

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

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

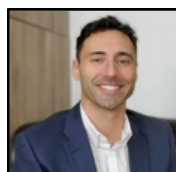
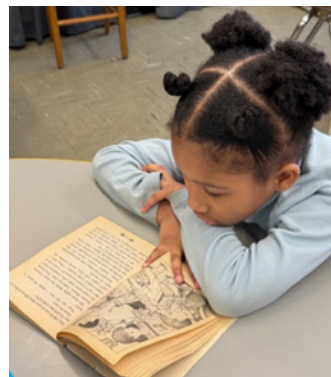
INSIDE THE COMMUNITY

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.

FLI ended the month of February with a day dedicated to celebrating literacy. The day started with a whole school 30 minute activity "Drop everything And Read" (DEAR). This is just a small glimpse of the fun day centered around literacy. For more images memorializing this day, check out our Instagram!



GREETINGS FROM...

Rusty Slovenec
Assistant Principal

March is 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. The long weeks and limited breaks allow for uninterrupted instruction, however burnout is also a reality. Please help play your part in assuring that your child makes it to school on time and is consistently present during this crucial time so they can best be prepared.

While the month of March takes into consideration the preparation and focus necessary for the important components mentioned above, as a school community we still look for and incorporate joy and celebration. Help cheer on our MS boys basketball team as they end their season this month. Their final game will be held at FLI on Wednesday, March 4 @ 4:25PM. Hope to see you there!

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 2025-26 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.

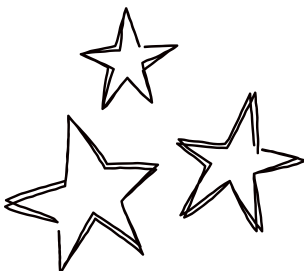
FLI Monthly Calendar

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Curriculum Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Check out our third grade students reading to their favorite characters during our Character Brunch!



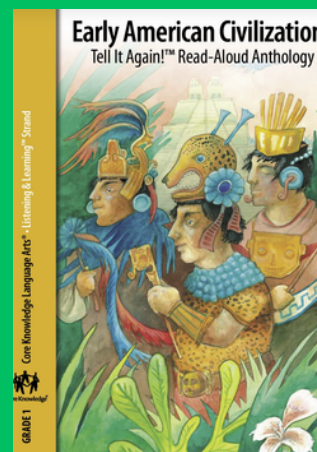
A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Hello FLI families! March 2nd is "Read Across America Day!" We are doing our part to celebrate this day by doing a series of reading activities across grades K-8! Students in elementary grades have been partnered up with students in middle school as reading buddies. Students will get to read to each other their favorite books and visit each other's classrooms. In K-3, students had a character brunch where they read to their book stuffed characters while enjoying snacks in our play space. Lastly, we dropped everything to read as a school for 30 minutes! Teachers, administrators, and students all came together to silently read books and magazines. It was amazing to see everyone come together to read!

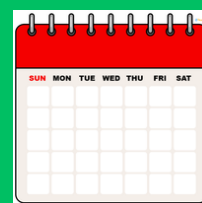
BOOK OF THE MONTH...

First grade students are reading "Early American Civilizations." In this unit, students will examine the fundamental features of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca; including farming, the establishment of cities and government, as well as religion. Students will be encouraged to compare and contrast each of these societies and their elements. Students will learn that much of what we know about the Maya, the Aztec, and the Inca today is due to the work of archeologists.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- **April 15:** Computer-Based NYS Science Test
- **April 21-22:** Computer-Based NYS ELA Test Grades 7-8
- **April 28-29:** Computer-Based NYS ELA Test Grades 3-6



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: MATHEMATICS

With the beginning of a new trimester, 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 day's 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:

