

APRIL 21, 2021

# Finna Academy: An Elmira Charter School

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



### SUMMER SESSION



Summer Session criteria and details are still being finalized and will be shared with families in the very near future. Our optional, invitation-based program will take place July 19-30, with scholar attendance from 8:30-12:00 daily. We are working diligently to create an experience that will be beneficial for all participating scholars.

### NYS ASSESSMENTS

NYS ELA Assessment— Session I ONLY	NYS Math Assessment— Session I ONLY
Grades 5/6: Monday, April 26th Grade 4: Tuesday, April 27th Grade 3: Wednesday, April 28th	Grades 5/6: Tuesday, May 11th Grade 4: Wednesday, May 12th Grade 3: Thursday, May 13th

Information regarding the 4th grade Science assessment will be forthcoming. For questions regarding testing in the in-person or remote setting, please contact our Chief Academic Officer, Jeremy Wheeler, at [jeremywheeler@finnaademy.com](mailto:jeremywheeler@finnaademy.com) or 737-8040.

### Upcoming Dates

4/21

Academics Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm

4/26

NYS ELA Assessment—  
Grades 5/6

4/27

NYS ELA Assessment—  
Grade 4

4/28

NYS ELA Assessment—  
Grade 3

5/3-5/7

Teacher Appreciation Week!

### YEARBOOKS

Online ordering for yearbooks is open now up until 5/20. To order, go to: <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com>, and enter the School ID: 12834721. If you are able and interested in donating for a scholar in need to be able to purchase a yearbook, there is a section to indicate that.

# REENTRY COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Finn Academy Reentry Committee met Tuesday, 4/20, where our Leadership Team presented the recommended changes below to our current Reentry Plan:

- Allow distancing of 3 feet, rather than 6, during instructional time while ensuring that during mealtimes a distance of 6 feet is maintained between scholars.
- Allow distancing of six feet, rather than 12, in activities that require projecting the voice (e.g., singing), playing a wind instrument, or aerobic activity resulting in heavy breathing (e.g., participating in gym classes).
- Require face mask use at all times and remove opportunity for mask breaks, except for during meals or when outdoors and scholars are distanced by at least 6 feet.
- Update staff/scholar/visitor screening protocols/questions to align with updated State guidance.
- Follow Pre-K to Gr. 12 COVID-19 Toolkit to determine a return to school/work.
- Scholar assemblies/gatherings shall not exceed capacity limits set forth by NYSDOH; the school will ensure that cohorts remain separate and that all other health and safety protocols will be followed, including recommended physical distancing requirements.
- Field Study shall be considered on a case-by-case basis; if cohorting can remain intact to transport scholars to and from field study sites, and if all health and safety guidelines are followed at a field study site, field studies can resume with parental permission.

A short survey will be sent to parents to provide feedback on the recommended changes; if you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the school Leadership Team.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are working on planning for Leave No Space, Field Day, Nos Scolares, and Semper Scolares events; more information will be coming soon!



## 2021-2022 CALENDAR

The 2021-2022 calendar was approved by the Board of Trustees at the April meeting of the Board, and is also included in this week's Wednesday folder materials.



## 2021-2022 Enrollment

We held our Lottery for 2021-2022 enrollment on Tuesday, April 14th and families should receive a letter this week regarding the results and registration dates.

We still have a few available spaces in kindergarten; please share with friends and family!