

Flinthills Flyer

USD 492 HOME OF THE MUSTANGS

December 2024





From the Desk of Superintendent Brian Spencer

Because of the way it is celebrated, Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. We simply gather together with family and friends to give thanks and appreciate what we have. As I ponder that there are two items that I feel are appropriate for my Thanksgiving *Flyer* article. In the spirit of the season it seems appropriate to share information about a couple of things happening in the district. One is the newly developed Flinthills Legacy Award, and the other is the search for a new Superintendent.

The Legacy award was the focus of my article last month, but since then the committee has been seated and held their first meeting. The group is ready to receive applications and present a nominee to the board for approval as scheduled. Ultimately the first inductee will be announced and honored at High School Graduation.

I will not list all the details again because they are available on the school website as well as in last month's *Flyer*. I will remind you of the importance of nominating deserving recipients. Don't anticipate someone else nominating that person that you think of as a vital person in the district's history. The process requires a letter of nomination and a petition of support. It is not a difficult process, and won't take much time. It is vital to being sure that the best candidates are brought forward.

The other item to share is that the board is set to interview Superintendent candidates in December. The application deadline has passed and we received some qualified candidates, and interviews will be held prior to Christmas break. That certainly is one of my things to be Thankful for. I have GREATLY enjoyed my time here as the Interim Superintendent, but I look forward to handing it off to a quality person who is not at the end of their career. Flinthills deserves someone that will commit to the district and be here for an extended period of time. Hopefully, that is what we will get. For those of you that might not know the timeline, Superintendents serve the entire year. The job begins on July first and continues through the entire year and officially ends on June 30. The goal is to have a new superintendent selected by early January at the very latest, but they will not begin in the position until July 1.

Have a great holiday, and be sure to take advantage of a holiday whose entire purpose is to be thankful. We shouldn't have to have a reminder to do that, but it is nice to have a holiday that places emphasis on it.

2024-2025

Flinthills Board Meeting Dates

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



Principally Speaking....

Dear Flinthills Families,

As we approach the end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year, it's incredible to reflect on the experiences we've shared and how much we've accomplished together. This year, like so many before it, has brought both challenges and many victories.

At this time of year, it's especially important to take a moment to appreciate the opportunities and blessings we experience daily. As motivational speaker Zig Ziglar famously said, "The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for." This mindset is one that we embrace as we move into the second half of the school year.

As we reflect on the many things we are grateful for, I'd like to take this opportunity to share just a few: We are thankful for our Flinthills students, who show up every day eager to learn and grow. Each student is a reminder of the vital role we play in shaping both their minds and hearts.

We are grateful for the continued partnership we have with our Flinthills families. Your support, communication, and engagement truly make a difference.

We appreciate our dedicated faculty and staff. Their commitment to student achievement and their genuine care for each individual student is remarkable.

We are also thankful for the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and energy to support our students, both inside and outside of the classroom.

It is essential to pause and reflect on how our community has come together, with individuals going above and beyond to ensure that Flinthills remains a place of excellence. I am confident that by continuing to work together, we will make this school year one to remember for all of our students and families.

Thank you for everything you do to support our Flinthills family. Here's to a successful second semester!

-Michael Hunter, MS/HS Principal

INTERMEDIATE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Dezi Araiza
3rd grade

Parents: *Holly & Miguel Araiza*

Hobbies & Activities: *Playing games, card games, football*

Favorite Class: *PE*

Flinthills Primary & Intermediate

The Christmas season is upon us. I hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends during this time of the year. Voting this last month took place in both schools. Students learned about the voting process and held their own election.

Primary School -2nd grade lunch: All of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Willhite's 2nd grade class earned recess with Mrs. Cooper for good lunchroom behavior. We ate in the classroom while watching "An Arthur's Thanksgiving" movie.



Primary Voting Day was a success at the Primary School.



Intermediate School: Mrs. Brown's 5th grade class after the election going over the results



The Primary participated in Kindness Day with Mrs. Cooper.



-Mrs. Cooper, Primary/Intermediate Principal



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

December 2024

m.hansen@usd492.org

From Ms. Hansen

I can't believe the first semester is coming to an end! It has flown by! Students will have the opportunity to sign up to discuss changes to their schedule prior to leaving for Christmas break. They will have three days to sign up. The sign up dates will start on December 11th and end on December 13th. As long as a student is signed up, I will continue to call them in the following week to discuss possible changes, if needed.

