

FLI News

Future Leaders Institute Monthly Newsletter

In This Issue...

MONTHLY CALENDAR

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

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

Check out spotlights of what our students are currently learning as well as other important information.

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.



GREETINGS FROM...

Jody Flowers
Principal

Dear FLI Families,

Spring is upon us. It is one of my favorite times of the year; the weather warms up, we have longer days, more time is spent outdoors, and we can see how our students have grown in more ways than one. Spring also brings state testing for our students in grades 3rd- 8th. It is a time for students to showcase mastery on the skills they have been taught throughout the year. Students in grades 5th & 8th will take their NYS science exam, while grades 3-8 will take their NYS ELA state exam during the month of April.

I would like to thank all of our families who have participated in taking the annual survey. The survey gives us a better understanding of what members of our school community think about FLI. The information collected by the survey is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community about how to make the school a better place to learn. I look forward to reviewing the results and sharing them with our families so we can work together to continue to make FLI an even better place.

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 2025-26 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.

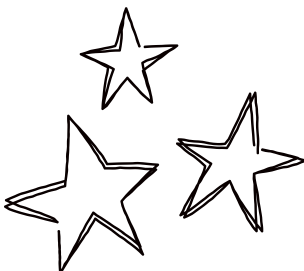
FLI Monthly Calendar

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

-Or-

2. Scan below for FLI's Monthly calendar

This link or QR code will take you to FLI's Monthly Calendar for the current month. This calendar will included the most up to date information with even more detail.



Curriculum Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Check out one of our seventh grade students at the New York Public Library field trip in March.



A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Hello FLI families! During the month of April, teachers in 3-8 will be reviewing the Next Generation Learning Standards in preparation for the upcoming state exams. At home, you can support your child by encouraging them to read independently for long periods of time so they can build their focus stamina. Afterwards, have them retell to you the plot for fiction texts or the central idea for nonfiction texts. In preparation for the mathematics exams, make real-life situations into math problems; whether you are at the store adding/subtracting decimals or cooking multiplying/dividing fractions, math is all around us! Have them write equations for these situations, solve them, and explain their mathematical reasoning to you.

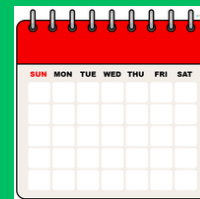
BOOK OF THE MONTH...

Fourth grade students are reading excerpts from The House on Mango Street. In this unit, students learn it is important to be slow, careful readers to peel back the many layers of meaning in a text. We will return to each vignette more than once, on each occasion conducting new analysis and finding more in the text. In HOMS, a girl is trying to find her own identity in difficult circumstances. She comes to understand that her community is a vital part of who she is now and who she will become.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- **May 5-6:** Computer-Based NYS Math test Grades 7-8
- **May 12-13:** Computer-Based NYS Math Test Grades 3-6
- **May 4-15:** NYSESLAT for ENL students only



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Scholars in grades K to 5 learn the New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards through the Core Knowledge Language Arts curriculum. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students learn the standards through the Fishtank Learning curriculum which is a novel-based curriculum.

Check out each grade's current unit of study:

Kindergarten: Astronomy

First: Astronomy

Second: The Human Body

Third: Astronomy: Our Solar System

Fourth: Contemporary Fiction with excerpts from House on Mango Street

Fifth: William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Sixth: Finding Connection: The Outsiders

Seventh: Memoir: Born a Crime

Eighth: The Strength of the Human Spirit: Night



Extended Day Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Krystal
Step Teacher

Ms. Krystal comes to us by way of our partnership with 92NY. She has brought the joy of learning STEP to our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students. Students have shown interest in learning and teaching others all that they have learned!

WHY IS STEP IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Movement is important to me. Assisting students in finding new ways to make sounds and shapes with their bodies is always fun. Seeing the joy in a student's face when they are able to accomplish a new skill is always great!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHING STEP?

I have been dancing and moving all my life. I have been a part of many teams and shows, and have been teaching dance for the past 10+ years. Each year I learn something new.

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- **April 1st** - No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- **April 2nd - April 10th** - No School (Spring Break)

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 the 6th Grade classes! We asked students, **"What career are you interested in pursuing?"**



Zhaya

I want to be a track athlete. I've been running long distance and training since 4th grade. I want to win a gold medal.



