



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



### This Month

September 15 through October 15,  
Hispanic Heritage Month

### This Week

**Monday 9/18:** Peace Walk  
RCU 5th grade interviews

**Tuesday 9/19:** 2nd Grade field trip to  
Beaver Creek

**Wednesday 9/20:** Buddy Activity

**Thursday 9/21:** Flynn Family Social  
7:45-8:15 AM

International Peace Day

**Friday 9/22:** Weekend Kids Meals  
Operation Warm forms are due

### Looking Ahead

Monday 9/25: Peace Walk

### Peace Walks

As an International Peace site Flynn takes a Peace Walks every Monday morning (weather permitting). Flynn Flyers (staff and students) peacefully walk around the neighborhood to help ready them for the school day/week.

### Buddy Activities

Buddy Activities are held once a month. Grade level classrooms buddy up with a different grade levels 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.

# The Fly Sheet

**Week of September 18, 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.



On October 29, 2009, Flynn became an International Peace Site. This is designation is foundational to the culture of Flynn. September 21 is the annual International Day of Peace. After our September 21 family social, students will go outside for morning recess, then line up with the morning bell at 8:40 AM, and then gather around the Peace Pole in front of Flynn. We will have a short ceremony celebrating International Peace Day, Flynn's designation, and our upcoming service project.

One of the Five Peace Actions for International Peace Sites is reaching out in service. Flynn students will be doing that this fall as they raise money for our playground improvements that support the school and neighborhood communities. Stay tuned for "Penny for Peace" that will kick off that process.

We are administering our Star assessments this week. These are valuable assessments, as they help us determine the supports each student needs to be successful. As with any assessment, being well rested and having a good breakfast are the foundations for students doing their best.

Finally, our staff is implementing our "first six weeks" plan to prepare students for social and emotional success throughout the year. This includes:

- Week 1: Build community and establish classroom routines.
- Week 2: Continue week #1, and add work on classroom rules
- Week 3: Continue weeks #1 & 2, and begin work on instructional/logical consequences, and begin focus on independence
- Weeks 4, 5, and 6: Build off first three weeks, and increase independence by providing appropriate leadership roles

Have a great week!



## Hello from the Flynn PTO!

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We have our first big event coming up, the **Fall Carnival**. It will be on Sunday October 8th from 1-4 pm at Flynn. This will be like our end of year carnival with games, face painting, tattoos, obstacle course and more! But this event will be open to the public and a fundraiser for our Playground Project Upgrade!

We need your help to make this event a success.

### Something you can do the get involved and help out :

\* Sign up for a Volunteer shift  
[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

- \* Share the event with family and friends
- \* Donate! We could use candy donations as well as items for baskets or big prize drawings
- \* Come to the Carnival!

The Meeting minutes to our past meetings can be found here :  
[PTO Meeting Minutes School year 2023-24 - Google Docs](#)

Have a great week,  
Your Flynn PTO

## **We need you!** **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Compost Supervisor: Kindergarten and 1st grade lunch M-F 12:15-1:00pm
- PTO events
- Outdoor clean-up around building

Please contact Mrs. Hoff at [jhoff@ecasd.us](mailto:jhoff@ecasd.us) if you are interested in helping.

# PurposeFULL People

## September is all about RESPECT.

Listening is an important skill that is harder than it sounds. We fail to listen not because we don't hear but rather because we don't focus or pay attention to what we are hearing. Listening is a sign of Respect. It shows that you value what the speaker has to say. This month's focus for is on practicing Respect through Strong Listening.

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)
2. Ears are listening (cup your ears)
3. Brain is focused (point to your brain)
4. Heart is caring (put your hand on your heart)

### **Conversation Starter:**

- Can you share or show what Respect means?
- Why do you think it is important to use Strong Listening when practicing Respect?



## Does your student NEED a winter coat?

To keep children warm this winter, the Eau Claire Fire Fighters Local 487 partners with Operation Warm to provide new winter coats to students in **need** at Flynn Elementary School. If you are interested in more information about this amazing organization and/or donating money, please go to [www.operationwarm.org/eauclaire](http://www.operationwarm.org/eauclaire).

