniors swept 1st place in the 90's costume contest. Freshmen came in 2nd, followed by the Seniors in 3rd and the Sophomores in 4th. Thursday's game was Red Neck Mario Carts with Seniors taking the win, followed by Juniors. Freshmen came in 3rd with Sophomores ending in 4th place.

Students showed their pride on Friday with Red and Black day. The day was filled with games, float building and school spirit! Juniors won the Volleyball tournament.



Seniors took 2nd, Sophomores 3rd and Freshmen 4th. Seniors pulled off the win in the Powder Puff Football Game. Juniors ended in 2nd, Sophomores in 3rd and Freshmen in 4th.

Each class spent Friday afternoon building a decades themed float for the Homecoming Parade. The Seniors snatched the title with their 70's themed float. Second place went to the Freshmen with a 1920's themed float. Juniors decorated in 2000's style and took 3rd place and Sophomores took 4th.



Points for the week were tallied to determine the overall winner. It was a close race with only 45 points between 1st and 2nd places. With 494 points, the Seniors were the winning class. 2nd place went to the Juniors with 459 points. The Freshmen had 444 points taking 3rd place over the Sophomores with 359 points. Congratulations to all the classes for a great show of school spirit!



Homecoming Parade



Homecoming Pep Rally



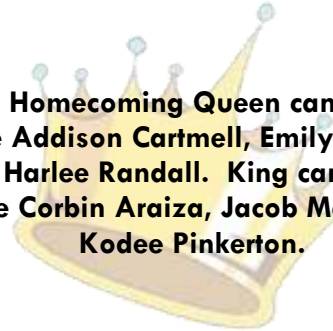
Homecoming Game



Meet the Candidates



Fall Homecoming Queen candidates were Addison Cartmell, Emily Scribner and Harlee Randall. King candidates were Corbin Araiza, Jacob Mead and Kodee Pinkerton.



Emily's parents are David and Melissa Scribner. Her activities are Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, NHS, STUCO, S.A.F.E, band, 4-H, FCA, drama, and I.T.S. In her free time, Emily enjoys hanging out with friends and taking naps every chance she gets. Emily plans to attend KSU next year to study Elementary Education.



Kodee is the son of Abby Cook. His hobbies include fishing, hanging out with his grandma, and annoying his mom. His activities are FFA, and Football. Kodee's future plans are to attend a junior college for football, welding, or culinary.

Jacob is the son of Brad and Jolene Mead. His hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching movies, and driving around. His activities include Football, Baseball, FFA, S.A.F.E, and helping the elderly at Dillons. Jake's future plans are to attend K-State to pursue a degree in Professional Aviation.



Harlee is the daughter of Derek and Becky Randall. Harlee's hobbies are reading, riding horses, sleeping, hanging with her siblings, and club volleyball. At school she is in Volleyball, Track, STUCO, FCA, Drama Club, S.A.F.E. and Band. Next year Harlee plans to attend Butler and play volleyball.

Addison is the daughter of Michael and Casey Cartmell. Her hobbies include competitive cheerleading, art, hanging out with friends and doing their nails. Her activities are Cheer, Band, Tri-M, S.A.F.E., STUCO, and NHS. Addison's future plans are to attend Wichita State University and major in Health Science.



Corbin's parents are Miguel and Holly Araiza. Corbin enjoys hanging out with friends and family. His school activities include Football, Baseball and FFA. After graduation, Corbin plans to work for his dad.