Major

My goal in life is to pay back my mom for all she's done. I can do this by being a basketball player or running a family business.



Samiyah

I want to be a rapper because it runs in my family. I've been rapping since I was 5 years old.

I am interested in being a pharmacist or a chemist so I can create medicine. I want to help people more than anything else.



Saraiah

I either want to be a nail artist or a pediatrician. I like practicing doing nails but also want to know what it is like to be a doctor.



Madison

I want to be a CEO of my own company. I'm interested in tech so I want to work at a tech company or make my own.



Matthew



Annaleah

I want to be either a lawyer or a radiologist. I really like helping people and am interested in the law.



Aminata

I want to be a judge because I like judging people and proving people wrong. I like court cases and knowing people's business.



Charlensky

I want to be a lawyer because I like to talk a lot and I love debating. I love being right!

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

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



Monthly Core Value Recipients

The core value of Effort states that as a FLI student, I will take initiative and look for opportunities to improve myself and the FLI community. I will try new things, even when I know they will be hard for me to do.

K: Kobe G.

6A: Zhaya G.

1: Bourama F.

6B: Yovani R.

2: Ghadeer A

7A: Omar A.

3: Mialynn E.

7B: Alexa G.

4: Jailys R.

8A: Tyler R.

5: Angel R.

8B: Daenerys W.

Community Circles

Each month FLI hosts both a lower and middle school community circle organized by the school guidance counselor, reading specialist, 7th grade teacher and school dean. Community Circle embodies the style of a true morning meeting where as a group we take part in a greeting, share and activity. For the month of March, we focused on the core value of effort. In lower school we had students put effort into an activity where they were determined to use a folder to create wind and keep a plastic bag up in the air. This may sound easy, but proved to be quite the challenge. In middle school, students put effort into a free throw contest and into cheering on their classmates. It was so fun to watch our students try something new and have fun doing it!

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:

- Parent Involvement Committee
- FLI Student Referral Program
- Asthma Resources
- College Connection Initiative
- Computer Literacy Classes
- Studio Sundays

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



JOIN the Parent Involvement Council (PIC) at FLI! We Need you

The Parent Involvement Committee is a formal organization of FLI Family members and staff intended to facilitate and encourage family participation at FLI.

Join us to...

- Advocate for students and families
- keep updated on events/ issues about the school
- Assist with communication
- Lead & participate in activities for students & families (including, but not limited to fundraisers, field trips, class/school-wide celebrations, workshops, & more!)



Who can be a member of the PIC at FLI?

As a parent or guardian of a child at FLI, you're automatically a PIC member! PIC meetings are open to all!

- All Parents/ Guardians, including step parents, foster parents, etc.
- Grandparents
- Aunts, uncles
- Godparents
- older adult siblings of FLI students

PIC Meetings during the 2025- 26 school year will be held in person at FLI, starting at 8:45AM.

Breakfast will be served.

Friday, October 24, 2025

Friday, December 19, 2025

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

Friday, May 29, 2026

INVOLUCRAMIENTO DE LOS PADRES

COMITÉ



¡VEN al Consejo de Participación de Padres (PIC) en FLI! Te necesitamos mucho.

El Comité de Participación de Padres es un grupo formal de familiares y personal de FLI que tiene como objetivo ayudar y promover la participación de las familias en FLI. Únete a nosotros para...

- Defensor de los alumnos y las familias
- Mantente al tanto de los eventos y problemas de la escuela.
- Ayudar con la charla
- Dirigir y participar en actividades para estudiantes y familias, como recaudaciones de fondos, excursiones, celebraciones de clase o de la escuela, talleres y mucho más.



¿Quién puede unirse al PIC en FLI? Como papá, mamá o tutor de un niño en FLI, ¡ya eres parte del PIC! ¡Las reuniones del PIC son para todos!

- Todos los papás y mamás, incluyendo a los padrastros, padres adoptivos, y demás.
- Abuelos
- Tías, tíos
- Padrinos
- hermanos mayores de estudiantes de FLI

Las reuniones del PIC para el año escolar 2025-26 se realizarán en persona en FLI, comenzando a las 8:45 a. m.