If your family is experiencing financial hardship and your child(ren) at Flynn is in need of a winter coat this year, click on the [link](#) and complete the form, return to Mrs. Hoff by Friday, September 22nd. Look in your student's blue folder for a paper copy.

## Counselor Corner

### A New Season of Self-Care

With school in full-swing, self-care might fall to the wayside as you juggle tasks, work, and events. Did you know that self-care plays a HUGE role in your family's health?! ... It is easier to support your children when your **own** needs are being met. You can even model these at home and see what works for your family. Here are some ideas to jumpstart self-care in this new season of school! (Credit: Children's Wisconsin)

- Rock out or mellow down to your favorite tunes
- Connect with nature
- Make time to check-in with loved ones
- Color, Doodle, or Create something
- Try and get enough sleep (easier said than done, I get it!)

Take care this week and welcome back to the routine of school!  
-Ms. Mandel  
School Counselor





## Meet Flynn Staff

### Ms. Krivinchuk

**Special Education Teacher**

**Favorite Food:** French toast or McDonald's fries

**Hopes and dreams:** To have positive relationships with all staff, students and families.



### Ms. Leibrich

**Special Education Teacher**

**Favorite Food:** Popcorn and toast  
**Superpower:** Hearing what is not said.



### Follow us on Facebook

Check out the [Flynn Facebook page!](#) We post pictures of what's happening at school, volunteer opportunities, and a lot more.



Royal Credit Union and Flynn Elementary have partnered to make saving each week fun and easy for your child. Starting **October 20**, students can save money at school each **Friday!**

Before opening for the year, Royal Credit Union recruits fifth grade students to work as our youngest team members. Interested students participate in an authentic hiring process, complete with an application and interview. Hired students receive hands-on training with Royal's computer system to process deposits at school!

Students working at Royal Credit Union School \$ense learn valuable skills:

- Real Job Experience
- Member Service
- Confidentiality
- Professionalism
- Responsibility
- Teamwork



Watch for details on how to save at school next month!

We welcome your questions about Royal School \$ense and how you can get your child started saving at school.

Please contact me at:

Rachel Orlovsky 715-577-3604 [Rachel.Orlovsky@rcu.org](mailto:Rachel.Orlovsky@rcu.org)

### Scenes from Flynn

Students came dressed in their best for picture day.



Monday's Peace Walk.



## **Start Collecting your Pop Tabs!**



### **What are pop tabs?**

Pop tabs are the aluminum tabs found on the top of cans. Aluminum is one of the most recyclable materials in the world and, although the whole can is valuable, the pop tab is smaller and cleaner, making it easier to collect in large quantities.

### **How do pop tabs help?**

The pop tabs collected are taken to our recycling partner and are exchanged for funds to be donated to directly support the children and families staying at RMHC Marshfield, WI.

**Stay tuned for more information.**



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## Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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### From the EC Public library

Approximately 1,800 children participated in the summer reading program! Our public library is proud of each one of you and we are too! Well Done!

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

Chippewa Valley Book Festival is excited to bring back the Young Authors Showcase (grades 3-8). [Learn more here.](#)



## Back to School Emotional Wellness

Returning to school can be stressful! It's normal for children to feel anxious during this time. Here are a couple tips on how to ease their worries:

1. **Communicate:** Check in with your child(ren) often. Acknowledge your child's fears and let them know you understand and that it's normal to feel anxious.
2. **Encourage In-Person Social Interactions:** Spending time with friends outside of school can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
3. **Create and Continue Routines:** Establishing bedtimes, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help your child adjust to the school year.

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: [www.getinvolvedasap.org](http://www.getinvolvedasap.org)



Join us for an exciting crosstown match!

<b>SEPT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>NORTH HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

Eau Claire Area Elementary and  
Middle School Students!

Varsity players from EC North and  
EC Memorial will be signing  
autographs and cake will be  
provided after the match for  
students and players!