

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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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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INSIDE THE COMMUNITY

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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,

As we end 2024, I would like to thank you for your commitment to Future Leaders Institute Charter School. The success we have experienced since the opening of the school year owes a great deal to parents/ caregivers and families like yours. Before we conclude 2024, we end with our December parent teacher conferences, an opportunity for families to learn about how their child is progressing. I believe in setting goals for success and hope that all families will share grows and glows with their child around their academic progress. I believe in the importance of family traditions, holidays, and celebrations and ask that you join us at our upcoming events. Please check out our school's calendar to learn more. I wish you a restful winter break and hope you enjoy time with your child(ren) and loved ones.

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.

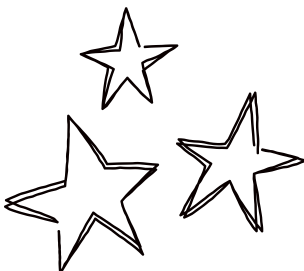
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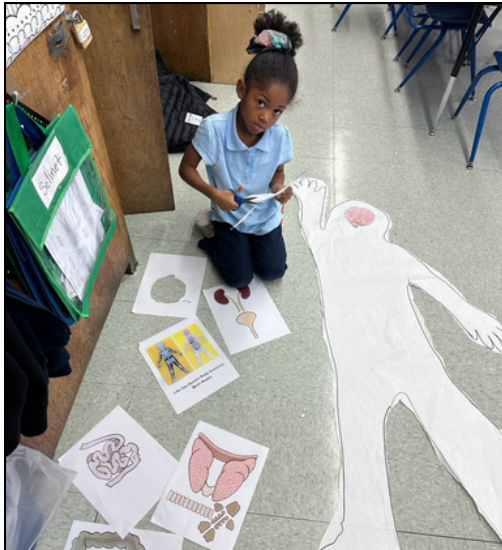
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Curriculum Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



First grade students outlined their bodies and filled them in with organs, bones, and muscles depending on their chosen body system as part of "The Human Body" CKLA unit.



A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Hi FLI families! Did you know January 23rd is "National Reading Day?" Thus, I want to emphasize the importance of reading with your children at home. Read to them books aloud, listen to audiobooks together, and/or have them read to you, their siblings or family members. Just remember to READ, READ, READ! Through reading, we increase our vocabulary, improve our comprehension, better our analytical skills, develop critical thinking, improve our focus and concentration, build confidence, broaden our horizon and much more! I encourage you to visit your local library together as a family to borrow books during the upcoming vacation and share your love for reading. We will be honoring "National Reading Day" by dropping everything to read for a few minutes on January 23rd.

BOOK OF THE MONTH...

Seventh grade students will be exploring the themes of revenge, resilience and betrayal as they read Gareth Hinds' graphic novel, The Odyssey. Fresh from his triumphs in the Trojan War, Odysseus, King of Ithaca, wants nothing more than to return home to his family. Instead, he offends the sea god, Poseidon, who dooms him to years of shipwreck and wandering. Battling man-eating monsters, violent storms, and the supernatural seductions of sirens and sorceresses, Odysseus will need all his strength and cunning—and a little help from Mount Olympus—to make his way home and seize his kingdom from the schemers who seek to wed his queen and usurp his throne.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- December 3:** Beginning of Term II Marking Period
- December 12:** Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening Session)
- December 13:** Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon Session)
- January 22:** Career Day for grades 4-8



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS:

Term 2 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 2 units:

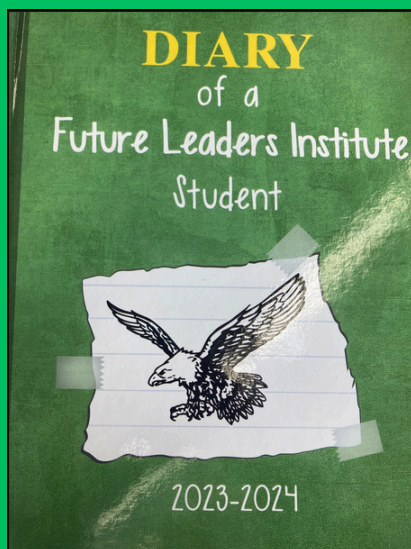
- **Kindergarten:** Trees and Weather
- **First:** Air and Weather
- **Second:** Insects and Plants
- **Third:** Water and Climate
- **Fourth:** Soils, Rocks, and Landforms
- **Fifth:** Earth and Sun
- **Sixth:** Earth History
- **Seventh:** Weather and Water
- **Eighth:** Gravity and Kinetic Energy



Extended Day Spotlight

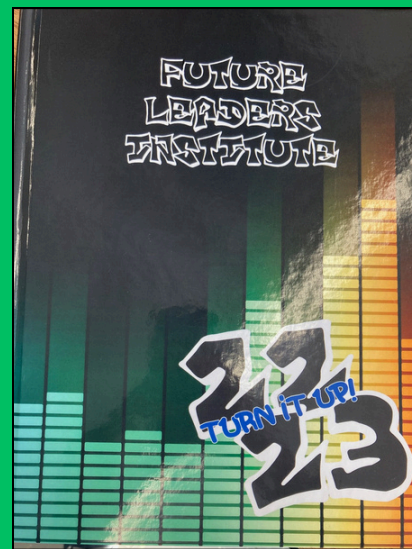
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YEARBOOK CLUB

Yearbook is an after school club for 8th grade students that meets once a month. Students design the yearbook, take and edit photographs, create layouts, conduct interviews and more! They work diligently throughout the year to create a memorable and meaningful yearbook for our graduating seniors.