SHOP CLASS PROJECTS



Aidan Herrman—
Walnut Hat Rack



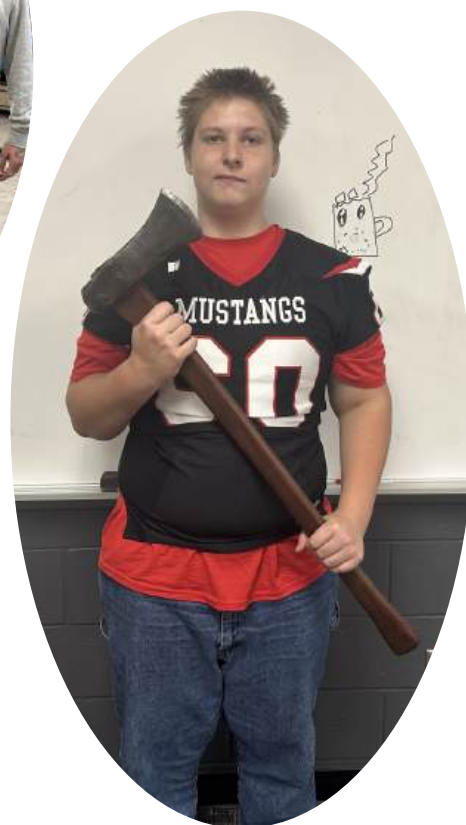
Phoebe Wyman— Batarang
designed and cut out out the
CNC Plasma Cutter



Levi Beard & Kodee Pinker-
ton—In Ground Fishing Pole
Holder



Alli Sutter—Nameplate designed on
the CNC Plasma Cutter



Charlie Head—
Maul Restoration with Walnut Handle

Career Fair

On September 25, the juniors attended the College and Career Fair at Circle High School. Students visited with participating businesses about post-secondary opportunities. They also found out that some businesses have summer employment for students that can lead to future scholarships. Several branches of the military and various colleges also took part in this event.





Flinthills High School 2024 Football Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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

SHOW YOUR MUSTANG PRIDE!

**Friday,
October 11th
PINK OUT
NIGHT**

**Friday,
October 18th
BLACK
OUT NIGHT
*Senior Night***



Flinthills High School 2024 Volleyball Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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

**Senior Night

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.



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



4-H News



Flinthills 4-H Club

The September meeting of the Flinthills 4-H Club was parents' night where the members' parents led the meeting. Officer elections were held for the upcoming year. The new officers will be: President - Kyle Parker, Vice President - Luke Parker, Secretary - Chloe Martin, Treasurer - Reagan Waller, Reporter - Toby Brenton, and Recreation Leaders - Remington Waller and Brentley Decker. The club also recognized Travis Holcomb for his past leadership of the club and Kolby Holcomb on her graduation from 4-H.

Congratulations to several 4Her's who took projects to or participated in the Kansas State Fair this year. Chloe Martin - Woodworking, Luke Parker - Leatherworking, Adylin Hull - Photography, Ayden Hull - Photography, Kolby Holcomb - Swine, Kyle Parker - Challenge of Champions.



The new 4-H year begins in October! If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or want to join our club, please contact Ryan Parker at 620-408-8989 or Kerrie Parker at 620-408-8991

Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club

The Cassoday Boosters will be selling Blue & Gold sausage products until October 28. Funds raised will be used for service projects, club activities and event scholarships. To place an order, contact any member of the Cassoday Boosters! Or contact Tresa Garcia at 316-323-9045 or garciatresa@gmail.com.

Club officers for the 2024-2025 4-H year are: President - Emily Scribner; Vice-President - Cami Miller; Secretary - Jacob Scribner; Treasurer - Agnes Leibbrandt; Reporter - Emma Leibbrandt; Recreation Leaders - Case Rickard, Colin Tetrick, Addison Thorne and Emily Thorne; Song Leaders - Riley Garcia and Ida Leibbrandt; Joker - Ella Tetrick; County Council Representatives - Cami Miller and Blake Tetrick; Alternate Council Representatives - Case Rickard and Emily Scribner.



The Cassoday Boosters will be celebrating National 4-H Week October 6th-12th. 4-H members and clubs will share their love for 4-H and all it has to offer. Spirit Day is Wednesday, October 9. Show your 4-H spirit by wearing your favorite 4-H attire or something green!

4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year opened on October 1. The Cassoday Boosters are looking forward to an action-packed year! For information about 4-H or the Cassoday Boosters 4-H club, please contact any club officer or adult leader, Tresa Garcia.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 6-12, 2024

4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

4x more likely to contribute to their communities



2x more likely to be civically active

2x more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices



The Top 5 Project Areas in Butler County:

1. Photography
2. Visual Arts
3. Foods & Nutrition
4. Clothing & Textiles
5. Floriculture & Horticulture



What does Butler County 4-H have to offer?

