

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

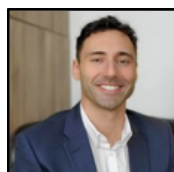
Learn about FLI's core values, the foundation of our community, and how we will be celebrating throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Students attending our "FLI Movie Theatre" (held in our play space) watching the animated movie, "The Snowy Day." The day was filled with fun and activities and events centered around the reading of this amazing book.



GREETINGS FROM...

Rusty Slovenec
Assistant Principal

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is reenergized by the winter break and is ready to hit the ground running with a brand new year. Although it is the start of 2025, we are already 1 month into term 2! Term 2 ends March 7th and is a blink away. Make sure to stay on top of all upcoming events and important dates.

The start of every calendar year also marks the height of FLI's recruitment efforts. FLI is working hard behind the scenes to make sure potential families know all about the wonderful things FLI has to offer. Did you know that the largest asset to our recruitment process is you, our current FLI families? Every year, the majority of new students are either related to or friends of current FLI community members. To celebrate this, we want to make sure your referral is rewarded. Please see the FLI Referral attachment under the community resources section explaining how your efforts are rewarded. Please help our FLI family grow by sharing who we are.

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.

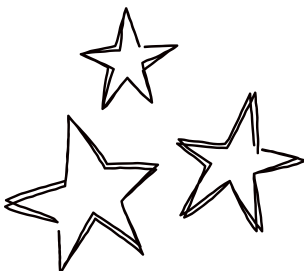
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Curriculum Spotlight

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...STAY IN THE KNOW



Check out these first graders in the sensory station of our play space during Winter Wonderland!



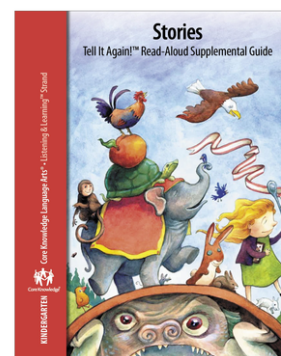
A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Hi FLI Families! As we begin 2025, we are encouraging students and staff to reflect on their successes and growth areas from last year to set new goals for the remaining two terms of school. Take a moment to talk with your child and list goals for their social-emotional well being that are centered around FLI's core values. These goals will help students stay mindful of their actions at school and at home. In addition, think together of academic goals for literacy, math, science, and social studies. Our next Honor Roll assembly will be Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, and all of our students have the opportunity to earn perfect attendance, honor roll, and/or principal's honor roll awards. Set clear goals together and watch them reap the rewards of their hard work!

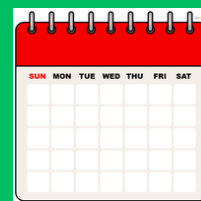
BOOK OF THE MONTH...

In this unit, kindergartners will read classic stories that have been favorites with children for generations. Students will become familiar with stories like "The Three Little Pigs," "Chicken Little," and "The Bremen Town Musicians." They will meet memorable characters like Goldilocks and the Billy Goats Gruff. Students will also learn about trickster tales and how smaller characters can outwit larger, stronger characters. In addition, two of the read-alouds--"Momotaro, Peach Boy", a Japanese folktale, and "The Story of Jumping Mouse", a Native American legend, will help students develop an appreciation for other cultures.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- January 22:** Career Day for grades 4-8
- January 23:** Computer Based Simulation Test for grades 4-8th
- March 3-4:** English Language Arts Benchmark II
- March 5-6:** Mathematics Benchmark II



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: MATHEMATICS

With the beginning of the calendar year, most grade levels will begin new units! Through these IM (Illustrative Mathematics) lessons, scholars engage in concrete, pictorial and abstract thinking to understand the Next Generation Mathematics Standards. Teachers start each lesson with a "warm up" to hook the students in the days learning. Then, they work together through 1-2 activities before completing a "cool down" to assess their learning.

