

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

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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.



To show Ms. Jody love for Principal Appreciation Day, students and staff decorated stars and hung them outside her office. These stars highlighted the main reasons why we love and appreciate Ms. Jody!



GREETINGS FROM...

Rusty Slovenec
Assistant Principal

April showers bring May flowers! May is a favorite month to many. As the weather starts to provide us with a promising glimpse of what lies ahead, it is also a month that we honor some of the most important fixtures of our lives, our teachers.

Teacher Appreciation week will start on May 5th and end of May 9th. Please help us honor our teachers by letting them know they are appreciated. One of my fondest gifts from a family during my years of teaching was a simple email validating my efforts. A little goes a long way!

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.

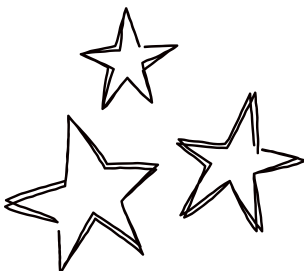
FLI Monthly Calendar

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Curriculum Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Third grade celebrate the end of their "Colonial America" CKLA unit by churning butter with their families.



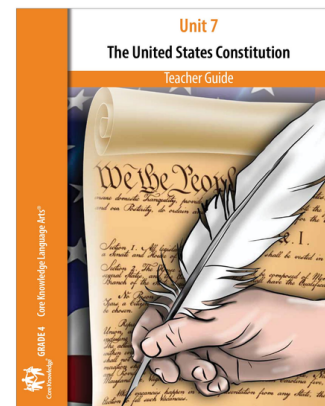
A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Hi FLI families! May is the time to give it all we've got! Not only is it when we take our last state exams, it is also when teachers make preliminary decision about students' promotional status and make nominations for students who should come to summer school for additional academic support. On May 22nd and 23rd, teachers will be holding our last round of virtual Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss these as well as students' current term 3 grades. That being said, check in with your children about upcoming end-of-unit assessments and/or projects and reach out to their teachers about any academic concerns you have prior to conferences. Remember, we are here to support you and your child to move up to the next grade level!

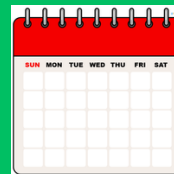
BOOK OF THE MONTH...

As part of unit 7 of the Core Knowledge Language Arts curriculum, fourth grade students will be reading the text *The United States Constitution*. Students will learn about the disagreements about principles of government that led colonists in North America to seek independence from Great Britain. The causes, major figures, and consequences of the American Revolution provide a framework for understanding what caused the 13 colonies to break away and become an independent nation, and what significant ideas and values were at the heart of the American Revolution.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- **May 6-7:** 7th and 8th Grade Computer-Based NYS Math Test
- **May 8-9:** 3rd Grade Paper-Based NYS Math Test
- **May 12-14:** English as a New Language students will take NYSESLAT
- **May 13-14:** 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Computer-Based NYS Math Test



MONTHLY SUBJECT FOCUS: MATHEMATICS

With the end of preparation for the NYS Mathematics Exams, most grade levels will begin their final units in May! 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 and mastery of the standards. Check out each grade's current unit of study:

- **Kindergarten:** Solid Shapes All Around Us
- **First:** Length Measurements Within 20
- **Second:** Adding and Subtracting Within 1,000
- **Third:** Putting It All Together
- **Fourth:** Putting It All Together
- **Fifth:** Shapes on the Coordinate Plane
- **Sixth:** Data Sets and Distribution
- **Seventh:** Angles, Triangles, and Prisms
- **Eighth:** Associations in Data



Extended Day Spotlight

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

...STAY IN THE KNOW



Ms. Ashlee and her students waiting to perform at the Summer Vibes: End of the Year Show

Ashlee Gunn
Dance Teacher

WHY IS DANCE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Dance is important because dance saved and changed my life. With dance, I am able to express myself with movements. Dance became an outlet for me.



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN TEACHING DANCE?

I have been interested in teaching dance for over 20 years. It all started when I was in Junior High School. My dance teacher Ms. V inspired me to believe in myself and become anything I put my mind towards. With her love for dance and us "students" I said I want to give back to my community by having others fall in love with dance like Ms. V did for me. I started teaching my friends in 6th grade. Years later I am inspiring a whole new community of students.

