

FLI News

Future Leaders Institute Monthly Newsletter

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Always reference the calendar posted on the school's website for the most up-to-date info

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EXTENDED DAY SPOTLIGHT

Get a more in depth look at key components about our Extended Day program and the classes offered.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The students are the center of it all. Hear all about what's happening at FLI from the perspective of our students.

INSIDE THE COMMUNITY

Learn about FLI's core values, the foundation of our community, and how we will be celebrating throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FLI wants to help fulfill any needs that you might have outside of the school community. This section will always communicate opportunities and resources offered in or around the neighborhood.



Middle school student recipients of Term II Principal Honor Roll showing off their certificates during our latest Honors' Assembly held on April 1st.



GREETINGS FROM...

Jody Flowers
Principal

Dear FLI Families,

I am sure everyone is enjoying the longer days and awaiting the warmer weather. As we transition into spring weather and get closer to the start of summer, children begin to get restless. It is important that students continue to work hard on their academics and continue to behave appropriately in school. We have lots of great activities coming up for them to enjoy! During the month of April we celebrate our wonderful assistant principals, Mr. Slovenec & Ms. Gonzalez for all of the work they put into supporting our staff, students, and families.

In addition, April 1st is our honors assembly. During the assembly we will recognize students who had perfect attendance for the entire term and those who made honor roll or principal's honor roll. These are huge accomplishments for our students and their families. I am looking forward to seeing our perfect attendance, honor roll, and principal's honor roll lists grow in the upcoming term as well. Wishing you a happy Spring!

FLI School Calendar

1. [Click here for FLI's School Year Calendar - Website](#)

-Or-

2. Scan below for FLI School year calendar - FLI website



This link or QR code will take you to FLI's Calendar for the 2024-25 School Year. Dates are subject to change. Please use this calendar to plan ahead for the year when it comes to major school events, parent teacher conferences, school closures, major assessments and much much more.

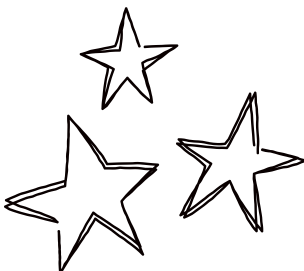
FLI Monthly Calendar

1. [Click here for FLI's Monthly calendar](#)

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Curriculum Spotlight

"Curriculum should help children have deeper and fuller understanding of their own experience."

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Sixth grade students learning about Early Civilizations at the American Museum of Natural History.

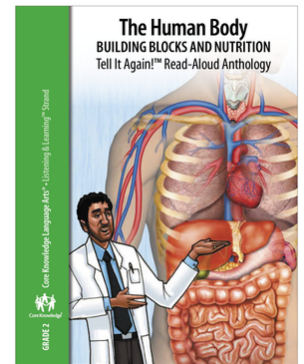


A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

BOOK OF THE MONTH...

In this unit, second graders cover a number of topics regarding the human body. This domain first covers concepts regarding cells and how cells form the building blocks of life on Earth. Students are taught about Anton van Leeuwenhoek and his work with the microscope and his discovery of tiny one-celled bacteria. Students will then learn about the digestive and excretory systems. They will learn the fundamental parts and functions of these two body systems. The remainder of this domain focuses on the importance of good nutrition and how to make good choices in order to eat a well balanced diet.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- **April 8th:** 5th and 8th Grade Computer-Based NYS Science Test
- **April 22-23:** 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Computer-Based NYS ELA Test
- **April 24-25:** 7th and 8th Grade Computer-Based NYS ELA Test
- **April 30-May 1:** 3rd Grade Paper-Based NYS ELA Test



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS:

Term 3 means the beginning of brand new science units! Through these FOSS (Full Option Science System) lessons, scholars engage in experiments to help them understand science principles. Teachers start each lesson with a focus question that students are able to answer by the end of the lesson, after having completed their exploration.

Check out their new term 3 units:

- **Kindergarten:** Animals Two by Two
- **First:** Plants and Animals
- **Second:** Pebbles, Sand and Silt
- **Third:** Structures of Life
- **Fourth:** Environments
- **Fifth:** Living Systems
- **Sixth:** Populations and Ecosystems
- **Seventh:** Diversity of Life
- **Eighth:** Planetary Science



Extended Day Spotlight

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...STAY IN THE KNOW

Exhibition Day at FLI



EXTENDED DAY EXHIBITION



In Extended Day, we are always working on finding new ways to have students display their work. This past February, we had the opportunity for students to showcase some of the work they have done as well as assist students in learning new techniques.