- 9 Community 4-H Clubs across the County
- Butler County 4-H Shooting Sports
- Over 70 Projects
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6 yrs.

For More Information Contact

Tresa Garcia at 316-323-9045 or garciatresa@gmail.com



Junior Mustangs



This season the High School Football team is having two Intermediate students per home game on the sideline to serve as a "Jr. Mustang". The Jr. Mustangs serve as the ballboy/girl for the game. The intermediate students sign up and are then nominated by their teachers.

For our first home game on September 9th, against Central of Burden, 3rd Grader Emory Marshall and 5th Grader Skylar Bennefeld were our Jr. Mustangs.



For the homecoming game on September 27, against Northern Heights, Junior Mustangs were Ty Scribner, 3rd grade, and Hudson Hinde, 4th grade.

The Lady Mustangs went 5-0 to win their home tournament on Saturday, September 14th.



The Lady Mustangs are the Remington Volleyball Invitational Tournament Champions! Saturday, September 28, they went 5-0 to extend their overall record to 20-1 for the season. Great job, girls!



Lady Mustangs Off To An 11-0 Start!

The high school varsity volleyball team opened league play on Tuesday, September 17th with two convincing wins over Udall and Oxford bringing their record to 11-0!

The team is averaging 96.9% serving. Emily Scribner leads the team in aces with 30. She is also doing an amazing job of running our offense and helping our new to varsity setter, Yeva Taylor, learn our more challenging sets and plays. Yeva has already shown so much improvement, and we are excited to see her growth as a setter this year. Both setters are being asked to step up and hit as well.

Alex Scribner continues to be a stand out libero for us again Coach Ratcliff this year. She has received 41% of our serve receptions with exceptional accuracy and has racked up 100 digs already this year. Joliene Dragoo has stepped into a defensive specialist position on varsity and has also proven to be a great server.

Harlee Randall has started her senior year making quite an impression as one of the top hitters in the state. She is currently leading all Class 1A-D1 hitters with a hitting percentage of .449, 143 kills, and 23 blocks. Charli Bohnen has moved to a middle hitter this year for us and is learning the position quickly. She already has 7 blocks and is becoming more efficient as a middle hitter. Brylee Heimgartner and Adrienne Rodriguez are swinging from the outside for us and both are learning quickly and landing timely kills for us.

Unfortunately, Taylor Rosebraugh faced a serious injury after playing in our first four matches. She was on her way to putting up big blocks and developing as a right side hitter for us. We are wishing her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Jordyn Finley has come off the bench and put in some valuable minutes for us.

Our low numbers this year mean we are playing junior varsity when we can. Cami Finley, Nilari Cabugo (also battling back from an injury), and Zoey Haigler join with some of our varsity players to compete at the JV level. They have also started off well with a record of 3-0!

I am very proud of the girls this year with so many challenges already in the season between low numbers, injuries, and learning new positions. Many of the girls are being stretched by their new roles on the team, and they are proving they are up to the challenge. The Lady Mustangs are currently ranked 5th in the state (Class 1A-D1). We will be facing tough competition in the coming weeks, including Sedgwick, Rose Hill, and Argonia, all ranked in state in their respective classes. It's going to be a great year for Mustang volleyball!



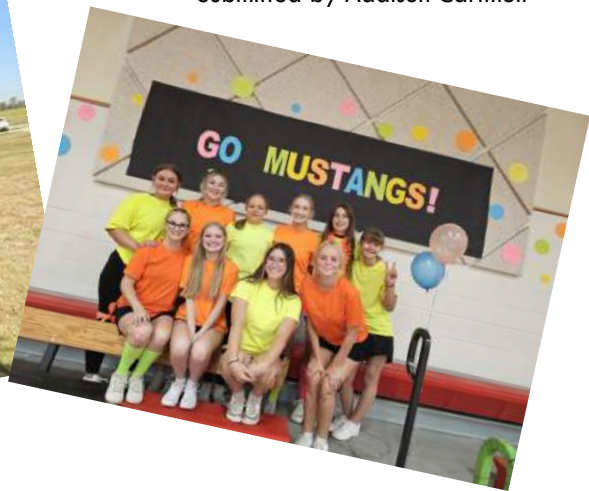
Cheer News

The high school cheerleaders attended a Spirit Spreader Cheer Clinic in Chanute on September 4th. This annual event is a great opportunity for cheerleaders across Kansas to come together and spend the day sharing ideas, doing cheers and practicing stunts. The squad always looks forward to going every year.

