

Wednesday Newsletter  
January 18, 2017

## Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

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Dear Families:

As you know, **kindness** remains one of our most important core values at Finn Academy, and at last week's Community Circle, Mrs. Gleckner and her scholars highlighted this by kicking off a *Kindness Challenge*. They helped classes write thank you cards for our very own, Mr. Fulkrod, to recognize him for his "above and beyond" service to Finn, and to show their appreciation for his dedication to our school. Scholars were inspired by a kindness video that emphasized how meaningful even the smallest act of kindness can be, and how kindness can come full circle. We invite you to bring this challenge into your homes and help your children come up with creative ways of spreading kindness throughout our school, and our community!

Best,  
Aimee

Finn in the  
Community



Finn staff and scholars were honored to participate in Monday's "Together We Dine" event, hosted by our community partners, The Economic Opportunity Program. The event provided a delicious meal to over 1,000 people, and brought our community together in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

We anticipate receiving the results of our Fall Terra Nova testing in the upcoming weeks, and will share with families after reviewing as a staff. The Terra Nova's provide us with additional information that assists us in planning for instruction based on our scholars' strengths and growth areas. Our next round of testing will be held in June—please note that this is a change from what is posted on our academic calendar.

Terra  
Nova  
Testing



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CMOG Field Work –1st Grade**  
Thursday, January 19, 2017

**Community Circle**  
Friday, January 20, 2017  
**Spotlight:** Ms. Woods' 3rd grade Crew

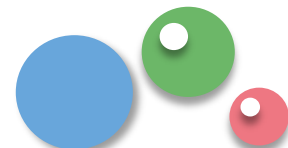
**Harlem Wizards Game**  
Friday, January 20, 2017  
The Family Fitness Center  
425 Pennsylvania Avenue  
7:00 pm

**3rd Grade Expedition Celebration**  
Thursday, January 26, 2017  
Tanglewood Nature Center  
12:00-1:30 pm

**Jackals Night**  
Friday, January 27, 2017  
First Arena  
6:40 pm—National Anthem  
7:00 pm—Game Time

**Enrollment Session**  
Monday, January 30, 2017  
Finn Academy Auditorium  
5:00 pm

**2nd Grade Expedition Celebration**  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
5:30 pm  
Finn Academy





## Our 3rd Grade is getting "Froggy"!

Last week our third graders were joined by Ms. Laine, an expert from Tanglewood, and a few of her froggy friends. Our scholars were able to put their frog knowledge into action, and gain new information as they near the end of their Frog expedition. **Thank you Tanglewood!**

Our 3rd grade Expedition Celebration is  
**January 26th at Tanglewood** from  
**12:30-1:15 pm.**

## You are cordially Invited!



Our second grade scholars and teachers are excited to invite families and community members to join them in the celebration of the end of their River expedition. The event will be held in the Finn Academy Gymnasium at 5:30 pm on January 31st.

## **Scholar-led Conferences**

Please look for your Scholar-led Conference preference sheet in your child's Wednesday folder. This form provides families the opportunity to select dates and times that are most convenient. We will do our best to accommodate date and time requests, and appreciate your flexibility, and excitement as we kick off the first round of SLC's for this school year!

## Extended Day

We enjoyed the opportunity to pilot our first Extended Day session, with nearly 150 scholars participating! We look forward to having our next session in the Fall. We value your feedback and will utilize it to help us shape the Extended Day program moving forward. Thank you to all who participated.



## **Don't forget!**

Finn Night at the Jackals is on  
**Friday, January 27th** at  
the First Arena.

Any scholars interested in performing the National Anthem prior to the start of the game, please meet behind Section 105 by 6:40 pm.

## **Important Reminder:**

We are honored to have two parents representing our Finn families on our Board of Trustees. We encourage you to outreach them with questions or thoughts.

**Jenica Drehmer** and **Nichole Bocage**

Feel welcome to contact our representatives via email at: [parentrep@finnacademy.com](mailto:parentrep@finnacademy.com)

## **Finn Board Parent Representatives**