

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.



GREETINGS FROM...

Jody Flowers
Principal

Welcome and welcome back to FLI. I am thrilled to have your children with us for a new school year. The start is always a special time as your children meet their teachers, get acclimated to the new classroom routines, see their old friends, and meet new friends.

As always, an area of focus for this school year is our priority on the social-emotional well-being of our students and the full FLI community. As a school we believe community is the strongest influence that develops the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. Our community is not built solely by leadership, by teachers, by families or by students; it's a team effort that relies on a shared vision rich with values. At the root of our community lies FLI's 6 core values: leadership, respect, effort, truth, responsibility, and compassion. These core values empower, align, and drive the FLI community. As a community, we look forward to supporting and celebrating this important work during our daily morning meetings, advisories, and monthly community circles.

FLI communicates via email, phone calls, and text messages about important school wide updates. Please be sure the main office always has your updated contact information. In addition, our school's website has up to date information on our calendar. Please be sure to check out the calendar on the website so that you stay in the know about events happening at the school.

As this new school year moves forward, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please know that we are here for you. You can reach out to your child's teacher, email me, or Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Natalie Gonzalez. Have a wonderful 2024-2025 school year.

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.

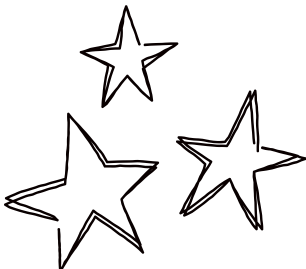
FLI Monthly Calendar

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Curriculum Spotlight

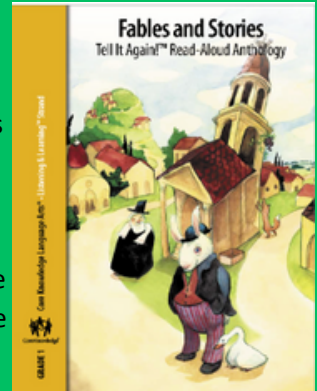
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...STAY IN THE KNOW



BOOK OF THE MONTH...

First graders' first whole class book is an anthology called "Fables and Stories." In these first six read-alouds, students will listen to some well-known fables, which are special types of fiction that teach morals or important lessons. By listening to these classics, students will increase their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills, learn valuable lessons about ethics and behavior, become familiar with the key elements and parts of a story, and acquire cultural literacy.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- October 7-11**, iReady Mathematics Diagnostic for students in K through 8
- November 18**, English Language Arts Benchmark I for students in 3-5
- November 19**, English Language Arts Benchmark I for students in 6-8
- November 20**, Mathematics Benchmark I for students in 3-5
- November 21**, Mathematics Benchmark I for students in 6-8



A Message From...

Natalie Gonzalez
Assistant Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction



PLUS PORTAL

Every FLI student and parent have a PlusPortal account where they can access students' grades as well as communicate with teachers. Through this online platform one can see whenever a new classwork, homework, quiz, or assessment grade has been added to a student's class average. At the end-of-each marking period, report cards will also be accessible via the portal:
<https://www.plusportals.com/FLI>



CURRICULUM MAP

Each grade level has a curriculum map where we have laid out the instructional units and curriculum that students will be learning this school year in each subject area: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Civics. Reach out to your child's teacher or Ms. Gonzalez for a copy of the 2024-2025 school year curriculum map so you can learn about the topics we will study and know when end-of-unit assessments will take place. Moreover, you can use it to ask your child specific questions about what they are learning in school!

Hello FLI families! Every month, you can turn to the "Curriculum Spotlight" page for information on content units, assessments, and events centered around learning. We have started the 2024-2025 school year with lots of excitement with the introduction of the K-3 Play Space! Students in kindergarten through third grade have the opportunity to foster their creativity, curiosity, and imagination as they role play, read, draw, build, mold, sketch, and explore. Students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grade get to choose what play area they want to work on during each session. Teachers support students in their independent play by teaching them how to use different materials, tools, and play areas.

Extended Day Spotlight

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- FLI's School Calendar includes all days 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.



FLI EXTENDED DAY HAS BEGUN

*Monday, Sept. 23rd was the first day of E.D.
All permission slips are due no later than October 2nd.*



A Message From....

Ms. Nadijah
Extended Day Coordinator

Welcome Back families to Extended Day for the 2024-25 school year! Every month you can check the "Extended Day Spotlight" page to see what your students may be learning in the Extended Day program from 2:30 pm to 4:45 pm. We have started the school year off with much excitement with the introduction of our music and computer science programs!

Lower School Courses Offered

Grades K-5 stay with their regular school day class during the extended day program. Their scheduled offerings change daily and are offered 5 days a week.

Dance	Choir
Recorders	Chess
Ballet	Art
Computer Science	Physical Education
Girls on the Run	

Middle School Courses Offered

Middle students have the option to choose 2 classes per week. Siblings of lower school students have the option to choose 5 classes.

