



TO INSPIRE AND PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO LIVE CREATIVE, FULFILLING AND RESPONSIBLE LIVES



This Month

National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month. A huge thank you to our staff and community members acting as mentors to students in our schools. You are so appreciated!

This Week

Monday 1/15: No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday 1/17: Principal in Training-5th grade winner
Buddy Activity

Thursday 1/18: Principal in Training- 4th grade winner

Friday 1/19: Principal in Training- 3rd grade winner

RCU School \$ense- Double Stamp
Weekend Kids Meals

Looking Ahead

1/22-23: No School

Wednesday 1/24: Principal in Training- 2nd grade winner

Thursday 1/25: Principal in Training- 1st grade winner

Friday 1/26: Principal in Training- Kindergarten winner
Weekend Kids Meals
RCU School \$ense

Buddy Activities

Buddy Activities are held once a month. Grade level classrooms buddy up with a different grade level to work on activities or play games together. It's a great way for students to get to know each other and build a stronger Flynn community. This month students will be creating beaded bracelets.

The Fly Sheet

Week of January 15, 2023

Flynn Elementary School

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Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, llame a Kresly Rodriguez Martinez al (715) 852-4246



Weekly Words from Mr. Schmitt

← Click to watch Mr. Schmitt's Weekly Words.

Please consider volunteering for PTO. When I think of PTO, the phrase "Many hands make short work" comes to mind. If all families did a little bit, we would not need to rely on a small number of families to make the many PTO activities come to life.

What kinds of activities does PTO support? The fall carnival, last day of school carnival, fall craft fair, the talent show, class field trips, staff grants, staff appreciation, playground improvements fundraising, and much, much more. These activities demand a lot of time and energy with the small number of PTO members that currently exist. Please, please, please consider pitching in to do a small part to help share the load!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Each January, we set aside a day to honor the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While many recognize today as a day when schools, libraries, and other government agencies are closed, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, we encourage you to celebrate by taking the day "on" instead of "off," and finding a way to serve your community. Learn more at <https://americorps.gov/serve/volunteer/mlk-day>.

Winter Weather Clothing

Below are our expectations for clothing during winter-like months. If you are need of any clothing items, please contact your child's teacher or Jessica Hoff jhoff@ecasd.us.

Temperature	"Feels like" temperature	Guidelines if either column occurs (see NWS)
Below 0°F	Below -10°F	Indoor recess
0 - 32°F	-10 - 32°F	Wear coats, hats, and mittens outside.
33 - 40°F	33 - 40°F	Wear coats
41 - 50°F	41 - 50°F	Wear long sleeves

Regardless of temperature, when there is snow on the ground students must wear snow pants and boots. If they do not have those three items, they need to stay on the blacktop where it is dry.



Hello from the Flynn PTO!

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and attended the Winter Formal. We hope everyone had a great time!

We are looking forward to the Principal in Training days happening this week!

Be sure to keep a lookout in your child's folder for more information regarding Spring PTO events.

Click the link to see the Meeting Minute from our January meeting [PTO Meeting Minutes School year 2023-24 - Google Docs](#)

Have a Great Week,
Your Flynn PTO

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are always happy to accept donations of the following items:

❖ **Nonperishable food** items for our Flynn Family Foods. Below is a list of most desired items:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Boxed or canned dinners (beef stew, chili, etc.)
- Cereal
- Canned soup
- Pasta and sauce
- Granola bars
- Quick and ready meals/items- like Spaghettios
- Protein- Canned tuna or chicken

❖ **Classroom snacks**- individually wrapped snacks

Donations can be brought to Flynn, or contact Jessica Hoff at jhoff@ecasd.us or 715-852-3307 to coordinate.



Counselor Corner



Congratulations to 3S for earning their Classroom Counseling Peace Goal! Each classroom will work with Ms. Mandel to identify a goal they can work towards as a group during our time together. Way to go, 3S!

In Grades 3-5, we are continuing to identify emotions and understand the signals that our bodies tell us when we feel different emotions like frustration, anxiousness, or peace. One way we're learning about this is by creating a Color Wheel of Emotions where students can write, draw, or color different sections on the wheel to identify their feelings. The art has been spectacular!