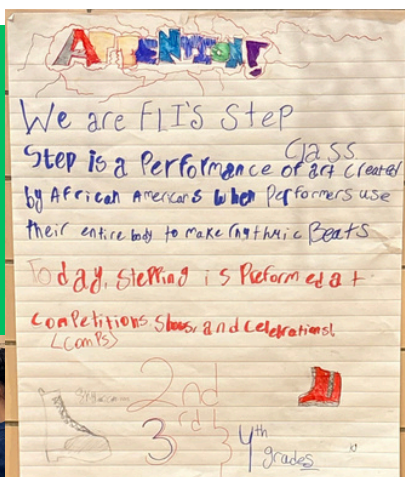
- **Kindergarten:** Numbers 0-20
- **First:** Length Measurements Within 120 Units
- **Second:** Add and Subtract Within 1,000
- **Third:** Fraction as Numbers
- **Fourth:** Multiplying and Dividing Multi-Digit Numbers
- **Fifth:** More Decimal and Fraction Operations
- **Sixth:** Expressions and Equations
- **Seventh:** Expressions, Equations and Inequalities
- **Eighth:** Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers



Extended Day Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



EXTENDED DAY EXHIBITION



On February 27th, we hosted our Second Annual Extended Day Exhibition Day Show and it did not disappoint. Students came prepared to showcase all of the work that they have put in during their Extended Day courses thus far. We had a full wall of art showcased by

Joheilyls from 5th grade and Paris from 7th grade. They showcased tessellations and paper collages that were created by students from Kindergarten all the way to middle school. We had Jacob from 7th grade walking students through the game of chess and engaging them with chess puzzles. And we had our 2nd and 3rd grade students showing off their step skills with a mini performance and engaging students and adults alike in learning step. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to become teachers and we hope to see you at the next one!

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- March 16th: Data Day (No School)
- March 19th: No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- March 20th: Eid al-Fitr (No School)
- March 27th: Parent Teacher Conference (No School)
- April 1st: No Extended Day (2:30 Dismissal)
- April 2nd-10th: Spring Break (No School)

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

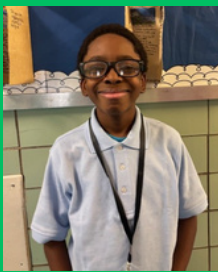
- To keep your child's seat in the Extended Day program, your child must maintain at least a 90% attendance rate.

Student Spotlight

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

...LOOK WHO'S TALKING

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



Dominick

I look up to my mom because she is brave. She doesn't given up even when stuff is hard. She always keeps going.



Zakirah

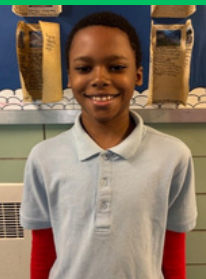
I look up to Maya Angelou because she was someone who stood up for us and used her voice to make a difference. They even made a special coin for her.



Noam

I look up to my older sister. Whenever I need help or am upset, she stays calm and helps me.

I look up to Rosa Parks because she fought hard for her rights. I think it's cool that she stood up for herself and helped other people.



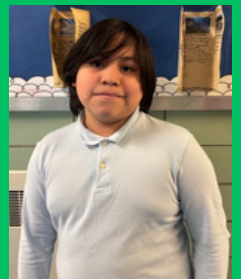
Noah

I look up to my aunt because whenever I need help, if my mom isn't there, my aunt will help me. I can trust her to help with my anything I need.

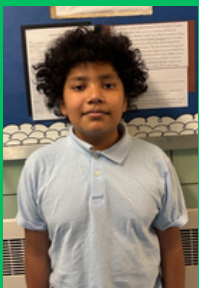


Mason

I look up to Rosa Parks because she fought for equal rights and wouldn't give up until all the races could be together.

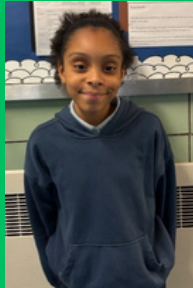


Angel



Andrew

I look up to my mom because she always cooks for us, takes me outside, and buys me the things that I need and like.



Abigail

I look up to my older sister Alize. She inspires me. She always help me with my homework and she is the best at math!



Joheilys

I look up to my mom because she always helps me with everything, even things that are hard, and she makes me laugh.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

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



FLI Monthly Core Value Recipients

February's Core Value was Responsibility. It states that, "As a FLI student, I believe I have the choice to make responsible decisions or poor decisions, and never blame others for the choices I make. I accept the consequences that come from making poor choices. I learn from mistakes so as not to repeat them." Below are February's Responsibility winners:

K: Jazeil R.	6A: Aminata C.
1st: Maryettu T.	6B: Massange F.
2nd: Emily S.	7A: Ariel W.
3rd: Mariama C.	7B: Alaysia W.
4th: Samiris A.	8A: Djenabou D.
5th: Samantha D.	8B: Mercedes 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 dean. 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 LS landed on the 100th day of school and so we used that theme in our activities. Students did a total of 100 exercises and attempted to pass 100 balls around the gym. Middle school used this time to showcase our basketball team and their responsible acts of working as a team. Students who received the core value award for responsibility were also highlighted. Both were a huge success!

