



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



This Week

Monday 12/4: PTO Craft Day 3:40-5:30pm

Tuesday 12/5: PTO Craft Day 3:40-5:30pm

Wednesday 12/6: All School Meeting
3:00-3:30pm

Friday 12/8: RCU School \$ense
Weekend Kids Meals

Looking Ahead

Monday 12/11: PTO Meeting in the Flynn
Library at 6:30pm

All School Meeting

Each month our school hosts an All School Meeting in the gym. This month's meeting will focus on Gratitude and a share from our Kindergarteners.

These meetings are an opportunity for the whole school to connect and learn more about what is happening in our building. Families of presenting students are welcome to join these meetings! (Families of presenting students will receive an email invite)



Our Flynn Flyers have collected **10.76 pounds** of pop tops! Congratulations on meeting our goal. Students will celebrate with music during lunch time.

The Fly Sheet

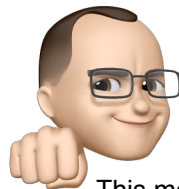
Week of December 4, 2023

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.

This month, we are finishing our first round of interventions. Interventions are when we provide an extra "dose" of support for students in reading and/or math. Before interventions begin, we review each student's strengths and challenges, including how they have been performing on several assessments. We then determine how to best support students with what they need over the following two months. During those two months, we monitor their progress on a weekly basis. When that two-month period is over, we then review the student's strengths and challenges again, and then design the next two-month intervention period. The intervention process is repeated three times over the course of the school year. Our goal is to ensure each student grows at least one full academic year, and that students with greater challenges grow even more than that. If you have any questions about how your student is being supported through this process, please contact your teacher or me.



Both Kindergarten classes earned their library peace goal of checking out with a level 1 whisper voice three times! They will celebrated by moving up from 1 to 2 books at checkout time!

Mrs. Crawford's 5th grade class met their peace goal of showing 5 ten times a day for ten days. They celebrated with a pajama and stuffed animal day.



Day of Giving when some 6th graders from South Middle School came to Flynn and planned activities for K-2 students. They did a great job!!





Hello from the Flynn PTO!

This week is craft days, and we are so excited!

Our next meeting is Monday December 11th in the Flynn library. It would be a great time to come and see what the PTO is all about. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

We are still searching for a President for next year. Michelle has been our amazing leader for many years! She has everything so organized with all the information needed and will be around to help mentor anyone who steps into the role.

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
- ❖ **Sweatpants**- Size Small-Large
- ❖ **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.

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.

Listening to others is an important life skill – and it takes practice! We are focusing on listening skills this month. Being a good listener is also an important way to practice Empathy. We will learn and practice these Strong Listening strategies at school. Try them at home with your student!

1. Eyes are ready
(point to your eyes)



3. Brain is focused
(point to your brain)



2. Ears are listening
(cup your ears)

4. Heart is caring
(put your hand on your heart)



Counselor Corner

In recent classroom lessons, 5th Graders learned about goal setting and practiced teambuilding in a fun challenge called "Castaway." Teams had to cooperatively work together to complete different tasks, rescue their mascots and replicate a hidden model from basecamp; they did GREAT!

K-5 Classrooms are also continuing to learn about strategies to solve small problems and gain insight into how calming strategies can help them throughout their day. A goal with each classroom lesson is that students will walk away with one new tool or strategy to add to their toolbox!

Mindful Moment: Group Draw!

This is a fun activity to try anytime of the year but is especially fun if you are gathering with family, cousins, or friends around the holiday times... All you need is a piece of paper and a drawing utensil for each person at the table.

Here's what you do: Set a timer for one minute and START DRAWING! You can draw **anything**. When the time's up, pass your paper to the person on your right. Reset the timer again for one minute and add onto what's on your new paper. Keep drawing and passing your papers until everyone's received their paper back. This is a fun way to focus on what's in front of you and make some fun artwork.



Did your family try this Mindful Moment OR try a different one? We'd love to hear from you and share your ideas or pics! Contact Jessica Hoff or Emily Mandel with your Mindful Moment and be entered into a drawing for a fun fidget!



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](#).

MHS Orchestra Cookie Walk & Carnival

December 9, 2023 Noon to 2:30

Memorial High School Cafeteria

- **FREE ADMISSION—Everyone welcome**
- **Homemade Cookies—sold by the pound \$9.00**
- **Holiday Music—Performed by MHS Orchestra and friends**
- **Kid's Crafts, Games, Instrument Petting Zoo**

Learn more at [Memorial High School Orchestra Cookie Walk and Carnival](#)

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."

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES

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

Event Schedule:

- ★ **Color Bash** PREK- 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!** PREK- GRADE 6
Wednesday, December 27 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Youth Program Room
Brrr! 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 Pokémon fans to play, talk, and do Pokémon-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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