Jaime Marino
8th Grade ELA Teacher/ Yearbook

I have been running the yearbook club since the 2016-2017 school year. Every year I am impressed with the creativity of our students!

Yearbook is an important club to have in a school because it fosters community and memorializes the highlights of the school year. Students can look back fondly in their yearbooks for years to come. It is important for yearbook to be a hands on club for students so that student voices and opinions drive the project and the end result is one that our seniors can be proud of!

REMINDERS

There is no Extended Day on:

- December 12th and 13th (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- December 23rd - January 1st (Winter Break)

Extended Day Resumes on Thursday January 2nd

Extended Day Grading

- Term 1 Report Cards will be distributed soon! Stay in the know regarding how students in our Extended Day program will be graded. The grading policy is listed in our Student Handbook.

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 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 Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Haber's 2nd Grade class! We asked students, **"What is your favorite thing to learn about?"**



Channing

I love learning about math! I love learning to add and subtract and my favorite number is 7.



Prianna

I love learning about basketball at gym class. I'm learning how to dodge people and make shots.



Kerri

I love experiments in science class. We get to mix things in containers and see the layers they make.

I love learning more about math. I get to learn tricks to make tens and solve story problems.



McKenzie

I love learning about Greek gods and goddesses. Artemis is my favorite. She is the goddess of animals.



Alexxis

I love learning about math. Addition is my favorite thing to do and I can count all the way to 200!



Sekou



Mialynn

I love learning multiplication and division. It's fun to answer the questions and I can answer lots of them.



Aamir

I want to learn about multiplication and division. Math is fun because it's easy for me.



Oyewale

I love learning about basketball and telling my mom what I know. I'm learning how to shoot the ball in the hoop.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

*"Teach the child
not just the curriculum"*



FLI Monthly Core Value Recipients

November's Core Value is Compassion. Every month FLI teachers and students vote to nominate one student from each class that exemplifies the core value of the month. Below are November's Compassion winners:

K: Madison J.

1st: Amelia F.

2nd: Torie D.

3rd: Rayhana D.

4th: J'dior W.

5A: Zhaya G.

5B: Saraiah R.

6A: Mason P.

6B: Joel H.

7A: Paris Y.

7B: Madison P.

8A: Drequan C.

8B: Scarlet B.

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. This month, in order to celebrate our core value of Compassion, select students from each class participated in a relay race competition based on the idea of "filling someone's bucket". This concept is to show that everyday there are little things that each person can say or do to fill someone's invisible bucket in order to make them feel good about themselves! Community Circles take place in the school's gymnasium from 8:30AM - 8:45AM at the end of each month.

November Perfect Attendance - Honorees

While FLI wants to honor all recipients of November'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

DECEMBER'S CORE VALUE

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:

- Queen's Educational Opportunity Center
- Ending Violence Community Resource Fair
- FLI's Picture Day

State University of New York
University Center for Academic & Workforce Development
QUEENS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER
Administered by York College - City University of New York
158-29 Archer Ave. Jamaica NY 11433 | 718-725-3320



TUITION-FREE* PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

PREPARATION CLASSES FOR GED EXAM:

- Earn your High School Equivalency Diploma this year!
- Day and evening sessions remote & in-person

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES:

- Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced levels
- Improve your English to advance your education, enter college or seek employment through workplace literacy

PATHWAYS-TO-COLLEGE

- Prepare before college for a successful admissions experience and to jumpstart your Freshman year.

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CODER/BILLER:

- Earn the CPC-A (AAPC) nationally recognized professional coder credential. EOC covers all expenses.

HOME HEALTH AIDE/PCA

- Start your health care career in the growing home care industry. Remote and in-person training; job placement.

OSHA 30/SST

- 30-Hour Construction training about common safety and health hazards on the job | Site Safety Training (8-2)

SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION TRAINING

- Obtain 8hr/16hr certificates; Intro to Fire Guard safety.
- EOC covers fingerprinting and license application fees.

**GET STARTED NOW!
HERE'S HOW!**

***ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- **At least 16 years old & out-of-school.**
(18 years for career training program)
- **Currently live in New York City/State.**
- **Meet income guidelines - No/low income, financially supported by someone else, public assistance, etc. are acceptable**
(No income guidelines for HSE/GED).
- **Meet required reading & math TABE assessment scores.**
- **High School Diploma/Equivalency required for certain academic & career training programs.**



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Ending Violence, Empowering Community!

Community Resource Fair

Join the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE) and the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) for a community resource fair in honor of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Learn about the community resources, services, and programs available to you from local organizations and city agencies.

All are welcome to join!

Monday, December 9, 2024

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Brooklyn Public Library, Central

10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238



Learn more at nyc.gov/16Days. Questions? Contact us at genderequity@cityhall.nyc.gov.

For accommodations, please contact Brittany at bbye@genderequity.nyc.gov by 5 p.m. on December 2.



**FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE
CHARTER SCHOOL**



Picture Day will take place on:

Monday, December 9, 2024.

*Parents will have options of picture packages and
backgrounds to choose from.*

All Students are required to be in full uniform.

*Please ensure your child is in school on time that day. If you
have any further questions please email Shonte McQueen at
smcqueen@futureleadersinstitute.org.*

Thank you in advance for your support!