On December 10th, seniors will have a presentation from a representative from BG Products regarding the opportunities that they offer post-secondary. We will complete this during seminar time.

FAFSA Night

We will be hosting a FAFSA night on December 4th in the commons. We will have a representative from Butler Community College presenting about all things FAFSA. Please join us on December 4th from 6 pm to 8 pm for an informative night about financial aid opportunities! Please contact Ms. Hansen if you have any questions.

Important Dates

- December 4: FAFSA night - 6-8 pm
- December 10: BG Products - Seminar for seniors
- December 20-January 6 - NO SCHOOL

Word of the Month

EMPATHY

"Empathy is understanding and connecting to other people's feelings."
(Character Strong, Purposeful People, 2024)

Intermediate News

Word of the Month: **EMPATYHY**

- What do you think it means to connect to other people's feelings?
- How can you show empathy towards others?
- How can you grow in empathy at home? At school?
- Why is empathy important when you are being a leader in class or at home?




happy holidays





On Veterans Day, Flinthills School District and our National Honor Society students hosted a special morning to honor local veterans. The veterans were greeted by football players and escorted inside. Mrs. Austin's intermediate art students made clay poppies for the veterans to choose from as a tribute, and Mrs. Casteel set up a remembrance table in the commons area, teaching her class about its significance through the book "America's White Table." The event began with veterans walking in behind their military branch flags, followed by students and staff honoring them. Our superintendent, Mr. Spencer, was the guest speaker, reflecting on the importance of veterans' service and encouraging everyone to listen to their stories. The choir and Treblemakers shared performances during the program. The event concluded with a homemade lunch of chicken and noodles, fostering a warm atmosphere for fellowship. Overall, the morning was a meaningful way for the community to express deep gratitude for the veterans' sacrifices.

If you have a veteran that you would like to honor at next years assembly, please email Meggan Hansen, m.hansen@usd492.org with the name of the veteran, what branch they are/were in, and how long they served or if they are still serving! You can also contact Meggan Hansen at 620.476.2215 anytime as well! We would love to include them in our assembly!

"Freedom is never free." Unknown

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND MADE OUR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY SUCH A SPECIAL EVENT!

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC PROGRAM

MELODIES OF THE SEASON

10
DECEMBER
7:00 PM



HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, ROSALIA

STUDENTS 3RD-5TH GRADE, PLEASE REPORT
TO THE LUNCH ROOM BY 6:30 P.M.



Primary Christmas Program

7:00 P.m.

Wednesday **11** December
Cassoday Primary School

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Students in pre-K through
2nd grade, please report to
your classrooms.

Another Season for the Record Books

The Lady Mustangs volleyball team ended their season November 2nd in Dodge City taking 4th place in the Class 1A-D1 State Tournament! The team ended their season with an impressive 39-5 record and much to celebrate. We asked a lot of the girls this year, many who had little to no varsity experience. They stepped up to the challenge, worked together as a team, and exceeded expectations. The girls received many compliments throughout the season from officials, other school personnel and coaches on their attitude and teamwork.



As a team, the girls had the most kills, blocks and digs in school history. They also had the best serve receive which was led by Alex Scribner and Harlee Randall.

Single Season Records

Jolien Dragoo and Alex Scribner took their place in the record books for serve percentage, serving 97.4% and 96.7% respectively. Alex also topped the digs category with 460 this year.



Emily Scribner added her name to record books in three categories: aces (82), assists (631), and digs (313).

Harlee Randall finished her career at Flinthills with an impressive season, setting single season records in several categories: serve rating (114.6), aces (92), ace percentage (22.8), hitting percentage (.428), kills (642), serve receive (2.06), blocks (130), and digs (240).

Seniors Finish Strong

The team was led by seniors Emily Scribner, Harlee Randall, and Cameryn Finley. These girls finish their high school career with a record of 144-17, two state trips (a 2nd and a 4th place finish), and many entries in the Flinthills Career Stat record books.



Emily has had a key role in running our offense the last three years. At the state tournament, she had 9 aces, 81 assists, and 63 digs. She had an impressive senior season to finish out her career. Some of the highlights of her career stats are 1644 assists, 166 aces at 93.30% serving, and 597 digs.

Harlee has made history at Flinthills over the course of her exceptional career. We relied heavily on her this season. At the state tournament, teams attempted to triple block her and she still hit a .350 with 103 kills. Her name is all over the single season and career stat records at FHS. She finishes her career with 316 aces, 357 blocks, 1700 kills, 715 digs, and a .398 hitting percentage overall.