REMINDERS

Important Dates

- May 8th - Practice 5K Run for Girls on The Run
- May 22nd - No Extended Day - PTC (2:30 Dismissal)
- May 23rd - No Extended Day - PTC (11:45 Dismissal)
- May 26th - No School (Memorial Day)
- May 29th - Chess Tournament

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 7th Grade! We asked students, **"May is teacher appreciation month. Who is a teacher you've appreciated having in your life?"**



Khalil

"I appreciate Ms. Teri because she is overall a very kind person and is always really nice to me."



Damonii

"I appreciate Ms. Jackson and Ms. Reed because of their support. They believe in me and want to see the best version of me."



Mercedes

"I appreciate Ms. Williams and Ms. Reed because they've always pushed me to be the best that I can be."

"I appreciate Ms. Jackson and Ms. Reed because they care about my mental health, not just my academics. They influence us to be better."



Kylie

"I really appreciate Ms. Morgan because she's always supported my feelings and helps me when I'm upset."



Ibrahim

"Ms. Reed always pushes me to try my hardest and cares about when I'm stressed out. She's a great teacher!"



Madison



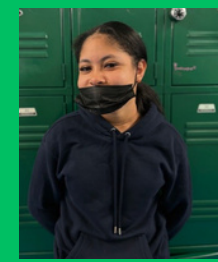
Amaya

"I appreciate Ms. A, my dance teacher. Every time she sees something in me, she pushes me to fix it and makes me feel good about myself."



Aaron

"I appreciate Mrs. Marino whenever I see her because she is kind in how she talks to me and has a softness to her."



London

"I appreciate how open Ms. Reed and Ms. Jackson's spaces are. I can talk to them about anything."

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 April's Truth winners:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| K: Miciah F. | 6A: Brielle L. |
| 1: Selinet C. | 6B: Alaysia W. |
| 2: Prianna F. | 7A: Damonni B. |
| 3: Misael S. | 7B: Khalil G. |
| 4: Selena C | 8A: Amadou D. |
| 5A: Yovani R. | 8B: Priscille A. |
| 5B: Isaias A | |

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. A few of the days in April were our NY State Exams and so we decided to do a whole school community circle and do a sing along to the Glee version of "True Colors." It's an experience to get all the grades, K-8, together for a community circle and sing a song we've kept in the FLI family for years. Our last community circle will be focused on Leadership and we cannot wait to see who will be nominated.

April Perfect Attendance - Honorees

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



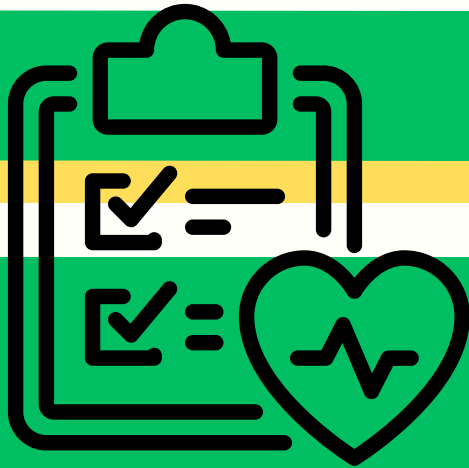
Follow FLI's instagram account to catch all the fun that is taking place inside the school community and show us your love!

Other Resources

Keep scrolling to find the following information/resources:

- Important Health Reminders
- Community Resource Event
- HSA Financial Assistance
- Mother's Day Brunch
- Community Resource Fair
- ELL Resource Fair

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

Stay Sharp, Stay Social, Stay Supported!

ACL Community Resource Event

Wednesday May 21st, 2025

10 AM- 2 PM

RAIN Boston Road Older Adult Center

2424 Boston Road Bronx, NY, 10467

**You'll Enjoy great music, valuable information, receive
awesome giveaways, and much more!**

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Empower. Connect. Thrive.

Stay Sharp, Stay Social, Stay Supported!

Evento de Recursos Comunitarios patrocinado por ACL

Miércoles, 21 de mayo de 2025

10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p. m.

Centro para Personas Mayores RAIN Boston Road

2424 Boston Road, Bronx, NY, 10467

**Disfrutarás de buena música, información valiosa,
recibirás fantásticos regalos y mucho más.**

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PERFORMING ARTS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY

Dear Families,

Does your child love the performing arts? **We wanted to let you know of an amazing resource for scholarships to attend Harlem School of the Arts (HSA's) programs.** HSA is a prestigious and reputable art institution situated in the heart of Harlem that offers classes in theater, dance, music, media & design, and more! HSA is located at 645 Saint Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY, 10030. Please feel free to visit their website to learn more at <https://hsanyc.org/> 

Students enrolling in both Summer and Fall are eligible to receive financial assistance above what HSA is able to award the student through the [NYS Arts Scholarship Program \(NYSSSA\)](#). 

