



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



### This Week

Friends of Flynn book and sock giveaway  
**Monday 12/11:** PTO Meeting in the Flynn Library at 6:30pm

**Friday 12/15:** RCU School \$ense- All Student Challenge sheets are due  
Weekend Kids Meals

### Looking Ahead

**Monday 12/18:** Hat and fun sock day

**Tuesday 12/19:** Tropical Winter: Wear tropical and colorful clothing  
5th Grade music presentation at South Middle School

**Wednesday 12/20:** Pajama day  
Buddy Activity

**Thursday 12/21:** Blizzard: Wear white and/or blue

Culver's Custard Party

**Friday 12/22:** Ugly/festive sweater  
RCU School \$ense  
Weekend Kids Meals

### No School

**December 25th- January 2nd**

### Culver's Custard Party

You might remember, the Flynn community raised \$1,062.53 at our PTO Culver's Night in October. Since we raised such a large amount, Culver's is providing the entire school with a custard party and special guest, Scoopie!

### 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 holiday cards for people in the community.

# The Fly Sheet

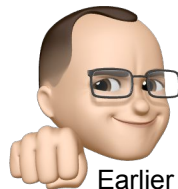
**Week of December 11, 2023**

**Flynn Elementary School**

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## Weekly Words from Mr. Schmitt

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

Earlier this year I shared our safety protocols after an incident that occurred. This message is a mid-year reminder of our safety drill process.

Each year, every school in the Eau Claire Area School District must conduct safety drills. These drills are based on the [i love you guys Foundation's Standard Response Protocol](#). These include the following drills:

- Monthly evacuation drills, including:
  - Fire drills
  - Evacuation of a region within the building
  - Classroom evacuation
- Hold drills
- Lockdown drills (formerly called intruder alert drills)
- Shelter drills (for Wisconsin that means tornado drills)
- Secure drills, where we do not allow people in or out of the building

We communicate these drills through Skyward communications only for significant events, including an unplanned crisis and lockdown drills. Unplanned events that require the use of a drill can be for many reasons. If there is a threat on the school or any individual in the school, we follow the [Wisconsin School Threat Assessment Protocol](#) from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. If you ever want to know more information about a drill or the threat assessment process, please contact me.

The safety of our students is our greatest priority. We hope we never have to engage in a real crisis and appreciate how our students and staff prepare in the event one ever occurs.



Flynn Flyer Families exceeded our goal of collecting 10 pounds of pop tops! Way to go! Keep saving pop tops, we will have a friendly competition after winter break.



## Hello from the Flynn PTO!

We had a great turn out at Craft Night and had a blast! Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

The PTO Meeting is Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Flynn library at 6:30. We would love to have you join us!

We have some exciting events coming up in the New Year. One being a brand new fundraising event, the Winter Formal on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Also the ice skating party at Boyd Park on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information on these events and how you can help out.

Have a great week,  
Your Flynn PTO

## Scenes from Flynn

Students in Ms. Klink's 2nd grade class earned their library peace goal of checking out with a level 1 whisper voice three times! Students celebrate by checking out an extra book at library time.



Last week's Mindful Moment: Group Draw winner! Check out the drawings they came up with. Congratulations.



# PurposeFULL People

## December is all about Empathy

One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships.

**Conversation Starter:** Why do you think it is important to use Empathy when practicing conflict resolution? Why do you think practicing Empathy is important?



All Flynn students have an opportunity to take part in the Royal Credit Union All Student Challenge to strengthen their money skills. Students will receive activity sheets in their classrooms and can return completed sheets to their teacher by Friday December 15 at 9:00am to be entered in a drawing for one of two shopping sprees at the Royal School \$ense prize table!!

Students do NOT need to be a member of Royal to participate in the challenge – EVERYONE can join in on the fun!