This was also a great opportunity for some students to become the teacher and teach the staff, students, parents and even the principal about the art of drawing a symmetrical face, the art of chess and about different black photographers and quilt designers. This is the first of many Extended Day Exhibitions and we hope to see you at the next one!

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- April 11th: No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- April 14th - 18th: Spring Break (No School)

Pickup time is 4:45 PM for Extended Day

- Early pickup from Extended day ends at 4:15 PM. If you arrive after 4:15 PM you must wait till 4:45 PM.

Attendance

- To keep your child's seat in the Extended Day program, your child must maintain at least a 90% attendance rate.

Student Spotlight

"Developing the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow."

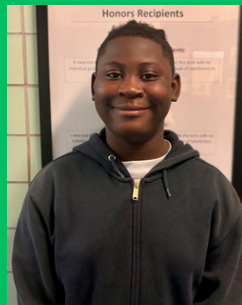
...LOOK WHO'S TALKING

This month's spotlight is on 6th Grade! We asked students, **"What career are you interested in pursuing?"**



Journee

I'm good at math, so I want to be an anesthesiologist. I want to help give people medication and I'm interested in surgery.



Joel

I either want to be a professional athlete or work on the business side of sports—either boxing or the NFL. I want to pursue my passion



Romeo

I want to be a lawyer because I want to be able to help people who have been falsely accused so they can see their families again.

I'm interested in being a law enforcement officer. I think I can be a person that can make a positive change.



Ryley

For my career, I want to be a professional athlete. I love playing basketball so I want to play in the NBA.



Mason

I have a talent for drawing and really enjoy making sketches. I'd like to draw for my career, either anime or games.



Emersyn



Kaden

I love math and cars so I want to be an engineer. I'd like to create new cars and invent new technology for them.



Kendra

I want to be a doctor, most likely a psychologist. I want to do this because my mom works in that field and I want to follow her.



Paris

I either want to be a pulmonologist because I'm interested in respiratory systems and helping people or I want to be a musician.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

*"Teach the child,
not just the curriculum"*



FLI Monthly Core Value Recipients

Each month FLI teachers and students vote to nominate one student from each class that exemplifies the core value of the month. Below are the students who were nominated for Effort:

K: Noah S.	6A: Sarinity H.
1: Selinet C.	6B: Javell B.
2: Maison V.	7A: Makay A.
3: Mariah M.	7A: I'lea S.
4: Samantha D.	7B: Elkana D.
5A: Bella S.	8A: Kadiditaou C.
5B: Amaya S.	8B: Makayala J.

Community Circles

Each month FLI hosts both a lower and middle school community circle organized by the school guidance counselors, reading specialist and school deans. Community Circle embodies the style of a true morning meeting where as a group we take part in a greeting, share and activity. March's core value was Effort so we had the teachers and students participate in a basketball shoot out to show that both students and adults can put effort into something new and hard. Everyone who participated had a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing who will be nominated for the next core value of Truth.

March Perfect Attendance - Honorees

While FLI wants to honor all recipients of March's Perfect Attendance accomplishment, there are just too many to fit on the page! Checkout the recipients on our website!

FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

CORE VALUES

Leadership

Compassion

Responsibility

Respect

Effort

Truth

Community Resources

OFFERINGS IN AND AROUND HARLEM



FUTURE LEADERS IS HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT

FLI wants to help fulfill any needs that you might have outside of the school community. This section will always communicate opportunities, resources and school needs offered in or around the neighborhood. Also, please let us know if you come across any resources available for us to share.

INSTAGRAM - ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?! [fli_charter_school](#)



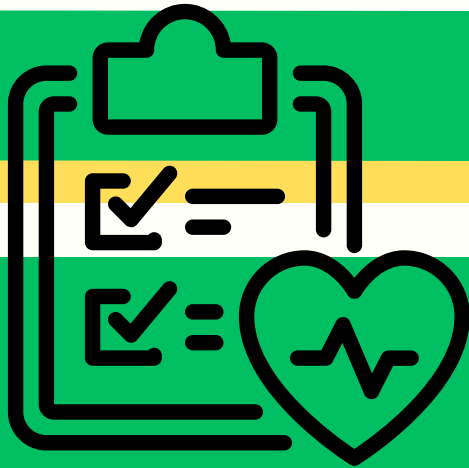
Follow FLI's instagram account to catch all the fun that is taking place inside the school community and show us your love!