Eligibility guidelines and general requirements include the following:

- Students **MUST CURRENTLY** be in Grades 5-12.
- Each student may receive a maximum of \$10,000 in scholarships for the year.
- Family Adjusted Gross Income must be below \$91,000/year in order to qualify.
- Individual grants will be issued as a percentage of the remaining tuition balance and will be dependent on family income level and financial need.
- Financial need is assessed using your current NYS Tax Return. If more applications are received than available funding, scholarships will be awarded based on the most financial need.
- Scholarship funding is not available at the time of applying or registering to a program, funding is provided to programs directly after a student is enrolled and has its own timed process.

Please follow [this link](#)  for the program's full guidelines, requirements and how to apply. Or contact the organization directly at nyssa@nysed.gov.

We hope that many of you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



Harlem Children's Zone

Geoffrey Canada
Community Center



Mother's Day

HAPPY HOUR BRUNCH

**Geoffrey Canada Community Center invites you to our Annual
Mother's Day Celebration!**

This year, we're turning up the fun with a happy hour-style party just for the ladies. HCZ community members are invited to relax, unwind, and enjoy some well-deserved pampering — all while dancing the afternoon away in great company. We can't wait to celebrate YOU.

Childcare will be provided

Location:
35 East 125th St.



Date: **Saturday, May 10**
Time: **12-3 PM**

Event Highlights

- Brunch
- Massages
- DIY stations
- Yoga class
- Manicures
- Salsa dancing lesson



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FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL
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RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY

MAY 3RD | 12PM TO 3PM

**CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY TO
THE RESOURCES THAT MATTER!**

**FREE GIVEAWAYS | RAFFLES | LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

**DYCKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
3782 10TH AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10034**



Family Enrichment Center
Washington Heights & Inwood



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ACOMPAAÑANOS A NUESTRA PRIMERA FERIA ANUAL DE RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS

SABADO

3 DE MAYO | 12PM TO 3PM

CONECTANDO A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD CON LOS RECURSOS QUE IMPORTAN!

REGALOS GRATIS | RIFAS | REFRESCOS LIGEROS

DYCKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
3782 10TH AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10034



Family Enrichment Center
Washington Heights & Inwood



ECP & CEC DISTRICT 24

ELL RESOURCE FAIR

WHAT?

CONNECTING ALL FAMILIES WITH
RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES!

WHEN?

SATURDAY, MAY 17 2025
TIME: 9AM-1PM

WHERE?

P.S.Q016 THE NANCY
DEBENEDITTIS SCHOOL
41-15 104TH ST, CORONA, NY 11368

ELL INFO WORKSHOPS:

- Learn about your rights as ELL families
- Programs available for ELL
- Difference between dual language and bilingual program

RESOURCE FAIR WILL HAVE

- Community organizations
- Steps on how to apply to resources
- Healthcare, housing services, etc
- Activities for children (Arts and crafts, carnival games, and more!)
- Raffles, prizes, and Zumba!

Sponsors:



Selikoff Centers
for Occupational Health

Collaborators:



Serving refreshments and snacks! (while supplies last)
Interpretation in Spanish, Bangla, and Mandarin.



ECP & CEC DISTRICTO 24

FERIA DE RECURSOS PARA FAMILIAS ELL

¿QUÉ?

¡CONECTANDO FAMILIAS CON
RECURSOS Y OPORTUNIDADES!

¿CUÁNDO?

SÁBADO 17 DE MAYO, 2025
HORA: 9AM-1PM

¿DONDE?

P.S.Q016 THE NANCY
DEBENEDITTIS SCHOOL
41-15 104TH ST, CORONA, NY 11368

TALLERES INFORMATIVOS

- Cuales son sus derechos como familias ELL
- Programas disponibles para ELLs
- Diferencias entre programas duales y bilingües

RESOURCE FAIR WILL HAVE

- Organizaciones comunitarias
- Cómo aplicar para recursos
- Servicios de salud, vivienda, inmigración, etc
- Actividades para niños (manualidades, arte, juegos, ¡y más!
- Rifas, premios, y Zumba!

Patrocinadores:



Mount
Sinai

Selikoff Centers
for Occupational Health



Daremos refrescos and refrigerios! (hasta agotar existencias)
Interpretación disponible en Español, Bangla, Mandarin.