The first home game of the year was Neon themed. The cheerleaders led the way and encouraged the student body to be supportive and dress in Neon. They came through big and the pep rally was full of colorful Neon and a lot of fun.

This month they will be hosting the Mini Mustang Cheer Clinic on October 11th. This is a great night with a lot of community involvement. Dozens of elementary students participate in the clinic every year which draws a large crowd to the game. The little Mustangs will have an evening of practice to learn the cheers, then they will be on the sidelines with the high school cheerleaders during the game. Be on the lookout for notes coming home soon, or call the school office for more details.

Submitted by Addison Cartmell



CONCESSION STAND

A great way to support Flinthills organizations is by visiting the concession stand at home sporting events. Many organizations take turns working the concession stand. These groups receive the profits from shifts they work and use the money to fund various activities and events. Some of the groups fundraising through Flinthills concession stands include Washington D.C., Middle School and High School Cheerleaders, Junior Class (to raise funds for prom), the Football team, PTO and Booster Club. So hotdog, hamburger, or nacho, whatever your favorite is, get it from the concession stand and help the students do more!



Student of the Month

High School



Jake Mead
12th grade

Parents: Brad & Jolene Mead

Hobbies: Fishing, driving around, hanging out with friends, riding horses

Activities: Baseball, Football, FFA, SAFE

Favorite Class: Woodshop

Middle School



Ellis Marshall
8th grade

Parents: Joel & Jenifer Marshall

Hobbies: Sports, WWII history, video games

Activities: Sports, hanging out with friends and family

Favorite Class: PE & Drama

Intermediate



Toby Brenton
5th grade

Parents: Tyson & Emily Brenton

Hobbies & Activities: Looking for deer sheds, hunting, 4-H, football & basketball

Favorite Classes: Band

Employee of the Month



Meggan Hansen was selected as the Employee of the Month. Meggan is the Guidance Counselor for Flinthills. She is also the sponsor for National Honor Society and the Junior Class.

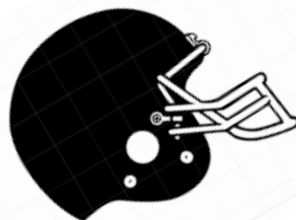
Congratulations to Meggan!

