

OCTOBER 22, 2020

Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



Dear Finn Families,

It is difficult to believe that we are soon nearing the end of the first marking period. As we have shared with our school community, we are planning to review our instructional programming and make any necessary changes to our models, in the best interest of our scholars, families, and health and safety. A few weeks ago we asked for families to submit surveys regarding their experience thus far, and to project possible changes in instructional models. This information has been helpful in beginning to discuss transitions and adjustments, however, we need additional information to make informed decisions regarding programming. **As such, next week we will be sending a link to a Selection Form similar to the one completed in August. We are requiring all families to submit this form** in order for us to determine any possible moves from remote to in-person or vice versa. At this time, we cannot guarantee any instructional model switches, but will carefully review the data and we appreciate your continued support and partnership.

Best,
Aimee

We are crew

VISITOR REMINDER



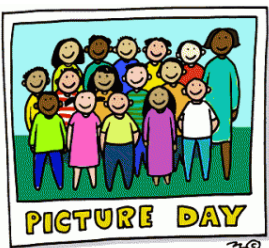
Anyone coming to the building as a visitor, must be screened and temperature checked. We are limiting access to the office and building, as a health and safety measure. Please ensure that you are accessing the building via the main entrance.

REMOTE LEARNING



Our school building will be closed as of Monday, October 22nd and all instruction will temporarily shift to remote only. If you have not yet completed the remote learning needs survey, please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS



Due to school building closure, we are in the process of rescheduling our picture days for both in-person and remote scholars. Stay tuned for additional information!

REMOTE FUTURE CELEBRATION WEEK—October 26–October 30

This week is dedicated to celebrating our scholars' bright futures by having a fun spirit week with a college and career focus! We look forward to still celebrating remotely!

Monday, October 26th

Working Towards My Future

Scholars dress in school-appropriate workout clothes

Tuesday, October 27th

The Future Me

Scholars dress up as their dream career/profession

Wednesday, October 28th

My Future's So Bright

Scholars dress in neon or bright-colored clothing

Thursday, October 30th

Dress to Impress

Scholars dress in their fanciest attire

Friday, October 30th

Dress to Impress

Scholars dress in school-appropriate pajamas (slippers not permitted)



MEET YOUR PARENT REP!

Greeting Finn Families, I wanted to reach out and introduce myself as the Finn Parent/Family Representative for the 2020-2021 school year. Sadly, my son, a sixth grader, is in his last year at Finn, however, has been a scholar since it's first year. I think it goes without saying that this is a challenging time for schools and families as the impact of COVID-19 has been significant and presented a myriad of new challenges. My role will encompass collecting parent feedback and concerns from you; our Finn families, and relay them to the Board. In addition, I will communicate a summary of the board meeting discussions at the Finn Family Crew meetings. I know this year looks and feels differently for many reasons, one being, that we are not having the many in person social events that the school holds, which allows us to feel a sense of community and engage with other families. I want to ensure that the goal is to keep communication open between the board/the school and the families. Please feel free to email me parentrep@finnacademy.com any questions/concerns or general feedback as I will relay them to the board at the monthly meetings. I assure you that the board wants to hear from our families and values your input immensely. A BIG shout out to the staff, the board and Finn Family Crew for all the work they have done and continue to do for our scholars and families.

Sincerely,
Michelle Augustine

6th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast



Tuesday, November 10, 2020
(if school is reopened)

8:45 – Flag Ceremony
9:00-10:00 am – “Grab and go” breakfast

At Finn Academy

610 Lake Street, Elmira 14901

Please RSVP by: October 31st to melissawildrick@finnacademy.com or 607-737-8040