Se ofrecerá el desayuno.

Viernes 24 de octubre de 2025

Viernes 19 de diciembre de 2025

Jueves 12 de febrero de 2026

Viernes 24 de abril de 2026

Viernes 29 de mayo de 2026

FLI Student Referral

\$300 - GIFT CARD

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!

- FLI is actively enrolling new students from Kindergarten to 8th Grade for the next school year!
- Please let us know if any of your family or friends are interested in enrolling their children at FLI.
- Any current FLI community member that refers a new student will receive a \$100 gift card (per referral) once the new student completes each of the three trimesters of next school year. If your referral stays all 3 trimesters, you will receive \$300 total!
- Make sure your family/friend lists you as a referral when they complete their application and follow up with us after each report card of the current school year to collect your \$100 gift card.
- Applications are posted on our website -OR- have your referral contact the main office @ 212.678.2868 for further assistance.



**FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE
CHARTER SCHOOL**

Developing the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow

Asthma Counselor Program



Who We Are

The Asthma Counselor Program (ACP) is a FREE asthma management program for children diagnosed with asthma and their families. The program provides case management services that address the medical, environmental, and psychosocial needs of the entire family.



Who Qualifies?

A child may be eligible to participate in the Asthma Counselor Program if they meet ALL of the following requirements:

- ✓ Is 0-17 years old
- ✓ Has been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Lives in East or Central Harlem OR
- ✓ Receives medical services from Metropolitan Hospital or Mount Sinai Hospital

Services Offered

- **One-on-one asthma support** from a trained master's level social worker
- **Asthma education**, including how to manage symptoms, recognize and eliminate environmental triggers, manage prescribed medications, etc.
- **Social service referrals** to address needs related to housing, employment, physical and mental health, etc.
- **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** services that use non-toxic methods to eliminate cockroaches and mice in the home that can trigger asthma symptoms
- **Asthma supplies** to support good asthma management and control
- Participation in **program events and activities** throughout the year

For more information or to participate in the Asthma Counselor Program, please contact:

The East Harlem Asthma Center of Excellence (EHACE)

161-169 East 110th Street, New York, NY 10029

EHACE@health.nyc.gov

(646) 682-2100

FREE PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

If you live in NYC, have a child in your home with asthma, and have cockroaches or mice, you may qualify for a free integrated pest management service (IPM). IPM is a green, non-toxic way to get rid of pests in the home that does not trigger asthma symptoms.



How to qualify for the program:

- You must live in one of the 5 boroughs of NYC.
- There must be a child (age 17 or younger) diagnosed with asthma living in the home.
- Signs of cockroaches or mice must be present in the home.

For more information or to participate in the program:
Call (646) 682-2100 or email IPMHarlemHealth@health.nyc.gov

SERVICIOS DE CONTROL DE PLAGAS GRATIS PARA NIÑOS CON ASMA

Si vive en Nueva York, y tiene un niño con asma en su casa y tiene cucarachas o ratones, es posible que califica para un servicio gratuito de manejo integrado de plagas (IPM). El Manejo Integrado de Plagas es una forma ecológica y no tóxica de deshacerse de plagas en el hogar que no desencadenan síntomas de asma.



Cómo calificar para el programa:

- Debes vivir en uno de los 5 distritos de Nueva York.
- Debe haber un niño (de 17 años o menos) diagnosticado con asma viviendo en el hogar.
- Debe haber señales de cucarachas o ratones en la casa.

Para más información o participar en el programa:

Llama (646) 682-2100 or correo electrónico IPMHarlemHealth@health.nyc.gov

Queens Educational Opportunity Center

158-29 Archer Ave. Jamaica NY 11433 | 718-725-3320

ADMINISTERED BY YORK COLLEGE - CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



College Connections Initiative (CCI) Workshops

Workshop 1) College 101: Everything you need to know made easy

Date: Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM



Description: Introductory workshop about the college admissions process and more on navigating college.

Workshop 2) Completing the CUNY/SUNY Application

Date: Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM



Description: Learn how to access and complete the CUNY, SUNY & Private College applications.

