

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

# Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



Dear Finn Families,

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. As we begin to settle into the new school year, we will continue to closely monitor and revise our policies and procedures, in an effort to provide the highest level of instruction, social-emotional support, and health and safety precautions. We recognize that there have been setbacks and processes that have needed to be adjusted, and we appreciate that our school community continues to remain a crew and supportive of one another. This year will not be an easy one, but with challenging times often comes creativity, resilience, and a greater sense of community. We look to the many exciting things to come this year.

Best,

*Aimee*

*We are crew*

### VISITOR REMINDER

Anyone coming to the building as a visitor, must be screened and temperature checked. We are limiting access to the office and building, as a health and safety measure. Please ensure that you are accessing the building via the main entrance.

### Return to School After **SCREENING** positive for COVID-19 Symptoms



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Chemung County Health Dept.

Documentation of Evaluation from a Health Care Provider

**AND**

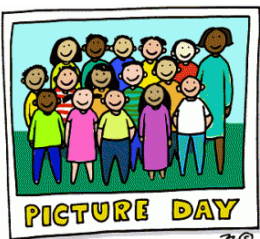
Negative COVID-19 Test

**AND**

Symptom Resolution

References;  
See guidance (p.3)  
[https://  
www.governor.ny.gov](https://www.governor.ny.gov)

This information is current at time of this revision and is based upon guidance from NYSDOH. This information is subject to change as NYSDOH guidance changes.



### SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Tuesday, November 3rd

Makeups: December 15th and December 17th

More information to follow for in-person and remote!

## MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR



We are very excited to introduce the newest member to our crew, Mrs. Jean Coons. As our school counselor, Mrs. Coons will provide social-emotional support to our in-person and remote scholars at all grade levels, through short-term individual and crisis counseling, small group counseling, and classroom instruction. To contact Mrs. Coons, please call the main office or email her directly at: [jeancoons@finnacademy.com](mailto:jeancoons@finnacademy.com). Learn more about Mrs. Coons in her introductory letter!

## NWEA

During the week of September 28 through October 31, we will be requiring all scholars to complete three NWEA MAP Assessments- two reading and one math. These are nationally normed tests aligned to New York State Standards and grade level expectations.

MAP tests are important to teachers because they keep track of progress and growth on grade level specific skills. The test scores also let teachers know where a scholar's strengths are; or, if help might be needed in any specific areas. Teachers will also use this information to help guide individual and group instruction in the classroom.

This link references *12 common questions parents ask about MAP Growth* <https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>

The NWEA logo, consisting of the word "nwea" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font, with the "n" and "w" in a dark grey color and the "e" and "a" in a yellow color. The logo is set against a dark grey square background.

## Finn Family Crew Event

*Elmira Drive-In* double feature  
Friday, September 25th

Scholar **free** tickets sent via email.



## DIGITAL WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

Reminder that our Wednesday folder materials will be sent via Kaymbu and posted to our website, outside of special requests and forms.