

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.



K-1 students worked together with their families to create a unique creative disguise for their turkey. Winners will be announced prior to the Thanksgiving break!



GREETINGS FROM...

Jody Flowers
Principal

Dear Families,

As we begin to wrap up our first term of the school year and begin our second, I'm continually amazed at how quickly time flies! In a few days you will participate in a parent teacher conference (PTC) with your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress so far this school year. Report cards will provide a snapshot of the progress they are making. PTC will take place on Google Meets on Friday, December 12, 2025. Your child's teacher will be in communication regarding available times for conferences. Report cards will be shared on the screen during the conference, and your child will bring home a copy of their report card during the week of December 15.

December is filled with lots of things, including Picture Day on Monday, December 15 and our first term honors assemblies on Tuesday, December 16 where we recognize those who have made Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, and perfect attendance. More information to come on these assemblies.

With winter approaching, and the days getting colder, please remember to dress students warmly with hats, mittens or gloves, coats, and sturdy footwear for recess. Recess is an essential part of your child's day.

Stay warm!

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.

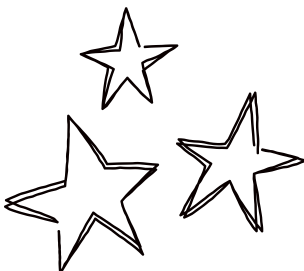
FLI Monthly Calendar

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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



6th grade students enjoyed a field trip to CHROMA. This was an immersive experience where students learned about Korean folklore.



A Message From...

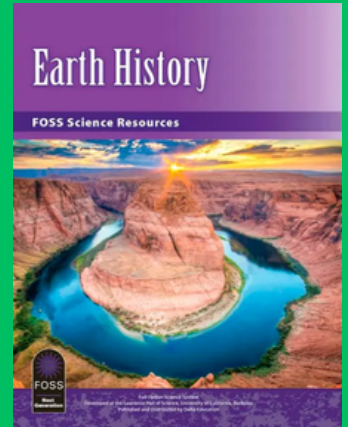
Jaime Marino
8th Grade ELA Teacher

It's hard to believe that 2025 is already coming to an end! Our school year so far has already been jam packed with events like field trips, our Extended Day show, benchmark assessments and more. Our staff looks forward to speaking with families during Parent Teacher Conferences this month on December 12th so we can share updates on what has been happening in our classroom and what goals we have for your student as we look forward towards 2026.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for December 16th for our Term 1 Honors Assembly. During this time, students who earned Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance will be recognized on stage with a special certificate. We look forward to celebrating the hard work that is done by our students on a daily basis.

BOOK OF THE MONTH...

For the month of December, our 6th grade students are beginning a unit on Earth Science that focuses on the history of earth. They will use the guiding question, "What's the story of this place?" as they navigate the different lessons in this unit. They will begin by learning about the Grand Canyon and the significance of the rocks and the story they tell. As the unit progresses, students will learn about stream tables, the effects of weathering, soil types and their significance and a deep dive into sandstone and shale.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- December 2:** Beginning of Term II Marking Period
- December 12:** Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (8:10-2:30)
- December 16th:** Term 1 Honors Assembly
- January 21:** Career Day for grades 6-8



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: SCIENCE

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:** Air 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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...STAY IN THE KNOW



Students showed off their hard work from our first term in Extended Day in our Extended Day Showcase: "A Glimpse into the Future". Our 8th Grade MCs, Kylie and Mercedes, brought the energy and all of the acts followed. We had amazing singers, poets and dancers show off their talent during our showcase. Families and staff alike were cheering them on as they showed off their skills. Don't worry if you missed it, there will be two more opportunities to support our scholars in Extended Day with our Exhibition Day in February and our Spring Showcase in June. We look forward to seeing you then !

REMINDERS

There is no Extended Day on:

- December 12th (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- December 23rd - January 2nd (Winter Break)

Extended Day Resumes on Monday January 5th

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



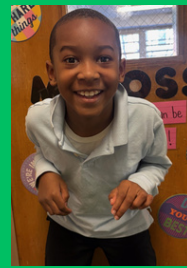
Selinet

Math is my favorite subject. I like to learn about equations. Subtraction is my favorite because it's so easy.



Kmani

I like Foundations because we learn new words and get to write on white boards!



Dean

I love learning about dinosaurs! Did you know that a T-Rex had banana sized teeth?

Foundations is my favorite because we get to write on white boards and learn tricky sounds and write tricky sentences.



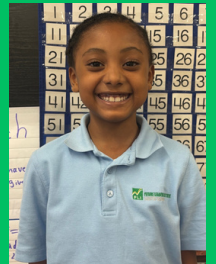
Khalycia

Science is my favorite subject. I like learning about solids and liquids because we do experiments and watch solids dissolve.

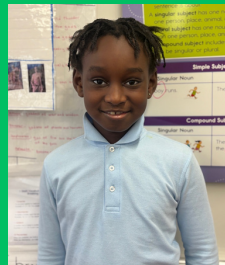


Victoria

I like to learn about math because I love adding numbers. We get to use blocks!