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! Check out 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:

- Parent Involvement Committee
- Student Referral Program
- Community Food Initiative
- NYC Benefits
- Fresh Air Fund Summer Camp
- Game Night

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



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.

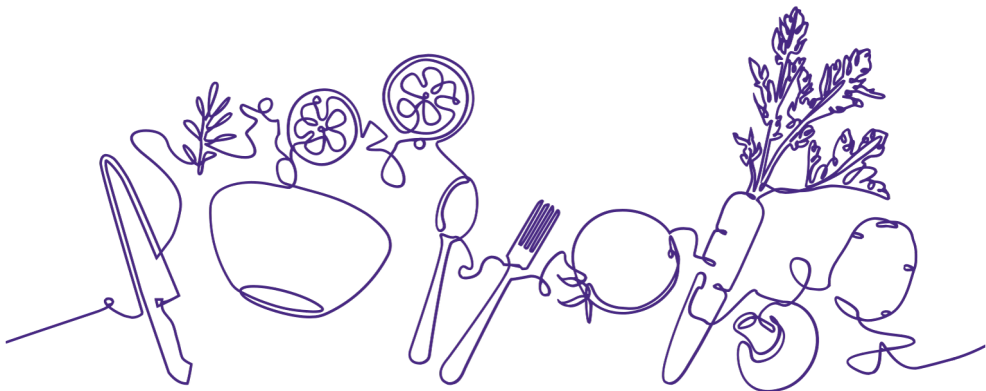


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Community Food Security Initiative



EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care is here to help those in our community who are facing challenges with food insecurity.

Stop by EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care's upcoming food distribution events and low-cost farmers markets throughout New York City. Pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, and pantry staples to support your family's health and wellness.* These events are free and open to the public. Registration is required.

March 2026

Southern Blvd (Food Distribution)

Tuesday, March 10 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.
932 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459

Annadale (Farmers Market)

Tuesday, March 10 | Noon to 2 p.m.
4771 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10312

Duane Street (Food Distribution)

Wednesday, March 11 | Noon to 2 p.m.
52 Duane Street, New York, NY 10007

East New York (Farmers Market)

Wednesday, March 11 | Noon to 2 p.m.
101 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Bensonhurst (Food Distribution)

Thursday, March 12 | 10 a.m. to Noon
2482 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Fordham Road (Food Distribution)

Thursday, March 12 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
254 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458

Crown Heights (Farmers Market)

Wednesday, March 18 | Noon to 2 p.m.
546 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Clove Road (Food Distribution)

Thursday, March 19 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
1050 Clove Road, Staten Island, NY 10301

Southern Blvd (Food Distribution)

Thursday, March 19 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.
932 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459

Elmhurst (Farmers Market)

Monday, March 23 | 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
88-31 55th Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373

Chinatown (Food Distribution)

Friday, March 27 | 10 a.m. to Noon
87 Bowery, New York, NY 10002

About EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care

EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care is open to the public and provides connections to community resources, free wellness classes to help the entire community learn healthy behaviors, and in-person customer support for EmblemHealth plan members.

For more information, email neighborhood@emblemhealth.com or call **800-274-2950 (TTY: 711)**.

*Free with no obligation to enroll, while supplies last.

View more upcoming events at
emblemhealth.com/events.



Iniciativa sobre seguridad alimentaria en la comunidad



EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care ayuda a las personas de nuestra comunidad que tienen dificultades alimentarias.

Visite los próximos eventos de distribución de alimentos y mercados de productores locales (Farmers Markets) a bajo costo de EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care en la ciudad de Nueva York. Recoja frutas y verduras frescas, y otros productos básicos para apoyar la salud y el bienestar de su familia.* Estos eventos son gratuitos y abiertos al público. Es necesario registrarse.