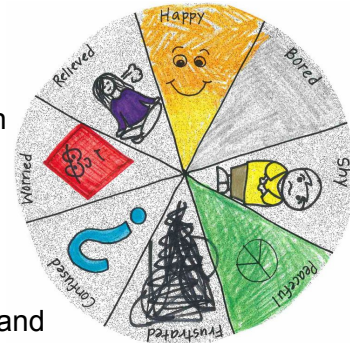
Mindful Moment

"The Worry Bully" is an activity you can try when you find that you (or your kiddo!) have a feeling Of worry visiting you.

Here's how it works:

- Name and write down 3 worries.
- Identify the worries you are in control of and write or draw out steps you can use to manage them.

(Adapted from The Stress Reduction Card Deck for Teens by Gina Biegel)



Scenes from Flynn



Ms. Stanislawski's 3rd grade class met their Peace Goal of 10 independent and zero voice writing work times. They celebrated with an extra recess.



Ms. McRaven's 2nd grade class met their peace goal of lining up quietly 20 times. They celebrated with a blanket fort day.



Flynn is excited that this year's Golden Apple Award goes to Mrs. Mitra. Mrs. Mitra was surprised at the All-School Meeting this morning with staff and students cheering her on. Congratulations Mrs. Mitra!



Click on the photo for more pictures of the All-School Meeting.



STEAM - Pint Size Polka Mike Schneider presented his Pint Size Polkas to our students on Wednesday. This presentation was sponsored by our Flynn PTO.



The Fly Sheet

Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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A message from Heather Griffith

Hi!

Welcome to 2024!

This newsletter is the one that contains all the information in regard to summer camps and they fill up fast! If any of your families have questions this is where to send them. Miracle League sign ups will be in the February issue when registration is out.

Thanks for ALL you do to support our students that receive services! If there is any way I can be a support to you please reach out!

Heather Griffith

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Special Education Family Engagement Letter

This newsletter has lots of tips, tricks and opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

<https://www.smore.com/ga3bw-family-engagement-newsletter?ref=email>

From the Eau Claire Public Library

Follow the link for a digital copy of events for youth. [Library Digital Calendar](#)

Youth Services Calendar of Events ❄️❄️❄️ January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LIBRARY CLOSED 	2 Teen BookBox available	Sign up for the FAMILY and TEEN Winter Library Program! December 26-February 29			6
7	8	9 6:30 p.m. Teen Litwits	10	11	12	13 1-3 p.m. LEGO Club
14	15 LIBRARY CLOSED for staff in-service	16 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	17 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless 5 p.m. Story Seekers	18 4 p.m. Stitch Club 6-7:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons Academy	19 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime	20 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime → followed by Pablo Center ARTmobile 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab
21	22 2-3 p.m. Cubing Club 2-3 p.m. Taste Test Challenge 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	23 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab 6:30 p.m. Anime Watch Party	24 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless	25 4 p.m. Stitch Club 5 p.m. Page Turners	26 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime	27 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime → followed by Pablo Center ARTmobile 1-3 p.m. LEGO Club
28	29 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	30 10:30 a.m. Little Movers Storytime 1 p.m. Bouncing Babies 3:30-6 p.m. Dabble Box Open Lab	31 10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime 11 a.m. The Young and the Restless 4:30 p.m. Pokémon Club			
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Infant/Preschool events •School-age events •Teen events •Family events 		To see ALL events, scan the QR code. 	715-839-5007 ystaff@eauclaire.lib.wi.us L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library www.ecpubliclibrary.info		Registration is required for some events. See reverse for details. 

ECASD and Community Resources

Click above for resources


Having Small Talks to Make a Big Impact

Short, frequent conversations with your kids about preventing underage drinking and other drug use can make a big impression. This winter holiday season, talk with your kids about the risks of substance use and set expectations for them.

Visit these resources to get tips on how to starting talking:

- www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov
- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks

Why Small Conversations Make a Big Impression

-  Short, frequent discussions can make a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.
-  Talking can build an open, trusting relationship with your child.
-  Many little talks are more effective than one "big talk."