Other Resources

Keep scrolling to find the following information/resources:

- Important Health Reminders
- Tax Preparation Assistance
- "Wealth Builds" Workshops
- Internship and Job Opportunities
- Community Fitness Room
- Food Box

Community Resources



IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDERS

TIPS ON STAYING HEALTHY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

As we push through the winter months, illness is inevitable! Please review the following guidelines to assure we are doing everything possible to maintain and protect the health and well-being of the community at large.

[NYC DOE - TIPS TO STAYING HEALTHY](#)

School Nurse

- The School Nurse is not a doctor
- The nurse will not be able to diagnose illnesses or provide medication for any illness unless a 504 has been submitted
- The nurse can only check vitals and provide recommendations or next steps

Main Guidelines

- If your child is sick keep them home!!! Remember to email fliattendance@futureleadersinstitute.org with any updates
- Assure that your child is consistently washing their hands or using hand sanitizer
- Reinforce having your child cover their coughs and sneezes with the back of their elbows
- Encourage your child to increase their water intake
- Assure your child is dressed for the weather



Harlem Children's Zone
Community Pride

Free Personal Tax Prep Assistance

Get free help preparing your taxes from Harlem Children's Zone Community Pride. Find out if you qualify for the earned income tax credit or child tax credit.

Appointments Available:

February 1-April 19

9 AM-7 PM (site hours vary)

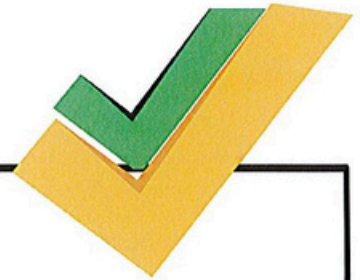
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Follow these steps:

1. Click the link or scan the QR code and complete the form.
2. A staff member from Community Pride will contact you to schedule an appointment.
3. Bring your documents and to your state I.D. to the appointment.

For assistance, email taxes@hcz.org or call 212-932-1920.



HCZ locations for in-person tax preparation:

- **HCZ Community Pride** - 2037 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. (122nd St. and 7th Ave.): Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-7 PM and Friday, 9:30 AM-3 PM
- **Salem Community Center** - 211 West 129th St. (between Frederick Douglass Blvd. and Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd.): Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 AM-7 PM and Friday, 9:30 AM-3 PM
- **Geoffrey Canada Community Center** - 35 East 125th St. (125th St. and Madison Ave.): Monday through Friday, 6:30-9 PM and Saturdays, 9 AM-3 PM
- **Promise Academy II** - 70 East 112th St. (Madison Ave. and Park Ave.): Monday through Fridays 6:30-9 PM and Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

Harlem Children's Zone Wealth Builds

2024-2025 Financial Literacy Workshop Series

HCZ Wealth Builds invites families and community members to a FREE year-long workshop series focusing on financial literacy and empowerment.

Access valuable resources, hear from financial professionals, and win raffle prizes!



Harlem Children's Zone

WEALTH BUILDS

Equity. Mobility. Prosperity.

Dates

Sept. 19, 2024-Jun. 17, 2025

Times

All sessions: 5:30-6:30 PM

Locations

- **HCZ Community Pride Salem (211 W 129th St)**
- **HCZ A Cut Above (646 Lenox Ave)**
- **HCZ Employment & Technology Center (304 W 117th St)**

Series Overview (see calendar on back)

Session 1 - Budgeting & Saving I

Session 2 - Budgeting & Saving II

Session 3 - The Basics of Credit

Session 4 - Credit Repair 101

Session 5 - Home Buying Part I

Session 6 - Cybersecurity

Session 7 - Investing In Your Future

Session 8 - Investing In Your Child's Future

Additional Sessions

(hosted at Chase Bank, 55 W 125th St)

Session 9 - Home Buying Part II

Session 10 - Advanced Investing



To sign up

Click the
link or scan the QR code.

Questions?

Email wealthbuilds@hcz.org



Harlem Children's Zone
Community Pride

Community Youth Connection (CYC) Internship Program

Build work experience and professional skills by joining HCZ Community Pride's CYC internship program!

Young professionals ages 16-23 can participate in paid internships and professional development workshops.