Marzo de 2026

Southern Blvd (distribución de alimentos)

Martes, 10 de marzo | De 10 a 11:30 a.m.

932 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459

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Martes, 10 de marzo | De 12 a 2 p.m.

4771 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10312

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Viernes, 27 de marzo | De 10 a.m. a 12 p.m.

87 Bowery, New York, NY 10002

Acerca de EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care

EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care está abierto al público y ofrece conexiones con recursos comunitarios, clases gratuitas de bienestar para ayudar a toda la comunidad a aprender conductas saludables, y apoyo al cliente en persona para los miembros del plan de EmblemHealth.

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a neighborhood@emblemhealth.com o llame al 800-274-2950 (TTY: 711).

* Gratuito y sin obligación de inscripción, hasta agotar existencias.

Vea qué otros eventos habrá en
emblemhealth.com/events.



Access Benefits in NYC!

There are **over 70** programs and services that are available to serve New Yorkers. If you are eligible, many of these resources can help you by saving valuable time and money.

Learn more about what benefits you might qualify for and how to access them with a benefits screening!

Visit nyc.gov/AccessBenefits to get started.





the *Fresh Air* fund



Free, Safe & Fun Sleepaway Camp for NYC Kids

Since its founding in 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, a not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided free life-changing summer experiences in the outdoors to more than 1.8 million children from New York City's underserved communities. Young people also participate in year-round leadership, career exploration and educational programs.

SLEEPAWAY CAMP

At sleepaway camps in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley, children ages 8-17 explore the outdoors, learn to swim, hike wooded trails, and participate in activities that include sports, boating, art, music, leadership development, STEM and more, all at no cost.

Campers return home with more confidence, new skills and new friends.

- **Camp ABC:** Girls, 9-14 years old
 - **Camp Hayden-Marks:** Boys, 9-14 years old
 - **Camp Hidden Valley:** Youth, 8-12 years old
 - **Camp Mariah / Career Awareness Program (CAP):** Students, currently in 6th grade, ages 11-13, can apply.
 - CAP is a year-round program with a three-year commitment for 7th-9th graders to explore careers and participate in job-shadowings, tutoring, and more. Participants attend Camp Mariah for three weeks during the summer.
 - **Camp Junior:** Youth, 8-17 years old, from the Bronx
 - Leaders-in-Training (LIT) for age 15 (2 sessions)
 - Counselor-in-Training (CIT) for ages 16-17 (4 sessions)
 - **Camp Tommy:** Youth, 15-17 years old
 - Leaders-in-Training (LIT) for age 15 (2 sessions)
 - Counselor-in-Training (CIT) for ages 16-17 (4 sessions)
- * LITs who fulfill program expectations are eligible for a \$200 stipend and CITs are eligible for an \$800 stipend.

