

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



Dear Finn Families,

Over the last two days, we have welcomed a consultant group, SchoolWorks, to the building to conduct a School Quality Review. Their visit has included observations, focus group interviews with various stakeholders, and document review. At the end of their visit they will summarize their findings and provide the school with helpful feedback regarding program strengths, areas of growth, and other helpful information that will help prepare us for our upcoming renewal. Stay tuned for more!

Best,
Aimee Ciardo
Dean of Scholars

We are crew

Upcoming Dates

Futures Week—Dress to Impress
10/28

Futures Week—Dream Big
10/29

Academics Committee Meeting
11/4

Board of Trustees Meeting
11/8

Veterans Day Breakfast
11/10

NO SCHOOL—VETERANS DAY
11/11

Core Value Ceremony
11/12

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



We will be facilitating **request-only** parent/teacher conferences on **Tuesday, November 23rd**.

More information will be coming home soon regarding how to request a conference, and the timeline. Parents/guardians can request a conference, as well as a teacher.

COVID-RELATED ABSENCES

We ask for your continued patience while we work through each individual COVID-related absence as it pertains to continuity of learning. Depending on the situation, we are able to provide fully remote learning, hard copy materials, or a blend of both. It typically takes at least one school day to put learning materials together for pick-up, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Please reach out if you are concerned about your scholar's social-emotional or mental health needs; we are here to support. Scholars can access our School Counselor, Jean Coons, for short-term individual and crisis counseling. We also have a continued partnership with Family Services to provide school-based mental health counseling. This service is by referral only and for more ongoing support.

FUTURE CELEBRATION WEEK—

October 25-October 29

This week is dedicated to celebrating our scholars' bright futures by having a fun

Thursday, October 28th

Dress to Impress

Scholars dress in their
fanciest attire

spirit week with a
college and
career focus!

Friday, October 29th

Dream Big

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

Required COVID Testing & Staffing Capacity

With pooled testing underway this week for staff, it is possible that we may have a number of staff test positive; and while we have various Guest Teachers and staff who can help to fill in for teachers if/when they are out, we may get to a point where we simply do not have sufficient staff to operate in-person in a safe and effective manner. In this instance, we will give as much notice as possible—but please know that there may come a time when we will have to make a rapid shift to remote instruction, based on staff availability.

PICTURE MAKEUP DAY



November 16, 2021

Your scholar can have their picture taken on this day if you are not satisfied with their original picture, or if they were absent on picture day.