Cameryn came into the season knowing that she would have a supporting role on the team. She didn't see a lot of playing time, but her heart for the team is admirable. Her pep and energy on the bench was felt and appreciated by the girls on the court, and she was always willing to help the coaches with anything we needed.



Volleyball Post Season Honors

- 1ST TEAM CLASS 1A-D1 ALL-STATE
- ALL-STATE CLASS 1A-D1 TOURNAMENT TEAM
- AVCA ALL-REGION (27 GIRLS CHOSEN FROM KANSAS)
- 1ST TEAM ALL LEAGUE SCBL



HARLEE RANDALL
SENIOR



- 1ST TEAM ALL LEAGUE SCBL



EMILY SCRIBNER
SENIOR

- 1ST TEAM ALL LEAGUE SCBL



ALEX SCRIBNER
JUNIOR



- 2ND TEAM ALL LEAGUE SCBL



CHARLI BOHNEN
SOPHOMORE

- HONORABLE MENTION ALL LEAGUE SCBL



YEVA TAYLOR
JUNIOR



A



Flinthills Booster Club Mustang Basketball Gear!

Short-Sleeve T-Shirts - \$20
Long-Sleeve T-Shirts - \$22
Sweatshirts/Hoodies - \$30

B



1. Choose Design A, B or C
2. Choose style (t-shirt, hoodie, etc.)
3. Choose color of shirt
4. Choose size of shirt

C



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or text to 316-651-6704.

**PLACE ORDERS BY DECEMBER 9 FOR PICKUP
AT DECEMBER 20 HIGH SCHOOL GAME**

***Get ready to deck out in
Mustang gear this
holiday season!***

**December 20th – Ranchin’ Misfits will be at
the HS Basketball game for custom orders**

Apparel Printed & Ready that night!

Proceeds Support Flinthills Booster Club

Booster Club Sponsors

2024-2025

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Josh Niblett

Broke N Quarter Horses

David & Melissa Scribner

Ireland Turner

Riley Walters

FLINTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE PRESENTS



TINY TIM'S
CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY
MATTHEW THOMPSON

Saturday, December 7th @ 2:00 & 7:00

Sunday, December 8th @ 2:00

\$10

Reserved Seating - fhstheatre@usd492.org

Or Call 620-476-2215. Ext. 1051 (Tresa Garcia)

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Graphic Design

The Graphic Design Fundamentals class has been busy learning how to use various tools to create usable items. They started with creating drink coasters using a variety of methods. Students then created their own spirit wear designs which they cut on the vinyl cutter and heat pressed onto shirts. Their last project before fall break was to create a sublimation design which they then heat pressed onto cups. Their skills are growing quickly and their enthusiasm is contagious!



Chloe Grabast



Ember Kinning



Jake Hunter



Emma Niblett



Cole Beard



Emma Daniels



Jacob Hudson

SHOP CLASS PROJECTS



Aiden Sharp

*Maple Rolling Gamer
Chair*



Cohen O'Neal

Walnut Cake Stand



Charlie Head

Poplar Shelf

Kindergarten

**Mrs. Myrick's Kindergarten class did their annual Turkey disguises!
Students always enjoy creating their disguises at home with their families.**



Election Day

Mock Elections

2nd Grade

The second grade class learned about the election process and held a mock election at Flinthills Primary. They began by going to each of the classes to help them register. Then each student got to work one part of the election process. The stations consisted of... marking each person as they gave them their registration card, handing them a ballot, helping the younger students at the ballot area if they needed it, showing them where to put their ballot, handing them a sticker when done and a color sheet that said "I voted". After the votes were all in our class made tallies and a bar graph to show the winner. Overall, at Flinthills Primary Trump received 48 votes and Harris got 20. Our class also went to the Cassoday voting booth across from the school to see what an actual voting area looks like and how to cast a vote. The day after the election they filled in a map of the electoral votes. They showed a lot of excitement throughout the whole process of learning about the Presidential election!

—Debbie Anderson



5th Grade

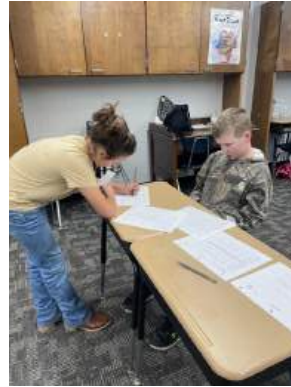
The 5th grade students spent several weeks learning about the election process. To wrap up our unit, we organized a mock election for the Intermediate students.