Physical Education	Girls on the Run
Algebra 1 Regents	Career Exploration
Dance	Art
Basketball Clinic	Football Clinic
Computer Science	Music production
Yearbook	Girls Learning Advanced Mathematics

Student Spotlight

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

...LOOK WHO'S TALKING

This month's spotlight is on Ms. Morgan's Kindergarten class! We asked our youngest students, **"What do you love most about Kindergarten?"**



Madison J.

"I really like learning to write my name. I keep getting better and better!"



Michiah F.

"In class, I get to play with Play-Doh! I like making children and beds with it."



Kendall T.

"I love reading books on the carpet. My favorite books are about pets and animals."

"I like getting movement breaks and learning to write my name."



Dream R.

"I like that I can play with my friends. I also like sitting in our circles."

They're great!"



Noah S.

"My favorite part of class is reading books at our tables. It's really fun!"



Maryettu T.



Sofia S.

"I really like the playground! It's really fun. My favorite part is the slide."



U-Majesty T.

U Majesty loves artwork! He loves drawing with a lot of different colors."

Inside the Community

COMMUNITY AND VALUES...

*"Teach the child
not just the curriculum"*



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. 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 September we focused on Community Building and creating our Community Norms by agreeing on what students want the school to look like and feel like. We ended the circle with a class dance off! Will we see you at the next one?

September Perfect Attendance - Honorees

While FLI wants to honor all recipients of September'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:

- Ice Hockey Youth Program
- Financial Literacy Courses
- ESOL Classes
- Local Food Pantry
- College Fair
- College Prep Courses



ICE HOCKEY IN HARLEM

FREE ICE HOCKEY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SERVING 170 BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 3-18
- NOW ACCEPTING PARTICIPANTS AGES 4-8 (BORN 2016-2020) (3 year olds case by case)
- ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- NO SKATING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- PRACTICES WEDNESDAY 5-6 PM AT WOLLMAN RINK IN CENTRAL PARK
- SEASON WILL RUN LATE OCTOBER THROUGH EARLY MARCH

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Harlem Children's Zone Wealth Builds

2024-2025 Financial Literacy Workshop Series

HCZ Wealth Builds invites families and community members to a FREE year-long workshop series focusing on financial literacy and empowerment.

Access valuable resources, hear from financial professionals, and win raffle prizes!



Harlem Children's Zone

WEALTH BUILDS

Equity. Mobility. Prosperity.

Dates

Sept. 19, 2024-Jun. 17, 2025

Times

All sessions: 5:30-6:30 PM

Locations

- **HCZ Community Pride Salem (211 W 129th St)**
- **HCZ A Cut Above (646 Lenox Ave)**
- **HCZ Employment & Technology Center (304 W 117th St)**

Series Overview (see calendar on back)

Session 1 - Budgeting & Saving I

Session 2 - Budgeting & Saving II

Session 3 - The Basics of Credit

Session 4 - Credit Repair 101

Session 5 - Home Buying Part I

Session 6 - Cybersecurity

Session 7 - Investing In Your Future

Session 8 - Investing In Your Child's Future

Additional Sessions

(hosted at Chase Bank, 55 W 125th St)

Session 9 - Home Buying Part II

Session 10 - Advanced Investing



To sign up

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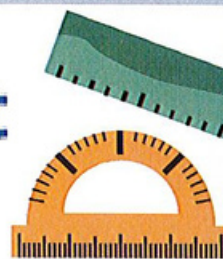
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Questions?

Email wealthbuilds@hcz.org



Community Impact
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



FREE ESOL CLASSES

Fall Cycle 2024

Our Services:

We offer ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) classes for adult immigrants. You must be 18 years and older and live in New York City. Our ESOL classes help students pave the way to college and fulfilling careers.

Information:

- classes are held Monday through Thursday (you must be able to study four days a week)
- classes are IN-PERSON and held in the morning, afternoon & evening
- classes are 2 hours long and held at various locations in Morningside Heights, West Harlem, Manhattanville & Washington Heights

Nuestros Servicios:

Ofrecemos clases de ESOL (angloparlantes de otros idiomas) para inmigrantes adultos. Debe tener 18 años o más y vivir en la ciudad de Nueva York. Nuestras clases de ESOL ayudan a los estudiantes a allanar el camino hacia la universidad y las carreras satisfactorias.

Information:

- Las clases se llevan a cabo de lunes a jueves (usted debe ser capaz de estudiar cuatro días a la semana)
- Las clases se llevan a CABO EN PERSONA por la mañana, tarde y noche
- Las clases son de 2 horas y se llevan a cabo en varios lugares en Morningside Heights, West Harlem, Manhattanville y Washington Heights



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miembros de su familia que
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- Meet representatives from various colleges and universities.
- Financial Aid, state grants and scholarship information.
- Obtain answers to questions about majors, campus life & extracurricular activities.
- Ask questions about ACT, SAT & other entry assessments.

October 17th 2024 | 10:30AM - 2:30PM



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- POSSESS HS/HS EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA
- CURRENTLY LIVE IN NEW YORK STATE
- MEET EOC INCOME GUIDELINES



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