Program Highlights:

- Bi-weekly stipend
- Professional development
- Access to HCZ programs
- Financial literacy
- End of summer trip
- Mentorship and more

Application Deadline
Friday, May 30

Program Dates:
Monday, July 7 through
Friday, Aug. 15

Program Schedule:
Mon.-Fri.

Internship Hours:
Scheduled shifts
9 AM-5 PM

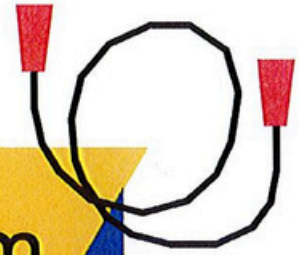


Scan QR code to sign up

For more information or questions contact
communitypride@hcz.org



Harlem Children's Zone
Salem Community Center



Work Out in the Fitness Room

Join Salem Community Center for the launch of our new community fitness room! Kickstart your fitness journey in a welcoming space with support to meet your personal goals.

Fitness Room Hours:

**Mondays and
Wednesdays**

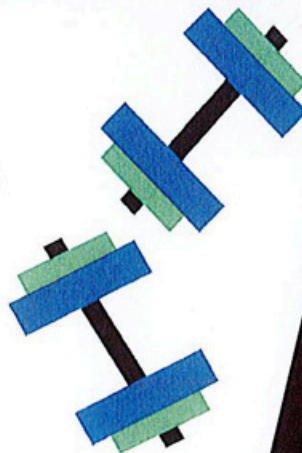
10 AM-1 PM

Fitness room opens on
**Monday, January 27,
2025**

**Salem Community
Center, 211 West 129th St**

Facility Highlights:

- Weight machines
- Cardio machines
- Free weights
- Staff supervision
- Welcoming environment



Scan the QR code
to Register

FOOD BOX

Spring 2025

Milbank Center
23 W 117th St,
New York, NY
10026

Every Wednesday,
2:30PM - 5:30PM
March 26
April 2, 9, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18



Shop the Farmstand!

Spend \$2, get \$2 back
in Health Bucks when
you use your EBT card
(max \$10 back/day)



How it works:

1. Sign-up (in person) and pay a week in advance to reserve your bag.
2. Receive an email reminder the day before pick-up with what's in your bag.
3. Pick-up your bag of 6-8 local fruits and veggies, and shop at our farmstand!

Contact us for more information!

 gohealthyfoodbox@childrensaidnyc.org

 [Gohealthy.nyc](https://www.instagram.com/Gohealthy.nyc)

 [Go!Healthy](https://www.facebook.com/GoHealthy)



HARLEM HARVEST 2025

**Every Second Saturday,
10 AM - 12 PM**

April 12 August 9
May 10 September 13
June 14 October 18
July 12 November 8

Location: St. Nicholas Houses
Plaza, West 128 St. (between
Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd and
Frederick Douglass Blvd.)

Harlem Children's
Zone community
members can
access **FREE**
fresh produce.

ID Required

Register by contacting communitypride@hcz.org or 212-932-1920



LINCOLN HARVEST

**First Friday of the Month
9 AM - 12 PM**

- April 4th
- May 2nd
- June 6th
- July 18th
- August 2th
- September 5th
- October 3rd
- Nov. 7th

2150 Madison Avenue

Members of the Harlem Children's Zone community can access **FREE** fresh local produce provided by HCZ's Healthy Harlem and Community Pride.

ID Required

RSVP → contact communitypride@hcz.org or 212-932-1920

Our mission is to equitably serve New York City's students with healthy and delicious meals that enhance their educational experience, reflect their voices, and nourish them into adulthood.

WE'RE HIRING **FOOD SERVICE** **SUPERHEROES**

Looking for dedicated, service oriented employees to work year round as entry level food service titles within our school kitchens.

WE OFFER

- **WORK MONDAY TO FRIDAY**
- **PART TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH FULL BENEFITS**
- **MEDICAL COVERAGE**
- **PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE**
- **DENTAL & VISION**
- **SICK DAYS**
- **PAID HOLIDAYS**
- **RETIREMENT PLAN(S)**
- **FREE STAFF MEALS**

WORK LOCATION **DISTRICT 3**

INTERVIEW DATE
5/3/2025

INTERVIEW LOCATION
PS 208
21 WEST 111TH STREET
MANHATTAN, NY 10026

IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS ARE BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/ZYQ1L2K7VJ](https://forms.office.com/R/ZYQ1L2K7VJ)
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

CALL (212) 360-1550 BETWEEN 8:30AM-2:00PM
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

