

FLI News

Future Leaders Institute Monthly Newsletter

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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

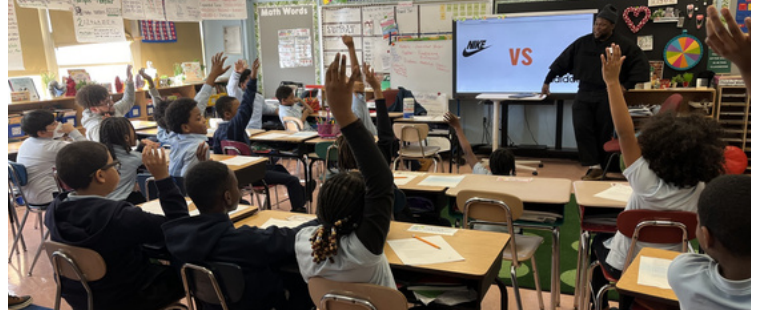
The students are the center of it all. Hear all about what's happening at FLI from the perspective of our students.

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.



4th Graders actively engaged in a career day presentation! See the "Inside the Community" section for more highlights from this exciting annual event.



GREETINGS FROM...

Jody Flowers
Principal

Dear FLI Families,

February is the month of love; it is the month of showcasing the projects our students have worked so hard on during Exhibition Day, and it is the month of celebrating our wonderful school counselors, Ms. Ruhiyya and Ms. Rossi. During the week of February 3rd, we celebrate Counselor Appreciation Week. FLI prides itself on focusing on a restorative practice approach, where we build community and promote healthy relationships among educators and students in order to teach the social emotional and conflict-resolution skills necessary to reduce conflict. Ms. Rossi and Ms. Ruhiyya play a pivotal role in the work we do to provide a structure for students to heal broken connections, express their feelings, rebuild relationships with trusted adults and hold students/adults accountable for their actions so that they can move forward in a supported and positive way.

I would like to dedicate our February newsletter to Ms. Rossi and Ms. Ruhiyya in addition to our staff and families for helping to support the social emotional well-being of our students. Thank you for all that you do!

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.

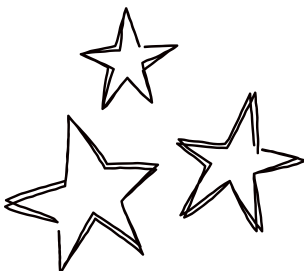
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Curriculum Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Ms. Harris' 5th grade students reading quietly during National Reading Day!

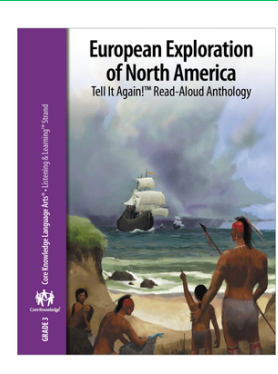


A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

BOOK OF THE MONTH...

In the *Early Explorations of North America* unit, 3rd grade students will learn more in-depth information about the motivations behind European exploration, how those motivations changed over time, and how the European explorers and settlers interacted with the Native Americans already inhabiting the continent. Students will also learn the idioms "last straw" and "touch and go." Students will learn details about the voyages of Christopher Columbus, the conquistadors Juan Ponce de Leon, Hernando de Soto, and Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and the explorers John Cabot, Henry Hudson, and Samuel de Champlain.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- **February 13:** Exhibition Day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **March 3-4:** English Language Arts Benchmark II (3: Paper; 4-8: Computer)
- **March 5-6:** Mathematics Benchmark II (3: Paper; 4-8: Computer)
- **March 10:** Start of Term 3



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 grade students learn the standards through Fishtank Learning curriculum and seventh and eighth graders follow a teacher-made novel-based curriculum.

Check out each grade's current unit of study:

Kindergarten: Notable African American Figures

First: Early World Civilizations

Second: Fighting for a Cause

Third: European Explorations of North America

Fourth: Geology

Fifth: The Renaissance

Sixth: Expressing Yourself; Women in the Arts: *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*

Seventh: Memoir: *Born a Crime*

Eighth: Drama: *Fences*



Extended Day Spotlight

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Class Objective

Mr. David is new to the FLI Community. He is committed to bringing music education to the students here at FLI during Extended Day. Mr. David has been teaching singing to our K-1 students, recorder to our 2nd graders, piano to 3rd and 4th graders and even music production to our Middle School students.



TEACHER BIOGRAPHY



Mr. David Morales
Music Instructor

WHY IS MUSIC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Music is one of the most influential and important aspects of our day to day life. And as an educator, music is important as it is one of the avenues of creativity we have access to- whether to create hit songs, play as a hobby, be part of a band or just explore a new skill.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHING MUSIC?