Workshop 3) Completing the Federal & State Financial Aid Applications

Date: Wednesday, April 29th, 2026

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM



Description: Learn how to apply for Federal/State student financial aid by completing the FAFSA & TAP applications.

<https://www.queenseoc.net/cci-workshops/>

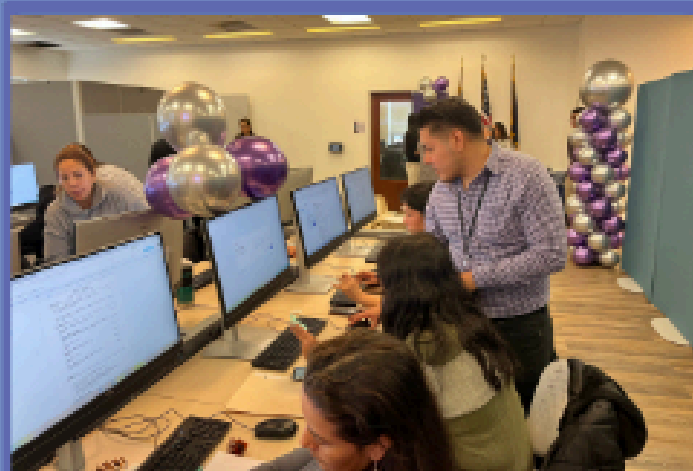
Visit our website at: www.queenseoc.net

 [@queenseoc](https://twitter.com/queenseoc)  facebook.com/sunyqueenseoc  [@queenseoc](https://www.instagram.com/queenseoc)



COMPUTER LITERACY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Join the Queens Public Library at Long Island City by enrolling in the computer literacy course. This class is being offered in person and is open to the public.



Anyone seeking to learn basic computer skills, get tech savvy, or simply strengthen their computer skills is welcome to enroll in the course.

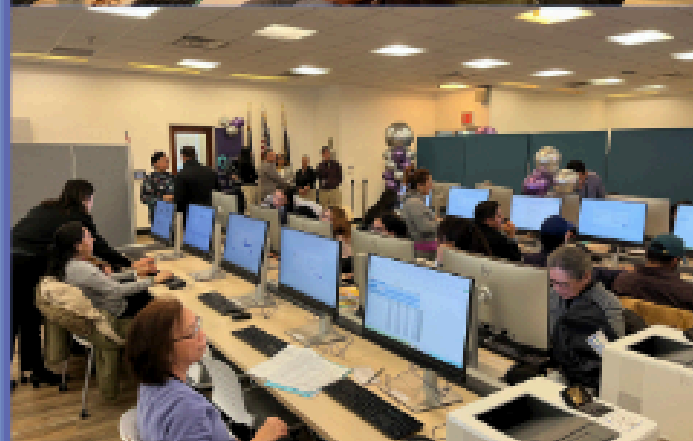
The Queens Public Library case managers also serve individuals and families in accessing social services assistance and support in areas such as:

Immigration/ Legal Concerns

Job Development and Employment Services

Literacy/ ESOL and Educational Services

Health Support and more



For more information,
Call 718-752-3721 or email us at
Yobani.R.Sosa@queenslibrary.org

Scan this code
to register for
the class today



Studio Sundays

Enjoy free admission to the Studio Museum every Sunday with Studio Sundays.

Every Sunday, stop by the Studio Museum and enjoy talks, tours, art-making workshops, storytime, and family gallery tours—in addition to viewing the exhibitions. Studio Sundays feature programs designed for visitors of all ages, including children and their families.

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM—12 PM

Storytime

Lower Level,
The Stoop

12—4 PM

Drop-In Art Making

Education Workshop,
3rd Floor

2—2:15 PM

Gallery Talk

Location varies week-to-week,
check with Visitor Experience

12:30—12:45 PM

Gallery Talk

Location varies week-to-week,
check with Visitor Experience

1—2 PM

Family Tour

Location varies week-to-week,
check with Visitor Experience

4—4:15 PM

Gallery Talk

Location varies week-to-week,
check with Visitor Experience

Though admission is free, tickets are required. Advanced ticket reservations are recommended.
All sessions take place at the Studio Museum in Harlem, 144 W 125th Street New York, NY 10027.

Visit studiomuseum.org/events for more information.