We made campaign posters and posters reminding students to register and vote. We held our voter registration in the mornings before school started. 47 out of 48 students registered to vote!

Our election was held on Monday, November 4, 2024. Out of our 47 potential voters, 96% participated in the voting process. Not only did students vote on the Presidential race, they voted for a favorite candy and a possible lunchroom policy change.

The results of our Presidential election matched those of the actual race. Skittles received 77.3% of the votes with M&M's trailing with only 22.7%. The student body voted to push for a change to our lunchroom policy about seating. A committee of 5th grade students will be formed to create a presentation for Mrs. Cooper to consider regarding the possibility of a change in where students are allowed to sit during the Intermediate lunch period.

--Tammy Brown





Flinthills Middle School 2024-25 Basketball Schedule



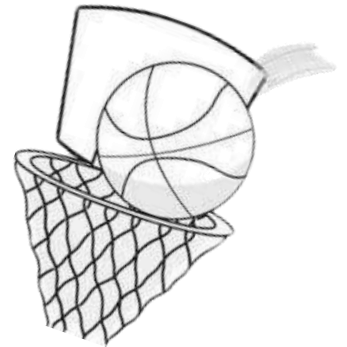
<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>JV TIME</u>	<u>VARSITY TIME</u>
11/21/24	Rosalia	Caldwell	5:00	6:00
11/25/24	Sedan	Sedan	4:00	6:00
12/05/24	Rosalia	Central	5:00	6:00
12/12/24	Rosalia	West Elk	5:00	6:00
12/16/24	Rosalia	Argonia	5:00	6:00
1/06/25	Dexter	Cedar Vale/Dexter	4:00	6:00
1/09/25	Burden	Central	4:00	6:00
1/16/25	Howard	West Elk	4:00	6:00
1/23/25	Rosalia	Cedar Vale/Dexter	5:00	6:00
1/25/25	Rosalia	Central	5:00	6:00
1/27/25	Wichita	Wichita Classical	4:00	6:00
1/30/25	Rosalia	Sedan	5:00	6:00
2/03/25	South Haven	South Haven	4:00	6:00
2/06/25	TBD	SCBL Tournament Play-In	None	TBD
2/08/25	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD
2/13/25	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD
2/15/25	TBD	SCBL Tournament	None	TBD



Mustang Blankets

\$25

Contact Flinthills PTO



Flinthills High School 2024-25 Basketball Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	JV <u>TIME</u>	Varsity <u>TIME</u>
12/6/24	Lebo	Lebo	4:45	6:00
12/9-14	Longdon	Fairfield Classic	None	TBD
12/17/24	Buffalo	Altoona-Midway	4:45	6:00
12/20/24	Rosalia	Eureka	4:45	6:00
1/03/25	Rosalia	Classical School	4:45	6:00
1/10/25	Leon	Bluestem	4:30	6:00
1/14/25	Oxford	Oxford	4:00	6:00
1/17/25*	Rosalia	Udall	4:45	6:00
1/18/25	TBD	SCBL Play-In	TBD	TBD
1/20-1/25	TBD	SSCBL Tournament	None	TBD
1/31/25	Burden	Central	4:00	6:00
2/4/25	Sedan	Sedan	4:00	6:00
2/7/25	Rosalia	Argonia	4:45	6:00
2/11/25	Howard	West Elk	4:00	6:00
2/14/25	Caldwell	Caldwell	4:00	6:00
2/18/25**	Rosalia	Cedar Vale/Dexter	4:45	6:00
2/21/25	South Haven	South Haven	4:45	6:00
2/27-3/8	Sub State	TBD	None	TBD
3/12-3/15	State Tournament	TBD	None	TBD

* Homecoming

** 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.



4-H News

Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club

The Cassoday Boosters 4-H club participated in 4-H Sunday on November 10th at Hope Covenant Church on El Dorado. 4-H Sunday is a special Sunday that 4-H clubs go to church together.

Case Rickard and Agnes Leibbrandt gave church announcements and explained what 4-H Sunday was. Other Cassoday Booster members greeted church goers at the door and helped serve coffee at the coffee bar.

After church, we packed 16 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as a community project. Then we had pizza and our monthly meeting. During the meeting we decided to make cookies and go Christmas caroling in Cassoday for our December meeting. Caroling will be in Cassoday the evening of December 23.

- Emma Leibbrandt, Reporter



Flinthills 4-H Club

The Flinthills 4H club participated in Rosalia's Trick-or-Treat event. Members filled over 100 treat bags at their meeting and passed them out on Halloween.





