



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



**This Week**  
**No School**

**December 25th- January 2nd**

**Wednesday 1/3:** Back to School

**Friday 1/5:** Memorial Jazz and Show Choir  
PTO Skating Party  
RCU School \$ense  
Weekend Kids Meals

**Looking Ahead**

**Monday 1/8:** PTO Meeting in Library at  
6:30pm  
Northlake Dental

**Tuesday 1/9:** Law enforcement  
appreciation Northlake Dental

**Wednesday 1/10:** STEAM Polka

**Thursday 1/11:** PTO Principal in Training  
sheets are due

**Friday 1/12:** All School Meeting  
Winners of the Principal in Training will be  
announced  
Weekend Kids Meals  
RCU School \$ense

**Saturday 1/13:** PTO Winter Formal 6-9pm

**STEAM - Pint Size Polka**

Mike Schneider will present his Pint Size Polkas to our students on Wednesday, January 10 in the gym.

**Grades 3-5** will have an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).

**Grades K-2**, will have a family-style show.

These presentations are sponsored by our PTO.  
Thank you to them!

# The Fly Sheet

**Week of December 31, 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.**

I hope this Winter break will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with those close to you. This is the time of year – New Year's Resolutions! - when we spend time reviewing the importance of attendance. Students need to be present for that action to learn. The State of Wisconsin has statutes or laws that address student attendance. Wisconsin's state law says that a parent may excuse their child 10 days during a school year. Please remember to contact the school every day your child is absent. When the school is not notified of an absence, the absence is marked as unexcused.

When a student has been absent for a large number of days, our district's policy requires us to communicate with families about their student's attendance. Below is a summary of the communications that occur when student absences become large in number. Please keep in mind that an absence is defined as any amount of time the student is gone from school during the school day.

- 7 Excused Absences (7E) – Families are notified that their student has been excused seven times during the current school year. They are also informed that if the student is excused for absences ten or more times during the school year, all future absences will need a note from a medical provider to be considered excused.
- 10 Excused Absences (10E) – Families are notified that their student has been excused ten times during the current school year. All future absences will need to be accompanied by a note from a medical provider to be considered excused.
- 3 Unexcused Absences (3U) - Families are notified if their student has three unexcused absences during the current school year. They are also informed that if the student has five unexcused absences during the school year, then an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM) with the family will be scheduled.
- 5 Unexcused Absences (5U) - Families are notified if their student has five unexcused absences during the current school year. They are also informed that an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM) with the family will be scheduled next.

## **Words from the Librarian**

Custodial parents or guardians of a student who is under the age of 16 may choose to access their student's library account. ECASD students have an individual login which allows them to check out both print and ebooks. If you need your student's login information, please ask your student, check their Flynn Folder, or contact your school's librarian. Directions for accessing student library accounts can be found here. [Accessing Student Library Accounts](#)



## Hello from the Flynn PTO!

Happy New year! We hope you all had a great break.

This Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> we have the Skating Party at Boyd Park planned. But we aren't sure if there will be an ice rink due to the warm temps. If the rink is done the event will be from 5-7pm.

The Winter Formal is coming up quickly on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-9. The theme is Northern lights. This will be a fancy and fun event for you to come enjoy!

This is a fundraiser for our playground project. You can purchase tickets in advance for \$10 or at the door for \$12. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We are needing some volunteers for this event. Please see the sign up linked below.

[Flynn PTA: 2024 Winter Formal \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Our Next meeting is Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Flynn library. We would love to have you join us!

Have a great week,  
Your Flynn PTO

While you are on winter break, don't forget to spread peace and share with your Flynn community.

Flynn is an **International Peace Site**; as a Peace Site it is our job to spread peace in our school, neighborhood, state and world.

One way we show peace by being respectful to people we meet and nature we see.

When you are spreading peace, please take a picture with the flag (back of the paper) and send it to Mrs. Hoff, [jhoff@ecasd.us](mailto:jhoff@ecasd.us), along with the location and name of student(s).

