

# 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.



*Congratulation on the continued success of FLI's boys MS basketball team!!! The final round of playoffs will be 3.5.25. The championship game will be on Saturday, March 8th. GO EAGLES!*



## GREETINGS FROM...

**Rusty Slovenec**  
**Assistant Principal**

"March rolls in like a lion and out like a lamb." While this saying refers to weather, I believe there is much relevance to describing the general school year. March continues to be a pivotal month in education. While freshly back from a much deserved midwinter break, everyone must hit the ground running to complete term II and prepare for upcoming state tests.

Focus and perseverance are the qualities we as teachers and administrators strive to live by through the month of March to inspire and encourage students to do the same. Please help play your part in assuring that your child makes it to school on time and is consistently present so they can best be prepared.

While the month of March takes into consideration the preparation and focus necessary for these important components, as a school community we still look for and incorporate joy and celebration. A few honorable mentions are the upcoming Extended Day Exhibition and our middle school boys' basketball team making the playoffs! Best of luck to all our future leaders as they roll through the month of March.

# FLI School Calendar

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1. [Click here for FLI's School Year Calendar - Website](#)

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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

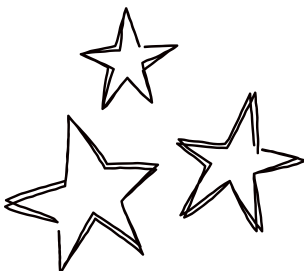
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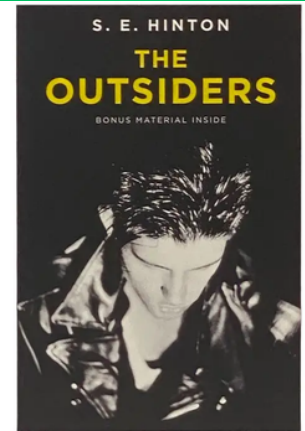
# Curriculum Spotlight

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

## ...STAY IN THE KNOW

### BOOK OF THE MONTH...

Sixth graders are currently reading The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. The text follows the story of Ponyboy, a young teenager who has recently lost both of his parents and is being raised by his older brothers. Although the text is set in the 1960s, the emotions Ponyboy experiences are timeless and universal, as Hinton captures the inner life of a young teenage boy as he navigates the complexities of life as a "greaser" in a world prejudiced against them. Students will closely analyze how the author develops the unique perspective of their narrator and track how characters and their perspectives change in response to specific events.



### A LOOK AHEAD...

- **March 10:** Start of Term 3
- **March 27th & 28th:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **March 31st:** Report Card Distribution
- **April 1st:** Honor's Assembly K-5 (9:00-10:00) and 6-8 (11:00-12:00)



### A Message From...

**Natalie Gonzalez**  
Assistant Principal of  
Curriculum & Instruction



Hello FLI families! March is a super important month for academics. It is when we take our second round of benchmark assessments that inform our teaching as we gear up for the New York State Exams in spring 2025. It is also the month where we wrap up term 2 and begin term 3, which determines the promotion of our students to the next grade level. In addition, it is the time period when you will be meeting with teachers to discuss your child's report card for term 2 and areas of growth for what's left of the year. In the coming days, your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule your parent-teacher-conference and gauge your availability. I hope to see many of you afterwards to celebrate their accomplishments at our Honor's Assembly on April 1st!

### MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: SOCIAL STUDIES

Scholars in grades K to 8 learn the New York State Social Studies Standards through the NYC Department of Education Passport to Social Studies curriculum. Through these lessons students learn the geography, government, and history of countries and continents throughout the world!