Nurse's Health Zone

By: Rhonda Craven RN

Just an update. All mandatory screenings for this school year; hearing, vision, dental and immunizations have been completed and if your student was screened you should have those results. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me and I will try and answer your questions.

This is not as much of an issue with the primary and intermediate students, but is becoming one with the middle and high school students, when it comes to illnesses developed at school. The students are aware that if they vomit they have to go home and are not to come back for 24 hours due to our policy. So, that means they miss the next day of school also. I have no way to check if a student truly does vomit. I just have to take their word and then follow policy. **Our policy reads: No student will be allowed to attend school with a temperature of 100 degrees or more and should stay home until the temperature has been less than 100 degrees for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Any child experiencing an episode of diarrhea or vomiting will be sent home and may return to school only after being free of these symptoms for 24 hours. If they are sent home one day then they cannot return to school the next day unless they have a doctor's note.**

Again, I need to remind everyone that I do not stock any type of sore throat lozenges or cold/flu medicines. These need to be given before or after school or they can be sent to school and I can give them with a note.

Stay healthy and be happy,

Rhonda Craven RN



Flinthills USD 492

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> December ▾ 2024 ▾ </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	STUCO Blood Drive 4:30pm: HS Scholars Bowl @ Sedan		6:00pm: FAFSA Night	5:00pm: MS BB vs Central 5:30pm: Booster Club & JR/SR Fun Night Meeting 5:30pm: Evening with Santa 5:30pm: Booster Club Meeting	4:45pm: HS BB @ Lebo	District Clinic & Concert HS Band/Choir 2:00pm: HS Theatre Production "A Christmas Carol" 7:00pm: HS Theatre Production "A Christmas Carol"
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2:00pm: HS Theatre Production "A Christmas Carol"	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD 4:40pm: HS Scholars Bowl @ Udall	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD 3:05pm: BG Products Career Development - Seniors- Seminar 7:00pm: 3-5 Intermediate Vocal/Band Concert	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD 11:32am: FCA - HS MTSS 12:00pm: FCA - MS MTSS 6:00pm: PTO @ Cassoday 7:00pm: Primary Music Concert 7:30pm: Flinthills Board Meeting	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD 5:00pm: MS BB vs West Elk	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD	HS BB Fairfield Classic @ Langdon TBD
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5:00pm: MS BB vs Argonia	4:45pm: HS BB @ Altoona-Midway	HS - Finals 9:00am: Universal Technical Institute - Juniors/Seniors 2:15pm: Holiday Parties Primary 2:45pm: Holiday Parties Intermediate	Early Dismissal 1PM HS - Finals	NO SCHOOL 4:45pm: HS BB vs Eureka	NO SCHOOL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL				

<div style="text-align: center;"> January ▼ 2025 ▼ </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL 4:45pm: HS BB vs Classical School	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL 7:40am: Staff Work Day 4:00pm: MS BB @ Dexter 4:30pm: HS BB @ Bluestem	7 Students Return to School	8 6:00pm: PTO @ Rosalia 7:00pm: Flinthills Board Meeting	9 HS Theatre Conference 4:00pm: MS BB @ Central Burden	10 HS Theatre Conference	11 HS Theatre Conference
12	13 4:30pm: HS Theatre Auditions 4:30pm: HS Scholars Bowl @ Oxford	14 4:00pm: HS BB @ Oxford	15 1:00pm: School Wide Spelling Bee (3rd - 8th Grade)	16 4:00pm: MS BB @ West Elk 6:00pm: HS Forensics Parent Meeting	17 4:45pm: HS BB vs Udall - Homecoming	18 8:00pm: Homecc Dance
19	20 NO SCHOOL HS Girls BB SCBL Tournament TBD 7:40am: Staff Development	21 HS Boys BB SCBL Tournament TBD	22	23 HS Girls BB @ Cowley CC TBD 5:00pm: MS BB vs CV/D	24 KSU HS Concert Band Clinic HS Boys BB SCBL @ Cowley CC TBD	25 KSU HS Concert Band Clinic HS Boys/Girls BB @ CCC TBD HS Forensics @ Clearwater TBD
26 KSU HS Concert Band Clinic	27 4:00pm: MS BB @ Classical School 4:30pm: HS SCBL Scholars Bowl @ Caldwell	28	29	30 5:00pm: MS BB vs Sedan	31 4:00pm: HS BB @ Central	1

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