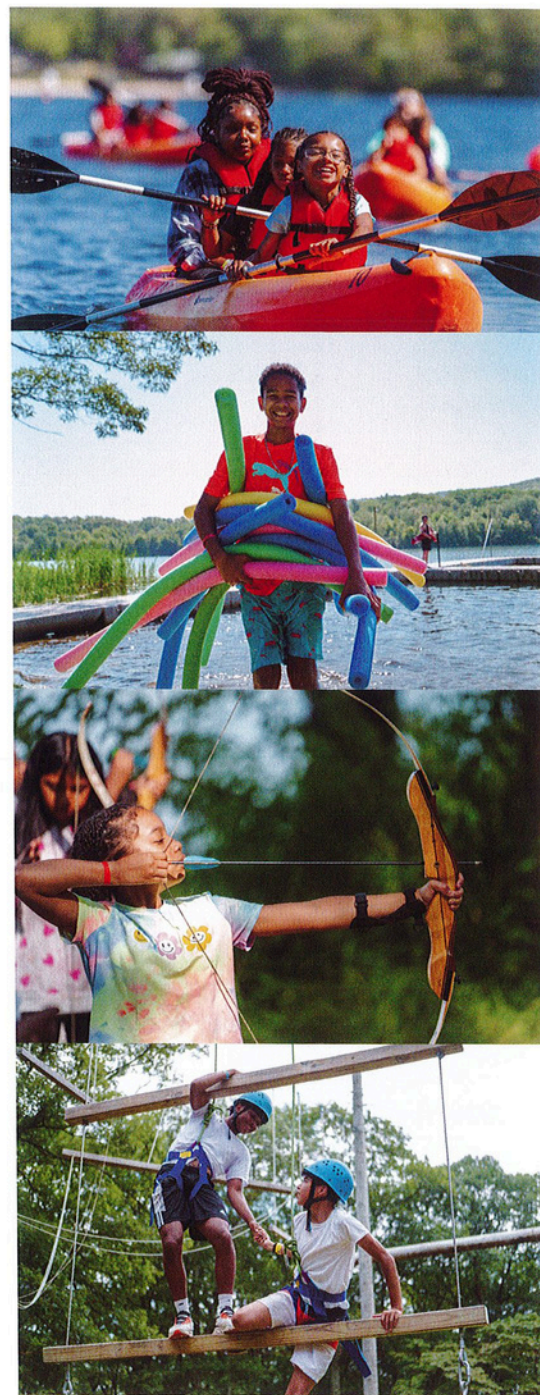


Children must live and go to school in NYC and meet income eligibility requirements to participate in this free program.

Visit FreshAir.org to register & learn more!

Questions?
(800) 367-0003 | apply@freshair.org

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Campamentos gratuitos, seguros y divertidos para niños de la ciudad de Nueva York

Desde su fundación en 1877, El Fresh Air Fund, una organización sin fines de lucro dedicada al desarrollo juvenil ha brindado experiencias de verano transformadoras y gratuitas al aire libre a más de 1.8 millones de niños de las comunidades desatendidas de la ciudad de Nueva York. Los jóvenes también participan en programas educativos, de liderazgo, y exploración de carreras durante todo el año.

CAMPAMENTO INTERNO (SLEEPAWAY CAMP)



En los campamentos internos en Mid-Hudson Valley de Nueva York, los niños de 8 a 17 años exploran al aire libre, aprenden a nadar, caminan por senderos arbolados y participan en actividades que incluyen deportes, paseos en bote, arte, música, desarrollo de liderazgo, STEM y más, todo sin costo alguno.

Los campistas regresan a sus hogares con más confianza, nuevas habilidades y nuevos amigos.

- **Campamento ABC:** Niñas, 9-14 años
- **Campamento Hayden-Marks:** Niños, 9-14 años
- **Campamento Hidden Valley:** Jóvenes, 8-12 años
- **Campamento Mariah / Career Awareness Program (CAP) (Programa de Concientización de Carreras):** Estudiantes que actualmente están en el 6to grado, edades 11-13 pueden aplicar.
 - CAP es un programa de todo el año con un compromiso de tres años para que los estudiantes de 7mo a 9no grado exploren carreras y participen en observación de trabajos, tutorías, y más. Los participantes asisten al campamento Mariah por tres semanas durante el verano.
- **Campamento Junior:** Jóvenes, 8-17 años, del Bronx
 - Líderes en Entrenamiento (LIT) para jóvenes de 15 años
 - Consejeros en Entrenamiento (CIT) para jóvenes de 16-17 años
- **Campamento Tommy:** Jóvenes, 15-17 años
 - Líderes en Entrenamiento (LIT) para jóvenes de 15 años
 - Consejeros en Entrenamiento (CIT) para jóvenes de 16-17 años

* Los participantes del programa LIT que cumplan con las expectativas son elegibles para un estipendio de \$200, y los participantes del programa CIT son elegibles para un estipendio de \$800.

Los participantes deben vivir e ir a la escuela en la ciudad de Nueva York y cumplir con los requisitos de elegibilidad de ingresos para participar en este programa gratuito.

¡Visite FreshAir.org para registrarse y obtener más información!

¿Preguntas?

1-800-367-0003 info@freshair.org

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Because a summer can last a lifetime



Harlem Children's Zone

**Promise
Academy I®**
High School

Game On!

Parents are invited to a fun-filled game night with friendly competition, laughs, and great company. Bring your game face and join us!

Parents are invited to join us!

Date

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Time

5-7 PM

Location

**Promise Academy I
Multi-Purpose Room,
245 W. 129th St.**

Event Highlights

- Enjoy snacks!
- Enter raffles and win prizes!
- And more!

**Questions? Contact Connie Santana
(connie.santana@hczpromise.org)**

