

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.



Pictured left: Excitement caught on camera from a kindergartener cheering on her classmates as they participate in October's community circle activity - Mummification Challenge.



Pictured right: 1st grade prepares their pumpkin for the lower school pumpkin carving contest.



GREETINGS FROM...

Rusty Slovenec
Assistant Principal

Hello FLI families! November is one of my favorite times of the year. Students are settled into their routines, Fall is in full effect, and our core value acknowledgements and celebrations begin! As most of you know, FLI was founded on six essential core values that we believe reinforce our students' personal success alongside their academics. These core values paired with our teaching standards are the necessary tools to form our future leaders. November will focus on our core value of compassion. Teachers and students will be on the look out to see which one of their students/classmates exemplify this value. These student will then be acknowledged in our community circle taking place at the end of the month. All families members are invited to join in on the fun. Hope to see you at our next community circle!

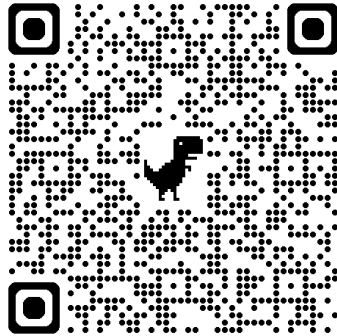
November also contains the end of our first trimester. Pay close attention to the curriculum spotlight to be on top of your child's Term 1 benchmark testing. The year is flying by!

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.

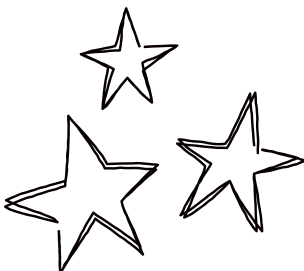
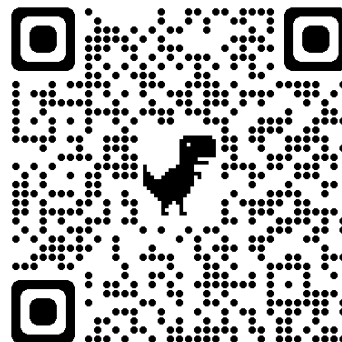
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Curriculum Spotlight

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...STAY IN THE KNOW



Ms. William's third grade students visiting the Bronx Zoo as part of their "Animal Classification" literacy unit.



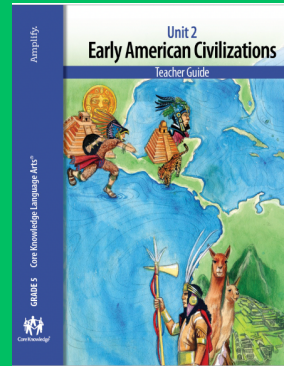
A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction

Greetings FLI families! During the month of November, students will be taking their English Language Arts and Mathematics benchmark assessments. These summative assessments are given three times each school year: November, March, and June. Teachers, consultants, and administrators use the data collected from these assessments to gauge to what extent students are mastering the grade-level standards. After analyzing the results of these, teachers are able to better plan instruction by providing small group support, carrying out review lessons or creating more opportunities in the classroom for students to build fluency. We look forward to sharing the results of these benchmark assessments during Parent Teacher Conferences in December!

BOOK OF THE MONTH...

In this Core Knowledge Language Arts unit, fifth graders learn about how large complex civilizations, including those of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca, developed in the Americas prior to the arrival of the Europeans. This unit orients students to the geography, climate, flora, and fauna of the Americas. It also presents an overall history and timeline highlighting the rise and fall of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- November 27**, End of Term I Marking Period
- December 3**, Beginning of Term II Marking Period
- December 12**, Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening Session)
- December 13**, Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon Session)



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: My School and School Community

First: Families and Communities are Important

Second: Our Communities' Geography

Third: Introduction to World Geography and World Communities

Fourth: The Geography of New York State

Fifth: Geography and Early Societies of the Western Hemisphere

Sixth: Civics: Role of the Individual

Seventh: The Road to Independence

Eighth: A Changing Society and the Progressive Era

Extended Day Spotlight

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



November 22nd, 2024
Doors Open at 3:15 PM
Show Starts at 3:30 PM

PERFORMERS

K&1	Coach Ethel - Dance
K&1	Mr. David - Music
2ND GRADE	Ms. Ashlee - Dance
2ND GRADE	Mr. David - Music
2ND & 3RD	Mr. Richard - Ballet
5TH GRADE	Ms. Ashlee - Dance
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Ms. Ashlee - Dance

Students will be sent home with a family letter regarding any costumes that may be needed for their specified performances.