Check out their current units of study:

**Kindergarten:** Geography, People, and the Environment

**First:** The Community

**Second:** Urban, Suburban, and Rural Communities

**Third:** Egypt Case Study

**Fourth:** Freedom and the New Nation: Federal, State, and Local Government

**Fifth:** Mexico Case Study

**Sixth:** Earth History

**Seventh:** A New Nation: The United State Constitution

**Eighth:** World War I and the United States Between Wars



# Extended Day Spotlight

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...STAY IN THE KNOW



The Extended Day Visual Art class provides FLI students with a chance to explore a variety of creative mediums including drawing, painting, sculpture and collage. Students who show a special interest in visual art are introduced to advanced drawing techniques and encouraged to begin building a visual portfolio of their work, with middle school students having an opportunity to apply to one of the many Arts focused high schools in the city.

## TEACHER BIOGRAPHY



**Ms. Haley Robinson**  
Art Instructor

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHING ART?

I have taught Visual Art for 20 years at various schools in NYC and am also a long-time working artist who showcases throughout the city.

### WHY IS ART IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The arts hold a special place in my heart as I myself am a lifelong artist. Art gave me a creative outlet and helped me be able to excel in school. Art gave me a voice and made me understand that my ideas were important. I want to provide the same supportive environment for students who are creative or visual learners that I had.

## REMINDERS

### Important Dates

- March 7th: End of Term 2
- March 10th: Term 3 Begins
- March 14th: No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- March 17th: No School (Data Day)
- March 27th: No Extended Day - PTC (2:30 Dismissal)
- March 28th: No Extended Day - PTC (11:45 Dismissal)

### 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

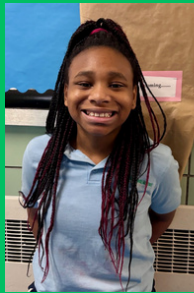
- To keep your child's seat in the Extended Day program, your child must maintain at least a 90% attendance rate.

# Student Spotlight

*"Developing the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow."*

## ...LOOK WHO'S TALKING

This month's spotlight is on 5th Grade! We asked students, **"March is Women's History Month. Who is a woman you look up to?"**



**Lacey**

*Rosa Parks inspires me to be a better person because she was in the Civil Rights Movement and worked with Martin Luther King Jr. to make the world better.*



**Ian**

*My mom and grandma are the women I look up to the most. They made my life happen, put a roof over my head and give me a good life.*



**Matthew**

*I look up to my mom, grandma and sister because of all they do. They keep me company, help me when I'm upset, take care of me and make life fun.*

*I look up to my mom and grandma. My mom gives me a roof over my head and protects me. My grandma makes sure we always have what we need.*



**Amaya**

*I admire my mom and my sister because they are strong women in my life. My mom gave me life and my mom and sister keep me safe.*

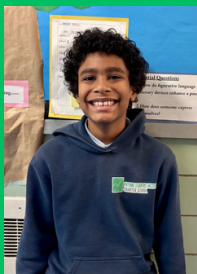


**Madison**

*I respect Ruby Bridges because she fought for black people's rights. She took part in protests and worked hard to end racism.*

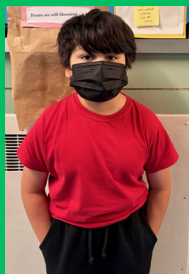


**Aminata**



**Isaias**

*I'm thankful for my mom because she takes care of me when I'm sick, spends time with me, and gives me a good home with food when I'm hungry.*



**Rodrigo**

*I really appreciate my mom because she gave me life and has taught me how to stand up for myself. She helps me to have discipline.*



**Zhaya**

*I look up to Simone Biles because she can do incredible gymnastic tricks. I really like seeing her talent. She's an inspiration.*

# Inside the Community

## COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

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



### FLI Monthly Core Value Recipients

Each month FLI teachers and students vote to nominate one student from each class that exemplifies the core value of the month. Below are February's Responsibility winners:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>K:</b> Dream R.    | <b>6A:</b> Kendra B.  |
| <b>1:</b> Naheem S.   | <b>6B:</b> Ryley O.   |
| <b>2:</b> Samuel M.   | <b>7A:</b> Ibrahim G. |
| <b>3:</b> Samiris A.  | <b>7B:</b> Chelsea T. |
| <b>4:</b> Noam B.     | <b>8A:</b> Tyra P.    |
| <b>5A:</b> Aminata D. | <b>8B:</b> Josiah V.  |
| <b>5B:</b> Alina L.   |                       |

### 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. February's core value was Responsibility so we had the students participate in a "clean up" race showing off their skills of being able to clean up after themselves as well as having a little fun while doing it. We look forward to seeing who will be nominated for the next core value of Effort.