We would love to see the wonderful ways you share peace.

## Weekly Words from Mr. Schmitt continued

- Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM) – This meeting is a problem-solving meeting with the family and Flynn's Pupil Services Staff. If this meeting does not lead to improved attendance, then the student is referred to the County of Eau Claire for truancy.

Each of these communications comes through a letter, and sometimes includes phone calls or in-person conversations. They are used to help communicate requirements that everyone must abide by to lead to successful student learning. If you ever have questions about these communications, please contact me.

ECASD's Family Handbook is a great resource for understanding more about attendance expectations and requirements. You can view this information by following this

link <https://www.ecasd.us/getattachment/District/About/Parent-Student-Handbook/ECASD-Family-Handbook-2023-2024-MASTER-final-revised-3.pdf?lang=en-US>. Attendance starts on page 21 of the handbook.

## Friends of Flynn

The work of the Friends of Flynn committee is to meet the needs of students at Flynn Elementary School. We are an outreach committee of Trinity Lutheran Church.

We donate to Feed My People for the students for weekend meals and Flynn Family Foods. We also contributed snacks for the students, for use during school and the after school programs. We also provided extra snacks during the annual spring testing in April.

We have donated school supplies to help assist the students. When other needs arise we try to fulfill them as well. There is a need for sweatpants and shoes. We provided shoes and several pairs of sweatpants for the students.

We gift, with the congregation's help, "forever books" to the students twice a year, at Christmas and again in May. The students love the books, and we receive many thanks for doing so.

We also have thanked the teachers at Flynn for their hard work by bringing them special snacks and treats throughout the school year to show our appreciation for the great job they do.



## Lost and Found



Did you student come to school with items but didn't return with those items. Please remind your student to check the lost and found.



# Scenes from Flynn



For this months Buddy Activity, students decorated holiday cards for residents at local nursing/assisted living facilities. It was also pajama day, it was double the fun. Click on the photo for more pictures.



Students enjoyed music during recess in celebration of meeting and exceeding the goal of collecting 10 pounds of pop tops. Keep saving your pop tops, a friendly competition is on the way.



Ms. Drazkowski's 4th grade class met their Peace Goal of showing 5 perfectly 75 times.

Ms. Solie's 4th grade class met their Peace Goal of a voice level 1 for transitions. They celebrated with a pajama and stuffie day.



5th graders headed to South for their music presentation! Click on the photo for more pictures.

Students wrote thank you notes to our Friends of Flynn. Friends of Flynn gave each student a "forever books" and two pairs of socks.



Staff and students enjoyed an all school custard party. Click on the photo for more pictures.

# FLYNN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN USA





# The Fly Sheet

## Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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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.smores.com/u1c5p>

### 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

**Foodshare (SNAP)**  
Apply for benefits: [www.wisconsin.gov/access/](http://www.wisconsin.gov/access/)  
1-877-366-3633

The Eau Claire County Resource Guide identifies many additional resources and can be found here: [www.fmpfoodbank.org/webfiles/fmtools/documents/resource\\_directory.pdf](http://www.fmpfoodbank.org/webfiles/fmtools/documents/resource_directory.pdf)