I've been interested in teaching and making music accessible to all since college. I believe music shouldn't be a limited resource available to a few, but rather a core subject for all, regardless of background or upbringing.

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- February 14th: No Extended Day (2:30 PM Dismissal)
- February 17th - 21st: No School (Mid-Winter 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."

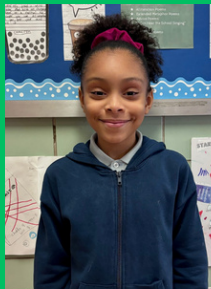
...LOOK WHO'S TALKING

This month's spotlight is on Ms. Becher and Mr. Gonzalez's 4th Grade class! We asked students, **"For Black History Month, who do you look up to?"**



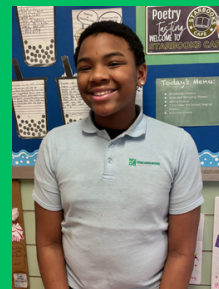
Noam

I look up to Dr. King because he wanted everyone to be treated equally so that everyone feels good.



Abigail

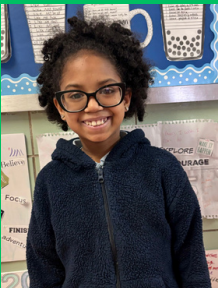
Rosa Parks is someone I look up to. She was brave because she stood up to others by not giving up her seat on the bus.



Andersyn

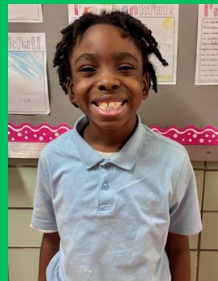
Dr. King is a great role model. He fought for equal rights for all, so everyone could be equal.

I look up to Harriet Tubman because she was so brave. She helped black people escape from slavery.



Kortnae

Malcolm X fought for black people's rights. He really fought for change and wanted things to be better.



Dominick

I appreciate Lebron James because he made a school so that all children can have a good and equal education.



Noah



Dash

I look up to Kevin Hart because he donates money to underfunded schools so kids can have a better education.



Christiana

Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus and that helped the fight for equal rights. She helped to end segregation.



Andrew

I look up to Martin Luther King Jr. because instead of fighting with his hands, he fought with his words in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

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



FLI's Career Day

On Wednesday, January 22nd we hosted our annual 4th-8th grade Career Day. Each class was visited by 4 different professionals who spoke to them about their career paths and responsibilities. Students were able to learn about careers such as an assistant buyer, a NY & CT Restoration Coordinator, a screenwriter/producer, a regional program manager, an auditor, a marketing- brand strategist, a justice to the Supreme Court, a real estate advisor, an attorney, the global head of communications from Bloomberg Media, as well as a non-profit fundraiser. It was a great opportunity for students to ask questions, learn more about different career paths and gain more knowledge. We are so thankful to those professionals who joined us for Career Day- it was a great success!

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, we did not focus on any core value, but rather spent the time going over New Year's goals, working on community building and resetting expectations. We had the students participate in a team-building activity where they had to create a chain, by holding hands, and transfer a hula hoop through the class without breaking the chain. There were lots of laughs and great teamwork! We cannot wait for our next month's community circle where we will focus on our next month's core value, responsibility.

January Perfect Attendance - Honorees

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

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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
- Open Gym Program
- Stepping Stones Virtual Workshop
- College Preparation Programs
- GED and Work Readiness Programs
- Construction Training Program
- Pharmacy Technician Program

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

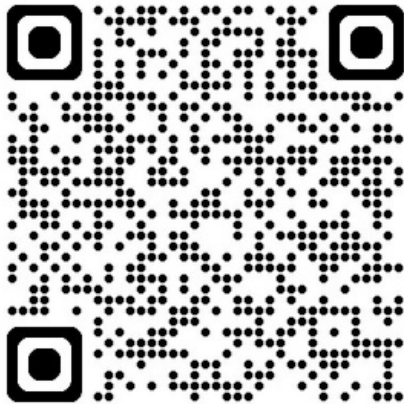
Main Guidelines

- 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

SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

FREE OPEN GYMS

BASKETBALL - SOCCER - DANCE - VOLLEYBALL - MORE



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Stepping Stones Building Vocabulary and Comprehension Through Social Emotional Learning



workshops designed
for caregivers



Did you know that feelings are often the first concepts children try to communicate through words?

This workshop series is about building vocabulary through identifying our emotions and how to grow in our emotional intelligence as both adults and children. Caregivers will leave with daily tips to build their child's vocabulary and empathy.