### February Perfect Attendance - Honorees

While FLI wants to honor all recipients of February'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\*\*](#)



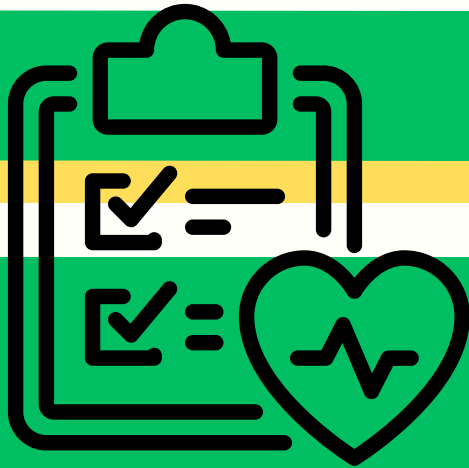
Follow FLI's instagram account to catch all the fun that is taking place inside the school community and show us your love!

### Other Resources

**Keep scrolling to find the following information/resources:**

- Important Health Reminders
- Middle School Sports Clinic
- Paint Nite
- Housing and Immigration Services
- E-Recycling

# 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](mailto: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

# SAMUEL GOMPERS FREE SPORTS CLINIC

This clinic is designed for middle schoolers grades 6th-8th grade & Samuel Gompers student athletes to help improve skills in specific sports below, boost their confidence, and build strong character/teamwork.



## Dates in March



9:00 am-11:00 am    11:30 am-1:30 pm

- 1st: Girls wrestling & Boys basketball
- 8th: Girls wrestling & Boys basketball / Softball
- 15th: Girls volleyball & Girls basketball / Baseball
- 22nd: Girls wrestling & Boys basketball
- 29th: Girls basketball & Boys basketball / Softball

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Here for Sign UP



**PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. FLETCHER (ATHLETIC  
DIRECTOR) WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

**[PFLETCHER@HEROHIGH.NET](mailto:PFLETCHER@HEROHIGH.NET) 347-200-5756**



## EVENT DETAILS

### DATES

MARCH 15

### TIME

12-3 PM

### LOCATION

35 E. 125TH ST.



**Harlem Children's Zone**

Geoffrey Canada  
Community Center

# PAINT & MOCKTAILS



### EVENT DETAILS:

- Materials will be provided
- Light refreshments

Questions? Contact:  
212-360-  
3255/GCCCC@HCZ.org

Harlem Children's Zone community members are invite to join Geoffrey Canada Community Center for an evening of creative expression. Unleash your artistic talents while crafting your own signature mocktails.



**Scan the  
QR code to  
register**





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## SERVICES



- **Housing Assistance**
- **Asistencia de Vivienda**



- **Immigration Services**
- **Servicios de Inmigracion**

## SERVICIOS



- **Constituent Services**
- **Servicios al Constituyente**

**Office Hours :** Monday-Friday 9 AM- 5 PM  
For Services, Please Call to Make An Appointment  
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# Electronics Recycling in Your Building



## Accepted Electronics



TVs



monitors



computers



laptops



printers & scanners



fax machines



keyboards



mice



VCRs, DVRs & DVD players



small servers



hard drives



satellite boxes



tablets & e-readers



mobile phones



MP3 players



video game consoles

## NOT Accepted



**No appliances.** Any household appliances which are mostly metal or mostly plastic can be recycled as part of your building's regular recycling program.



**No loose batteries.** Regular alkaline batteries can be discarded as regular trash. Consumer take-back programs exist for rechargeable batteries.



**No light bulbs or ballasts.** These can be carefully discarded in the trash. Consumer take-back programs exist for fluorescent bulbs and CFLs.