Amaya



Sebastian

Math is my favorite subject! My whole family is good at math. I like adding and measuring the most.



Kingston

I love math because it's challenging but fun. I like learning about tens and ones.



Faith

I love learning about science because we get to do experiments. My favorite one used soap and colors.

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: Grayson B.	3. Oyewale H.	6A: Annaleah D.	7B: Grace D.
1: Angel D.	4. King U.	6B: Aminata D.	8A: Paris Y.
2. Khalycia B.	5. Merline B.	7A: Ryley O.	8B: Madison P.

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, we had the lower school work together and show compassion as they got the hula hoop around the circle. Middle school did relay races and showed compassion when it comes to competition and sportsmanship. Both games were ways to show kindness both physically and emotionally. 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:

- Parent Involvement Committee
- Employment Training Program
- Care Corps Behavioral Training Program
- Free Tax Prep

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

Friday, February 13, 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

Viernes 13 de febrero de 2026

Viernes 24 de abril de 2026

Viernes 29 de mayo de 2026



NEXT STEP

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

The Employment Training Program (ETP) offers a 10-day training focused on enhancing soft skills and digital literacy, essential for obtaining and retaining employment across various sectors. This program is tailored for individuals aiming to improve their employment and professional skills.

Key areas of focus includes:

COMMUNICATION & ACTIVE LISTENING

BASIC DIGITAL LITERACY

INTERVIEW PREPARATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE & NETWORKING



INFO SESSION

To learn more about ETP, please attend an info session. These are hosted weekly on Tuesdays at 10am and 2pm. No RSVP required. Scan the QR code to complete the interest form



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 18 Years & Older
- Authorized to work in the U.S.
- Have an unexpired valid photo ID
- Seeking employment upon completion of program



WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE INFO SESSION?

- Unexpired Valid Photo ID
- Social Security Card or Birth Certificate
- Resume (if you have one)



200 Varick St. 9th FL New York, NY 10014

PLEASE BRING AN ID TO ENTER THE BUILDING



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nextstep@projectrenewal.org

Care Corps Behavioral Health Training Program

Launch your career in mental health care!

Care Corps is a free, 6-week training program designed for people passionate about mental health. You'll learn how to support individuals with serious mental illness while developing the skills and confidence to thrive in healthcare careers.

What you'll get

- ✦ **Hands-on Learning:** Classroom sessions plus hands-on learning at Project Renewal and NYC Health and Hospitals' Simulation Lab.
- ✦ **Paid Training!** Earn \$17.00/hour during training at NYC Health + Hospitals, plus weekly incentives, free meals, and a weekly Metrocard (if eligible).*
- ✦ **You'll Earn Certifications In:** Basic Life Support (BLS), NARCAN Administration, and NYC Health & Hospitals Simulation Lab Training Completion.
- ✦ **Career Support:** Resume help, interview prep, job placement assistance, and retention support.

Program Eligibility:

- ✓ Strong interest in helping individuals experiencing serious mental illness
- ✓ 18+ and NYC resident
- ✓ Authorized to work in the United States
- ✓ High School Diploma or Equivalent
- ✓ 4+ months direct patient care experience



Interested?
Scan to register
for an info
session!



Upcoming Sessions: Winter:
1/12/2026 - 2/20/2026 Spring:
2/23/2026 - 4/03/2026



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<https://www.projectrenewal.org>

NYC FREE TAX PREP



Tax Season Is Coming!

Morris, 80E. 181st Street
Workforce, 550 E. 142nd Street
Twin Parks, 365 E. 183rd Street
NYC Hospital Tremont, 1920 Webster Ave.

Montefiore Hospitals:

Moses, 111 E. 210th Street
Wakefield, 4141 Carpenter Ave.

For More Information:

Email: Taxes@bronxworks.org
(718) 993-8880
(929) 581-1742



<https://bronxworkstaxes.as.me/schedule.php>

**CLAIM
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)
& RECEIVE AN AVERAGE OF \$2,300 IN
COMBINED EITC BENEFITS**

**CLAIM CHILD TAX CREDIT (CTC)
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 17
WORTH UP TO \$2,200**

**OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:
FINANCIAL COUNSELING
ITIN APPLICATION**

ELIGIBILITY

- Income of \$68,000 or less without dependents
- Income of \$97,000 or less with dependents

TAX PREPARATION DOCUMENT LIST

- Photo ID for you and your spouse
- Social Security card or ITIN for EVERYONE
- Child-care agency's ID, or the name and Social Security number of the child-care provider
- Voided check or bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of your refund
- W-2 forms for all jobs you held in the prior year
- 1099 forms (if paid in cash or checks)
- 1099-G Unemployment benefits
- 1095-A Health Insurance Marketplace
- 1098-T if you paid tuition for post-high school education
- Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)