

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

# Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



Dear Finn Families,

As the holiday season nears, we know there is both joy and excitement, but also stress and challenges. Once again we will be joining forces with Finn Family Crew, donors from the school and broader community, to support with our Owl Tree. For information regarding this program, please see the separate letter that outlines the program and provides a link to a Google Form to sign up to receive support, or to volunteer as a donor.

Best,  
*Aimee Carlo*  
Dean of Scholars

*We are crew*

### Upcoming Dates

Veterans Day Breakfast  
11/10

NO SCHOOL—VETERANS DAY  
11/11

Core Value Ceremony  
11/12

End of Marking Period 1  
11/12

Picture Makeup Day  
11/16

Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL for Scholars  
11/22–11/26



### Optional Scholar COVID Testing

Per NYSED guidance, and in partnership with the Chemung County Health Department, OPTIONAL screening testing for COVID-19 is available. The Health Department has contracted with employees from BOCES who will conduct the testing, which is pooled testing through a company called Quadrant; this is a saliva test.

Again, this screening is OPTIONAL, and you must register your own scholar(s) to participate, at the link below:

<https://app.clarifi-covid-19.com/>

Where it is asked if the Patient has Health Insurance, you may answer NO; Chemung County will be covering the expense of this testing so there will be NO CHARGE to families.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN-TEACHER CONFERENCES



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

Conference request link: <https://forms.gle/znoJPFJSjcbwdewbA>

# FALL 2021 PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the families that completed the survey; this feedback is critical in continuing to improve our school programming.

| Engagement                       |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Focus Area                       | Positivity Rate |
| Cultural & Linguistic Competence | 96%             |
| Relationships                    | 97%             |

| Safety                           |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Focus Area                       | Positivity Rate |
| Emotional Safety                 | 99%             |
| Physical Safety                  | 92%             |
| Bullying/<br>Cyberbullying       | 90%             |
| Substance Abuse                  | 100%            |
| Emergency Readiness & Management | 99%             |

| Environment        |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Focus Area         | Positivity Rate |
| Physical Env.      | 99%             |
| Instructional Env. | 97%             |
| Mental Health      | 96%             |
| Discipline         | 95%             |
| Physical Health    | 95%             |



## COLD WEATHER WEAR

With the temperature dropping, please ensure that your scholar is coming to school with appropriate outerwear (i.e.: coats, hats, gloves, etc.) We do not have the capacity to have a large volume of scholars staying in the office for recess due to inappropriate recess clothing. If you need support in finding cold weather clothes, please contact the main office or Finn Family crew.

It is the school's policy to have scholars go outside for recess as long as the temperature is above 25 degrees (feels like).



## VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST



Wednesday,  
November 10, 2021

9:00 – Flag Ceremony  
9:15-10:00 am – “Grab and Go” breakfast for local Veterans