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
Chapel Heights Food Pantry 302 E. Hamilton Avenue	Free Drive-Thru Food Pantry using Firearm St. entrance	Every Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm	715-832-2333	To anyone in need of food <a href="http://www.chapelheightsumcease.com/food-pantry.html">http://www.chapelheightsumcease.com/food-pantry.html</a>
Christ Temple Church Food Pantry 1719 Omaha St.	Free Food Pantry	Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays, 11am-4pm (temporarily closed)	715-523-0670	To anyone in need of food <a href="http://www.christtemple.org/eau-claire-area">http://www.christtemple.org/eau-claire-area</a> <a href="#">go to index.html</a>
Ekklesia Food Pantry 1005 Oxford St.	Free Food Pantry	Thursdays 4pm - 5:30pm	715-829-3375	To anyone in need of food
Eau Claire Area Home Mutual Assistance Association 1320 W. Clearmont Ave.	Food Pantry with free rice every other month	First and Third Tuesday of each month 11am - 4pm	715-832-8420 Help Hotline: 1.877.740.4292	For free rice - Income must be at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Rate. Must bring proof of income, I.D. and address (a piece of mail from a business addressed to you)
Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry 5214 Golf Road	Free Food Pantry	Mon 4pm - 5:30pm	715-832-7832	To anyone in need of food <a href="https://www.immanuel-lutheran.org/community/food-ministry/">https://www.immanuel-lutheran.org/community/food-ministry/</a>
St Francis Food Pantry 1221 Triax Blvd New Dates	Free Drive-Thru Food Pantry	Only open on the following dates: Jan 2nd 9am-12pm Jan 4th 9am-12pm Jan 16th 9am-12pm Jan 18th 9am-12pm	715-839-7706	Must bring photo ID and a piece of mail from a business addressed to you
Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry 1314 E. Lexington Blvd.	Free Drive-thru Food Pantry	Mon 1:30 - 3:00pm Tues 1:30 - 3:00pm & Thurs 1:30 - 3:00pm	715-832-6001	Anyone can attend. Bus route options on website: <a href="https://www.trinity-lutheran.org/food-pantry.html">Trinity-ec.org/foodpantry.html</a>

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Free Carry-Out Daily Meals	M - 11:30am - 1:00pm T - 5:00pm - 6:15pm W - 11:30am - 1:00pm Th - 11:30am - 1:00pm Fri - 5:00pm - 6:15pm Sat - 11:30am - 1:00pm Sun - 3:00pm - 4:00pm	715-835-4977	Anyone can attend (daily & bus passes are available) <a href="http://thecommunitytable.org/join">http://thecommunitytable.org/join</a>
Ruby's Pantry At Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 1120 Cedar Street	Surplus Food Distribution	1st Thursday of each month Registration at 3pm Food available 3:30pm - 5:30pm	715-834-2959	Anyone can attend. Bring two strong boxes or laundry baskets to fill. \$25 per share of food. <a href="https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/rubys-pantry/">https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/rubys-pantry/</a>
Shepherds Closet At Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 1120 Cedar Street	Free Youth Clothing	2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm - 5:30pm	715-834-2959	Free clothing for kids 10 years old and younger. <a href="https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/services/the-shepherds-closet/">https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org/services/the-shepherds-closet/</a>
King's Closet 310 S. Barlow	Free Clothing	Thursdays 9am-4pm 1st Saturday of each month 9am-12pm		Free clothing for anyone <a href="http://thekingscloset.org/home_Page.php">http://thekingscloset.org/home_Page.php</a>
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Non-Food Pantry Hygiene Center (Personal care items, cleaning supplies)	Mon - Thurs. from 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm	715-834-1224	Must be an Eau Claire County resident. Photo ID required. <a href="https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/goodhopevalley/programs-and-services/">https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/goodhopevalley/programs-and-services/</a>
Needful Things Personal Care Pantry Christ Church Cathedral 501 S. Farwell	Non-Food Pantry: Personal Care Items Distribution	Last Saturday of every month 3:00pm-5:00pm	715-835-1944	Anyone can attend.

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Are you living with relatives or friends temporarily?  
Are you living in a car, a campground, a park, a motel/hotel or shelter?  
Please contact your child's School Counselor or the ECASD Homeless Program Coordinator at (715) 852-3044 for more information about assistance for your school-aged children.  
[Please send information revisions to dgrahame@ecasdsd.us](mailto:dgrahame@ecasdsd.us)

**WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES**

**December 26-30**  
ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

**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, prizes, 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 29 • 2-3 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.

[More Info](#)

E.C. Phillips Memorial Public Library

## 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."