### 'Tis the Season for Saving!

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to Flynn for every 500 deposits made. We are off to a great start and already have 245 deposits! Your Royal School \$ense location is open on Friday each week to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. If you are already a saver, please fill out the transaction slip inside your blue pouch before you make a deposit. You can even practice counting your deposit on the back of the transaction slip!

If you want to learn how to start saving at school with Royal School \$ense, please contact Rachel Orlovsky at [rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org](mailto:rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org).

## Counselor Corner

Counseling classroom lessons this week in K-2 have included learning about the new breathing strategy of belly breathing from our breathing strategies book.

First grade started learning about this technique in reading "Jabari Jumps" by Gaia Cornwall. We will continue to go through our breathing strategies book and see what new techniques we can learn this year!

Counseling lessons in grades 3-5 have continued to work on goal-setting and responsible decision making. We played a game called "Decisions, Decisions..." to help us learn how to identify decisions that are easy and decisions that require more thought and time. One thing we've focused on is using positive self-talk to boost confidence in meeting goals. We'll also be working towards Peace Goals in classroom counseling lessons!

### **Mindful Moment: Twist and Stretch**

This is a fun way to calm your body before bed! Start by lying on your back, bring your knees into your chest and give them a hug. Inhale through your nose as you hug your knees a little tighter. As you exhale, drop your knees to your right side while you turn your head to the left and stay in this position for a moment or two. Repeat as many times as needed, remembering to inhale and exhale (Credit: Mindfulness Workbook for Kids)





# The Fly Sheet

## Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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### From the Eau Claire Public Library

Are you looking for something to do over Thanksgiving break? Check out their [Winter Break](#) and [calendar](#).

### [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](http://www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)
- [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks](http://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."

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: [echealthalliance.org](http://echealthalliance.org)



#### Event Schedule:

- \* **Color Bash** PK-K GRADE 6  
Tuesday, December 26 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room  
Drop in and colorify your day with light experiments, prisms, and colorful crafts. No registration.
- \* **Dabble Box Open Lab** ALL AGES  
Tuesday, December 26 • 2-4 p.m. • RCU Dabble Box Makerspace  
Wednesday, December 27 • 10 a.m.-Noon • RCU Dabble Box Makerspace  
Stop by and see where your creativity takes you! Equipment and supplies for all ages.
- \* **Animanga Club** GRADES 7-12  
Tuesday, December 26 • 6:30 p.m. • Carnegie Room  
Watch anime, create themed projects, and socialize with others who share a common interest. Registration required.
- \* **Ice Bowl** PK-K GRADE 6  
Wednesday, December 27 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room  
Brr! It's cold in here! Join us for ice experiments and snowy crafts. Excavate objects from ice, test whether salt melts ice faster than vinegar, design a snowflake, and more. No registration.
- \* **Knotty & Nice** GRADES 7-12  
Wednesday, December 27 • 2-3:30 p.m. • RCU Dabble Box Makerspace  
Join us for a cozy afternoon of macramé and hot cocoa. Choose your project (snowflake, gnome, or feather) and hot cocoa toppings, then settle in to knit and hang out with other teens. Registration is required.
- \* **Pokemon Club** GRADES 3-6  
Wednesday, December 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room  
Meet up with other Pokemon fans to play, talk, and do Pokemon-themed activities. Registration is required.
- \* **Family BINGO** KIDS (ALL AGES) & THEIR FAMILIES  
Thursday, December 28 • 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. • RCU Dabble Box Makerspace  
Play BINGO at the library! Families are invited to stop in and play BINGO for fun and small prizes. No registration is required, but space is limited.
- \* **Perler Beads** GRADES K-6  
Friday, December 29 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room  
Join us for an afternoon of Perler bead fun! Adult participation encouraged for children under the age of 8. No registration required. While supplies last.
- \* **Teen Cookie Decorating** GRADES 7-12  
Friday, December 29 • 2-3 p.m. • Innovation Lab  
Make art you can eat! Use icing and sprinkles to create a cookie masterpiece. Registration is required.

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