A Message From....
Ms. Nadijah
Extended Day Coordinator

Here at FLI we have a tradition during Extended Day where we take the time to showcase the hard work that our students put into learning new skills and crafts. This school year we will have two showcases as well as a family day. We look forward to seeing all families at each event! Please join us as at our 1st showcase of the school year as we celebrate all of the hard work that our student have put in for Term 1.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

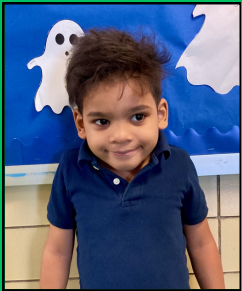
- FLI's School Calendar includes all of the days that FLI's Extended Day will be in session for the 2024-25 school year (Gray colored days).
- Pickup time is 4:45 PM . **(Early pickup from Extended day ends at 4:15 PM.** If you arrive after 4:15 PM you must wait till 4:45 PM).
- To keep your child's seat in the Extended Day program, your child must maintain at least 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. Michelle's 1st Grade class! We asked students, **"What are you thankful for in our FLI Community?"**



Davy

All the students in the school. Everyone is nice.



Daija

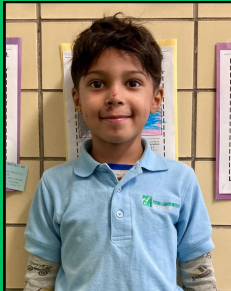
Our library. I love reading the book about Ruby Bridges.



Selinet

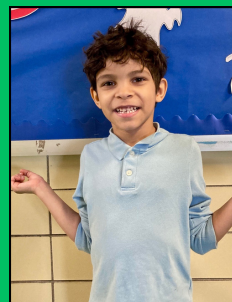
For Ms. Michelle, she really cares about us!

I love our school and I'm thankful for math.



Tristan

For my friends. We help each other when someone is hurt.

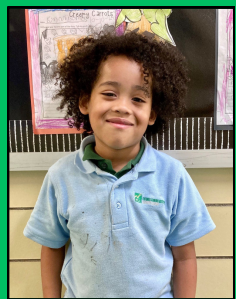


Edwin

For our teachers because we learn with them.



Amelia



Naheem

Our new play place. I love doing puzzles!



Khalycia

We get to do fun work together in class.



K'mani

For math because I love doing subtraction.

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

*"Teach the child
not just the curriculum"*

FLI Against Bullying

October is recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness and promoting strategies to prevent bullying in schools and communities. In support of this important initiative, Ms. Rossi, the Lower School Counselor at Future Leaders Institute, visited classrooms to engage students in meaningful discussions about bullying. She focused on helping students understand what bullying is, the different forms it can take, and how they can contribute to a safe and respectful school environment. Through interactive activities and open conversations, Ms. Rossi encouraged students to recognize the impact of their actions on others and empowered them to stand up against bullying. Her efforts aim to foster a culture of empathy and kindness within the school, aligning with the broader mission of National Bullying Prevention Month.



The Foundation of FLI

FLI was founded on the basis of six core values that we believe are just as essential to teach as our curriculum. Our mission is to develop the whole child so they have all the tools necessary to continue to be successful in all future chapters of their lives. While teaching into these core values is a daily task, each month is dedicated to a specific value. By the end of the month, teachers and classmates nominate students in each class as an exemplar of that value. These students are then celebrated at our monthly community circles.

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 Halloween, select students from each class participated in a mummy making contest. Both students and staff loved this activity and with teamwork and cooperation so many creative mummies were made! Community circles will always take place in the school's gymnasium from 8:30AM - 8:45AM at the end of each month. For the month of November, our community circle will be focused around the core value of compassion and our first round of core value awards will be given out to a student from each class, nominated by their teacher or peers, for showing off the characteristics of that core value. We look forward to seeing who is nominated!

October Perfect Attendance - Honorees

While FLI wants to honor all recipients of October'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

NOVEMBER'S CORE VALUE

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:

- Community Resource Fair
- Cultural Gathering for Health and Wellness



Save the Date! School picture day will be on December 9th. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.



YOU ARE INVITED!

2024 Family & Community Resource Fair

Harvesting Connections

Come learn about the many resources that our schools and communities have to offer!

- Mental Health and Wellness Programs (Adults and Children)
- Free and Low-Cost Programs at Museums and Cultural Institutions
- Free Adult Education
- Library Programs
- Youth Workforce Development
- Special Education Support
- Job Opportunities
- Immigration Information
- Rental Assistance Supports
- NYC Benefits and Support
- And more



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WHEN

Saturday, November 16, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE

Murry Bergtraum High School
411 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10038

Nearby Subway Stops

- J, Z, A, C, E to Chambers Street
- 4, 5, 6 to Brooklyn Bridge / City Hall
- R, W to City Hall

REGISTER



Visit

<https://bit.ly/FACEResourceFair>
or scan the QR code to register!



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**CULTURAL GATHERING FOR
HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS**
UNITING INDIGENOUS AND DIASPORIC PRACTICES
(A GATHERING IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH)



Standard Registration: October 1 to November 10, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/AI-24-StdReg>

Location: Casa De Cultura Ruth Hernández Torres



BEYOND BOLD AND BRAVE
by, for and about Black/African Descent Lesbians



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8 - 10 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2024

CONFERENCIA ANUAL DEL INSTITUTO ANCESTRAL

ENCUENTRO CULTURAL POR LA SALUD Y EL BIENESTAR HOLÍSTICO

**UNIENDO PRÁCTICAS INDÍGENAS Y DIASPÓRICAS
(UN ENCUENTRO EN ESPAÑOL E INGLÉS)**



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