Flinthills Football Making News

Flinthills vs Central Burden—September 6, 2024

By Dan Claycamp

Flinthills sophomore quarterback Charles Farris was less than a month old the last time the Mustangs got a win against Central Burden Raiders. In fact, every member of the Flinthills football team was still several years away from even starting kindergarten in 2008, the last time they had beat the Raiders. That made Friday night, the opening night of high school football, even more special in Rosalia as the Mustangs ended their losing streak taking the 24-12 win. "I challenged these boys back in May to be more intentional in the weight room this summer" Flinthills Coach Chase Casteel said. "You are here, so make it count. We are an extremely young team, but we are a hungry team and we just put it all together tonight." The sense that something might be happening started early in the game. After the teams traded turnovers on downs, Flinthills was able to get the first sustained drive by either team, which culminated in a 12-yard touchdown run by Farris. The quarterback would account for all three of Flinthills touchdowns on the night, two rushing and a 35-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Davis. "It felt amazing," Farris said of the win. "We pushed as hard as we could and we got the win and it felt amazing." Central was able to keep the game in doubt early, answering Flinthills early touchdown with one of their own. Freshman quarterback Treighton Hafenstein, who is tasked with replacing former Central all-state quarterback and current Friends University Falcon Jace Wunderlich, tied the game up with a 2-yard touchdown run of his own. An injury to Hafenstein early in the second half allowed the Mustangs to build their lead as the Raiders offense struggled. Farris would snag his second rushing touchdown early in the second quarter to hang on to a 14-6 halftime lead. A safety by the Mustangs to start the second half and the long pass to Davis, would push the lead to 24-6 by the end of the third quarter. It was just a matter of waiting out the clock at that point. Central was able to get into the endzone again, late in the 4th quarter, as back-up quarterback Hunter Henderson dove for the 1-yard touchdown. But it was too little too late as the Mustangs held on for the win. Depth and desire won out for Flinthills to open this season, and Coach Casteel seems excited about what's in store. "We have 39 boys out on an 8-Man football team," Casteel said. "We only have 49 boys in the whole school. 39 of them were on our sideline tonight and only four are seniors." Central-Burden, without any returning starters from last year, had only 16 in uniform to start the game. The game had plenty of miscues, with penalties adding up, errant snaps, and multiple turnovers by both teams. The task for Casteel and Farris is to clean that up as they prepare for week two. "Execution is a big thing for me," Casteel said. "If you do your job, the guy next to you can trust that he just has to do his job. That's what we've been working on since May. You are expected to do your job." Farris echoed his coach's thoughts. "We have to come to practice Monday ready to work and get everything done we need to get done," Farris said. "Watch film, get all the little things done and the little mistakes fixed." At least for the night, getting the first win against Central Burden in 5,803 days is worth celebrating. The excitement within Flinthills Mustang football is growing. "This is where Flinthills High School becomes a program." Casteel said. "The community is behind us, the student body is behind us, and we have things going in the right direction."



sunpower



Flinthills vs. Sedan—September 20

SEDAN, Kansas — Winning on the road in the South Central Border League is never easy and for Flinthills, that task was monumental since they had never beat Sedan before.

Keyword: had.

Flinthills used a heavy power running game in the second half and knocked off the Blue Devils, 32-30, earning their first win in school history against Sedan. Previously, Flinthills was 0-9 against Sedan.

"I'm so proud of how hard our guys worked," Flinthills head coach Chase Casteel said. "Our entire staff and players bought in and it showed."

Something junior Levi Beard said sank in as well. He told the team at halftime to run the ball behind him and that's what coach Casteel and team did, getting under center and trusting their captain.

The win moves Flinthills to 2-1 for the first time since 2007 when they started 3-0 and finished the season 7-3.

It looked tough early as Sedan quarterback, Bryce Dickens was able to run away from the Flinthills defense with his scrambling ability. He turned some losses into gains and eventually ran in the game's first score with 6:33 remaining in the first quarter.

The Mustangs would respond immediately on the next possession, scoring on a 3-yard run by sophomore Charles Farris. It was junior Colton Reust who helped spur the drive as he was giving Tripp Carney a breather. He broke off a couple of runs, leading to Farris' keeper up the middle for the score but were unable to get the 2-point conversion but pulled within 8-6 with seconds to go in the first quarter.

Flinthills was able to capitalize on a bad hand off by Sedan, recovering a fumble as Sedan tried to run a jet sweep but a high snap messed up the timing and the Mustangs were ready to pounce. Sophomore Luke Jenkins was the first on the ground to give Flinthills good field position.

However, a big penalty behind the play put the Mustangs behind the sticks, forcing them to punt. The punt was a line drive that landed right in the arms of Sedan's Curtis Smilko, who was able to return it deep into Flinthills territory, setting up a big drive. Sedan would capitalize as Dickens found Paul Austin crossing in the back of the end zone with 49 seconds remaining in the half to take the 16-6 lead.

The Mustangs would have the final say of the half as Farris found a streaking Ty Finley behind his defender and was hit in stride and it gave Flinthills the momentum they needed.

The Mustangs pulled within 16-12 at halftime.

After Sedan pushed their lead to double digits, Flinthills kept their cool and did what they set out to do in the second half and that's run the dang football. They put Farris under center and just trusted their hard work would pay off.

"We trust our guys up front," Casteel said. "We just put our faith in them and the way they were able to move us down the field was huge."