At 12:00pm on:

2/4

2/11

2/18

2/25

Virtual Event



Sign up:

tinyurl.com/sel25linc

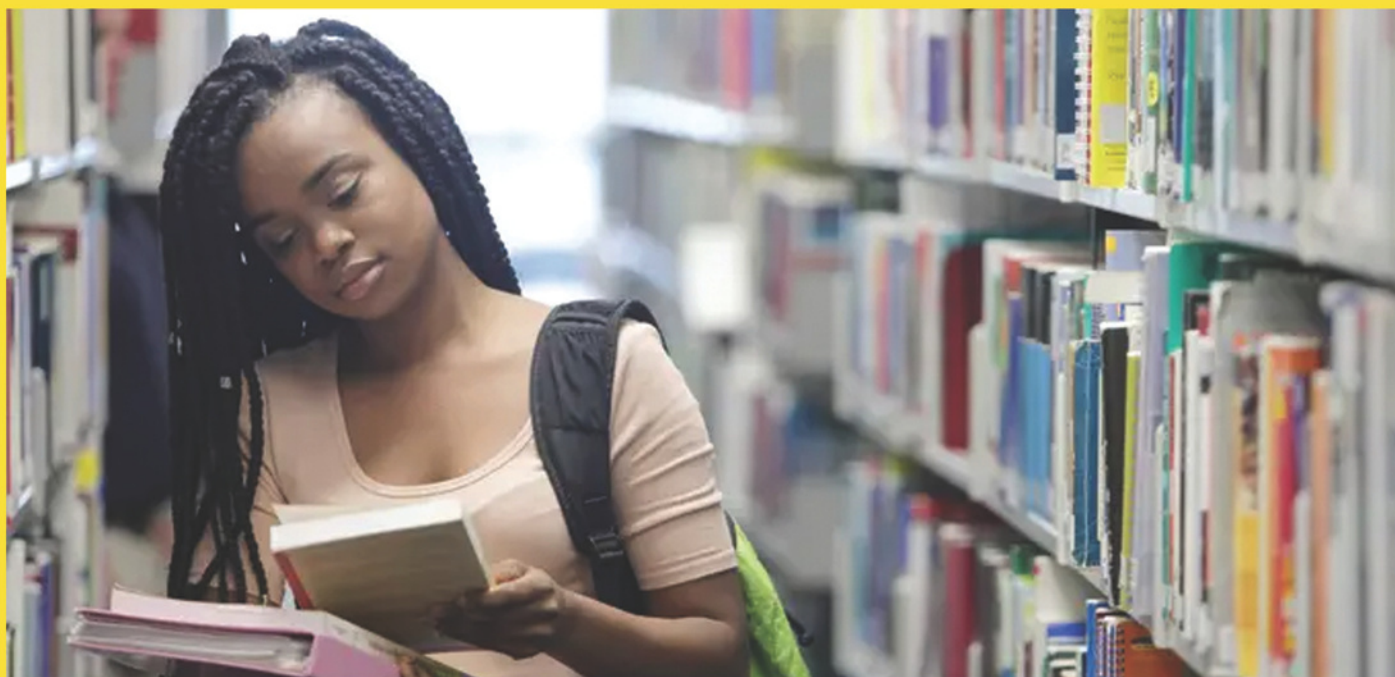
SCAN ME:



Want more info?

Contact Evelyn Cabreja at
ecabreja@lincnyc.org.





COLLEGE PREPARATION

The Queens EOC offers a College Preparation Program designed to help students transition smoothly into college life. This program focuses on enhancing basic academic skills, exploring career options, and guiding students through the college and financial processes.

The program offers courses in math, reading, and writing to ensure students are ready for college-level coursework. Participants also have the opportunity to engage in college tours and various workshops, ensuring they are well-prepared for their academic journey.

TUITION-FREE PROGRAM!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- Must currently live in New York State
- Must be at least 16 years old & out of school
- Possess high school/high school equivalency diploma
- Meet income guidelines

ADMISSIONS HOURS:

MONDAY - 9:30a - 3:00p
TUESDAY - 9:30a - 3:00p
WEDNESDAY - 9:30a - 3:00p
THURSDAY - 11:30a - 4:00p
FRIDAY - By appointment only

PROGRAM STARTS FEBRUARY 2025 | Mon-Fri: 9:00a - 1:15p

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February 3rd, 2025

Schedule

Monday - Thursday
5pm - 8pm



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CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM

CONSTRUCT FORWARD

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PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

Get certified in:

- OSHA30 Training
- 10-hour Site Safety Training
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NEW PROGRAM

14-Week Pharmacy Technician Program

**PAID
INTERNSHIP
INCLUDED WITH
TRAINING!**

Program Provides:

- NHA Certified Pharmacy Technician credential
- Paid internships with major hospitals and community health providers
- Job placement assistance for program graduates

Requirements:

- 17-24-year-olds
- Must be a NYC resident
- Must have a HS Diploma or Equivalent

Location:

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