



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



This Month

National School Principals Month

This Week

Monday 10/16: NO SCHOOL

National School Bus Safety Week

Wednesday 10/18: Buddy Activity

Friday 10/20: RCU School \$ense is OPEN

Weekend Kids Meals

Looking Ahead

Monday 10/23: Picture Retake

Friday 10/27: RCU School \$ense

Weekend Kids Meals

PTO Fall Dance 4:30-7:00

DONATIONS WELCOME!

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

- ❖ **Plastic Bags** (the kind you get at the grocery store)
- ❖ **Sweatpants**- Size Small-Large
- ❖ **Classroom snacks**- individually wrapped snacks
- ❖ **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

Donations can be brought to Flynn, or contact Jessica Hoff to coordinate!

Don't forget to order this year's school pictures.

Enjoy 10% off your order.

Code: [F202310OFF](#)

The Fly Sheet

Week of October 16, 2023

Flynn Elementary School

715.852.3300

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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.

Thank you for participating in Family-Teacher Conferences last week! This is an important event in our school year as

we set goals and supports for your student. Our next conferences are in February. Please know that if you ever have concerns between conference dates, you can reach out to your student's teacher.

This week we officially begin our interventions. These are tailored to meet the individual needs of each student. It is our opportunity to provide an extra "dose" of learning that may look different than what your student received the first time. Each intervention has the same goal: to ensure your student is "on track" in the Mathematics and English Language Arts.

Finally, I have been asked about homework a few times from families this fall. Homework at Flynn focuses on three research-based pillars: practice, independence, and routines. Here is a summary of each pillar.

1. **Practice:** Flynn's homework focuses on practice. These are tasks your student should be able to do on their own. This includes reading to self, practicing math facts, practicing sight words, and doing math problems that are like problems completed in class.
2. **Independence:** Research shows that homework provides benefits to students when they complete it independently. Our staff will work carefully to ensure the homework can be accomplished by our students on their own.
3. **Routines:** Like mealtimes and bedtimes, homework should be done at the same time each day. Find a comfortable location for homework to be completed and protect your family's schedule to ensure your student has time to complete their homework. Your teacher will share with you how much time to plan for homework. As a rough guide, you can expect about 10 minutes per grade level (ex. Grade 4 is about 40 minutes).

Have a great week!



Hello from the Flynn PTO!

Thank you everyone again for supporting the Fall Carnival Fundraiser! We raised almost **\$3,000** toward the Playground Upgrade Project. This is a great start!

Coming up soon is our Fall Dance on October 27th from 5-7pm . Below is a link to volunteer at this fun family event.

[Flynn Elementary: Flynn Fall Dance 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Also mark your calendars for the Fall Craft Market on November 4th.

We are still taking directory forms. If you can't remember if you turned yours in, feel free to submit it again. We are very low on submissions this year!



Couldn't make it to the PTO meeting?
Check out the minutes.

[PTO Meeting Minutes School year 2023-24 - Google Docs](#)

Have a great week!
Your Flynn PTO

Family Advisory Council

Flynn is looking for a FAC (Family Advisory Council) member. The responsibility of Family Advisory Council (FAC) member is to bring concerns, opinions, questions, and perspectives of families to the superintendent and school administrators during the monthly FAC meetings Follow the [link](#) for more information.

FAC meets at the Administration building the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Please contact Jessica Hoff at jhoff@ecasd.us if you are interested.

PurposeFULL People

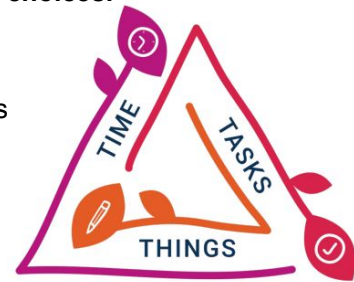
October is all about RESPONSIBILITY

One way to define Responsibility is “**taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.**”

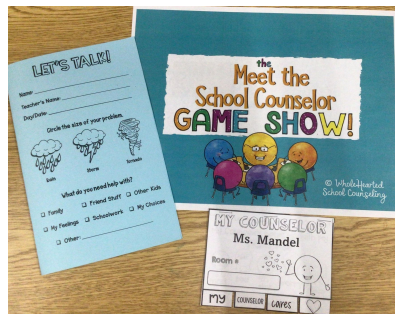
While practicing Responsibility this month, students will be focusing on organization using the **3T's: organizing their Time, Tasks and Things**. Students will evaluate the impact organization has on their ability to practice Responsible habits.