They were gifted a huge present when a bad snap forced Sedan to punt on the run and it went for minus-3 yards, giving the Mustangs the ball at the 21-yard line of Sedan with 4:12 to go in the third.

Two plays later it was senior Noah Lacy carrying defenders on a zone run for a 19-yard run and pulled Flinthills within 22-18 with 3:18 remaining in the third.

The Mustangs weren't done as they forced a quick 3-and-out and it was Finley making his mark once again. This time, returning a punt to the house. He took a 62-yard punt, bobbing and weaving through the Sedan defense for the touchdown and giving Flinthills their first lead of the game, a 26-22 lead with 1:53 remaining in the third.

Sedan seemed like they were going to find a way to steal this game as a bad snap went into the end zone and Flinthills tried to scoop it up and ran but missed the ball and it was Sedan's Taylor Draper falling on it in the end zone for the touchdown. Sedan then ran Ethan Zimmerman running in the try to make it 30-26 with 8:38 remaining in the game

Parker Sutton put Flinthills in striking distance, returning the ensuing kickoff deep into Blue Devil territory. Then, it would only take one play for Lacy to slice down the left side, in front of the Sedan bench and put the Mustangs back on top, 32-30 with 8:16 remaining.

Now defensive coordinator Jon Dunbar got his defense to lock in for the final eight minutes of the game. After a penalty put Sedan inside the Mustang 10-yard line, the defense came to finish out the game. First, it was a blown up, 3-yard loss on a run. Then, Carney read the option right, forcing another loss.

After a mishandled punt gave the Blue Devils (1-2) the ball at the Flinthills 4-yard line with 2:31 remaining, the defense stood tall once again. Junior Jacob Kine had a deflection on first down, followed by an open field tackle by Carney, who had Dickens 1-on-1 and made the play.

The defense had power rushed the backfield, blowing up the read option on third down. Then, on fourth down it was a host of Mustang defenders that stopped Sedan at the 1-yard line with 1:32 remaining.

The Mustangs finished with 177 yards rushing, including 68 yards—all in the second half—from Lacy to go along with his two scores. Flinthills only threw the ball five times in the second half but finished with 65 as a team.

Carney finished with 84 yards on 19 carries and had tackle after tackle defensively. He led the Mustangs with seven, including three for loss.

Finley finished with 99 all-purpose yards for the freshman.

"We battled tough and we never quit tonight," Casteel said. "Hopefully, we can build on this and have a special season."

The Mustangs will now host new 8-man squad, Northern Heights. They're coming off a 32-6 win over Hartford. It is their first win since Sept. 11, 2020. Most of those came at the 11-man level. They've already pick up a win in their first three games as an 8-man squad. "We're focused on each opponent each week," Casteel said. "We're not going to take anyone lightly. Each week, we go 1-0 and that's all we're worried about."



Second Grade Dot Day

Millions of educators and students around the world celebrate International Dot Day, a global celebration based on the book "The Dot," by Peter H. Reynolds. The book encourages creativity, courage and collaboration. The second grade class read the book and participated in a variety of dot themed activities throughout the day.



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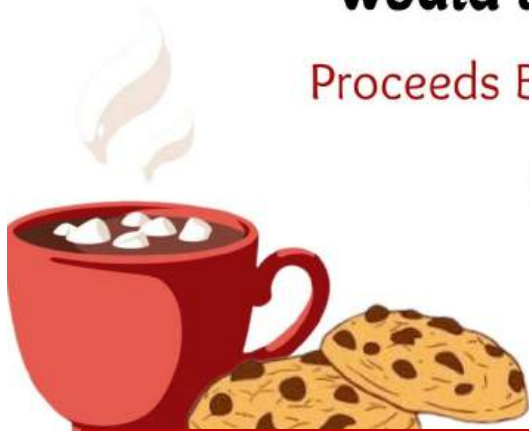
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2024-2025 Sponsorships are still available! Contact Tresa Garcia or stop by the Booster Club table at a home football game for more information!