Check out each grade's current unit of study:

- **Kindergarten:** Flat Shapes All Around Us
- **First:** Adding and Subtracting Within 20
- **Second:** Addition and Subtraction on the Number Line
- **Third:** Relating Multiplication to Division
- **Fourth:** Multiplying and Dividing Multi-Digit Numbers
- **Fifth:** Wrapping Up Multiplication and Division with Multi-Digit Numbers
- **Sixth:** Dividing Fractions
- **Seventh:** Rational Number Arithmetic
- **Eighth:** Linear Equations and Linear Systems



Extended Day Spotlight

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...STAY IN THE KNOW



Under the direction of Ms. Regina from ABT, 2nd and 3rd graders practice their technical ballet skills on FLI's main stage during their weekly class.

Class Objective

- Know, understand and present the seven movements of ballet: Plier, Etendre, Relever, Glisser, Sauter, Elancer and Tourner.
- Understand -Ballet requires effort, coordination, and stamina/perseverance.
- Understand - Ballets communicate stories about people and places in the present or past.
- Understand – Ballets are about the joy in the movement and creating movement sequences.
- Understand -Ballet is based on the principals of rotation and presentation of yourself.

TEACHER BIOGRAPHY



Regina Ferguson
ABT Artistic Teacher

WHY IS BALLET IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Ballet has always felt empowering, allowing me to be strong, graceful, and quick on my feet. Ballet has not only enhanced my physical abilities but also built my confidence and self-esteem.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHING THIS SUBJECT?

I became serious about ballet at age 12. I began to excel as a dancer, realizing that dance could be my career. I was always inspired to teach others and create classroom environments that were engaging and collaborative.

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- January 2nd : Extended Day Resumes
- January 17th : No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- January 20th : No School (MLK Day)
- January 29th: No School (Lunar New Year)

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. Williams' 3rd Grade class! We asked students, **"What is your resolution for the New Year?"**



Rayhana

My resolution is to earn good grades so I can have an achievement like Principal's Honor Roll.



Thabias

I want to play baseball better and I will work out every day so I can get my goal.



Mariah

For my resolution, I want to be better at completing my homework on time.

I want to earn Principal's Honor Roll and I'll do this by working hard in all my classes.



Parfaite

I want to become a better basketball player. I'll practice to be better and better.



Garrett

My resolution is to be a gamer because I love video games. I'll try my best each day and work hard.



Leonidus



Sami

My resolution is to get 100's in all my classes and to get a Chihuahua puppy!



Loriel

In 2025, I'm going to work on being a better gymnast by practicing my aerials.



Muhammad

I want to get better at playing football. My resolution is to get better at catching the ball.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

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



FLI Monthly Core Value Recipients

December's Core Value was Respect. It states that, "as a FLI student I will understand that every living person has value and accept others who have different customs and beliefs from my own. I value other people's rights to make responsible decisions, even though they may be different than my own." Below are December's Respect winners:

K: Maryettu T.

1st: Edwin M.

2nd: Oye. H

3rd: Jerimiah S.

4th: Jiair G.

5A: Tyson S.

5B: Rodrigo R.

6A: Kaden K.

6B: Sarah M.

7A: Merecedez B.

7B: Leilani D.

8A: Salimatou D.

8B: Lyzette F.

FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

CORE VALUES

Leadership

Compassion

Responsibility

Respect

Effort

Truth

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 respect and the upcoming holiday break, we met as a whole school and sang, "Put a Little Love in Your Heart", which is a new to us song at FLI, and "This is my Wish", which has always been a holiday favorite here. It was such a treat to have all K-8 together in the gym and sing as a whole school. We plan to have another sing along later in the year, so be sure to look out for it!

December Perfect Attendance - Honorees

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

100%

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:

- Student Referral Program
- Immunization Fair

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.



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NYC
HEALTH+
HOSPITALS

Lincoln



 **MetroPlus**
Health

BACK TO SCHOOL

Immunization Fair

DECEMBER 12TH | 4pm to 7pm

JANUARY 16TH | 4pm to 7pm

NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln Pediatric Practice
Room 1C2, First Floor Main Building
234 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10451

Get Your Child Immunized (Age 4-18 years)

All children must be accompanied by a guardian or parent.

- Proof of parenthood and/or guardianship required (NY Photo ID and child's birth certificate)
- Must bring immunization card
- Show proof of address
- Bring Health Insurance card, if available



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