Practice using the 3T's at home to support your own Responsible habits. Role modeling is a great way to help support your student!

Conversation Starter: Can you describe how to use organization to help you be more Responsible?



Counselor Corner



Week 2 of Classroom Counseling Lessons is underway. This week, Grades 3-5 are learning about the role of a school counselor through a fun game where teams can choose different categories to answer questions from and earn points. Counselor flip books were also handed out as a way to remind students of the different ways I can help them here at school. A new tool this year is the "Let's Talk" form that allows

students to fill out a request to meet with me to discuss anything that might be on their mind... A phrase I like to use when I meet with students is "What's taking up space in your thought bubble today?" Right now, "Let's Talk" forms are only being used with Grades 3-5 as another way for students to connect with me. Students can either give a completed form to their teacher or slip one under my door if they need to connect. Blank forms are also on my Counseling Office door. With Grades K-2, I've encouraged students to ask their teacher if they feel they need to connect with me for help. (Credit goes to Wholehearted School Counseling for the game)

In all my introduction lessons, we've talked about CONFIDENTIALITY in the counseling office. This means that what is said in my office stays in my office unless: someone is hurting you, you are hurting someone, you want to hurt yourself, or you give permission to share with another trusted helper at school.

Have a great week and reach out with any questions you might have!
Ms. Mandel



Scenes from Flynn

In case you missed it! Flynn's PTO Fall Carnival made the news! Check out the coverage from our local news channels. For more pictures click on the photo.

[WQOW](#)

[Leader Telegram](#)

[WEAU](#)



The Fly Sheet

Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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Special Education Family Engagement Newsletter

The newsletter is full of great resources and information. Resources for school, home and community supporting students with disabilities.

[October 2023](#)

It's National School Lunch Week!

Here in ECASD, we are committed to providing our students with healthy meals, each and every day. Find menus and other important information here:

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/Departments/Food-and-Nutrition>

Free Smoke Alarms

Follow the link to learn more.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

On Monday, October 9 we celebrate indigenous peoples here in Wisconsin and across the United States. Learn more about the movement to rethink how we honor these peoples on the second Monday in October:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blog/national-museum-american-indian/2019/10/11/indigenous-peoples-day-2019/>

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From the Eau Claire Public Library

Are you looking for something to do on the long weekend? Check out the public library.

On Friday, October 13th, [author Stephen Shaskan](#) of the [Pizza and Taco series](#) will be presenting and free Toppers pizza will be available. On Monday, October 16th, the comedy duo Incapable Hands will be presenting [Circus Science Spectacular](#) as part of Wisconsin Science Festival.

Check out their [calendar of programs and events](#) for September.

News from our School Based Mental Health Coordinator

October 10th is World Mental Health Day. It is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide. Attached is a resource to help support our efforts in eliminating stigma around mental health. [Eliminating Stigma](#)

Learn more about our School Based Mental Health Program at <https://go.ecasd.us/schoolmentalhealth> or by contacting Shannon McRaith at smcraith@ecasd.us or 715-852-3067.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, October 28th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dispose of your expired or unwanted medications at a drop-off location!

Marshfield Medical Center - Eau Claire
2116 Craig Road
Medical Offices - Door B
(curbside service - no need to get out of your car!)

Altoona Emergency Services
1904 Spooner Avenue

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back event is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and is coordinated locally by the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Department, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Village of Fall Creek Police Department, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Unused or expired medications should never be flushed, poured down the drain, or tossed in the garbage. Safely dispose of prescription medicine, over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, and pet medications at a Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, October 28th from 10a.m. to 2p.m.!

Get more information on the take-back at EHealthAlliance.org.