Booster Club JUNIOR-SENIOR CELEBRATION

Booster Club will be in the Concession Stand at the October 18th Football Game! We would appreciate your support!

Proceeds Benefit Junior-Senior Celebration



**Come hungry for
Homemade Chili,
Hot Chocolate &
Bake Sale!**



If you would like to help in the concession stand and/or donate items for the bake sale, please contact Junilda Scribner, Katie Hinde, or Tiffany Cogdell.

Fall Sports Order Form

Pictures will be emailed to you. You will receive an individual and a team photo.

Cost is \$7 per athlete/sport. Checks may be made payable to USD 492.

Athlete's Name: _____

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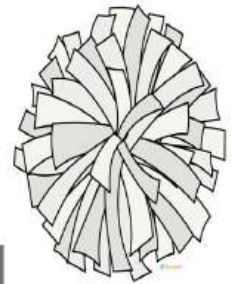
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October 31st | CALL OR TEXT 316-200-1818 TO ADD YOUR LOCATION TO THE MAP. | 5:00pm - 6:30pm

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TIME!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, October 16 - 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 17 - 2 to 6 p.m.



Primary and Intermediate Parents, please contact the school office if you need to check your appointment time.

No appointment needed for Middle and High School.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



October 2024

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From Ms. Hansen

The school year is off to a great start! Below are a few important items.

Freshman will take the PreACT assessment on October 15. We will start the assessment at about 8:15 am and then we should be done about lunch time!

Apply Kansas for seniors will be on October 8th. They have been preparing for this event during seminar time!

Butler Community College is hosting a College Fair that juniors will be attending on October 16th from 9 am to 10:15 am. They will prepare for this event through their seminar class. Juniors will have questions prepared to ask colleges when they attend this event!

Enrollment for Spring 2024 classes through Butler Community College is just around the corner! If you are interested in taking college classes as a high school student (10th through 12th grade), please check out the Butler Community College website for what classes are offered there. It is helpful if you have an idea of the class or classes that you might want to take for the semester. Stop by my office if you have any questions.

Word of the Month

HONESTY

"Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do."

(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2024)



Apply Kansas

Seniors will participate in Apply Kansas on October 8th. During seminar these next few weeks, seniors will prepare for this event. Apply Kansas is a statewide event where seniors will apply to universities, technical colleges, the military, or a job. If you have any questions about this event, please stop by my office! We are excited for this opportunity for seniors to work towards their post-secondary goals!

Important Dates

- October 8 - Apply Kansas (seniors only)
- October 15 - PreACT (9th grade)
- October 16 - BCC College Fair (11th grade and any seniors)
- October 22 - KCTC Survey (6th, 8th, 10th, 12th)
- October 24 - K-State visit during lunch

Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **HONESTY**

- Why is it important for us to be honest?
- Can you think of a time when you were honest in a situation?
- What makes honesty hard for you? For others?
- How does honesty connect with leadership?





Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

Hard to believe that we have already been in school for a month. And with being back in school, the illnesses have started rampant. Just a few reminders from our school policies. If a student was sent home vomiting or having diarrhea or having these symptoms in the night, policy states they are to stay home for 24 hours with no vomiting or diarrhea before they can return to school. If a student has a temperature of 100 or higher, they are to be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications before they can return. With a respiratory virus, they are to stay home and away from others until their symptoms are getting better and are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

I have already started doing the hearing and vision testing. I have completed Cassoday and hope to start in Rosalia next week. As I said before, not all students or grades are tested yearly so you may not get a report. As soon as I get the testing completed and all of the results recorded, I will be mailing the results to the parent/guardian.

Stay healthy and be happy,

Rhonda Craven RN

2024-2025

Flinthills Board Meeting Dates

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

Mark your calendars!



Flinthills PTO Meeting
Wednesday, October 9th
6:00 p.m.

Rosalia Intermediate Library

Bring a friend and your ideas!

PTO is a group of Flinthills families who work together to help fund field trips, activities, & much more for PreK - 5th grade Mustangs.

Flinthills Flyer
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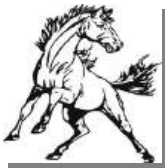
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