

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWSLETTER



Dear Finn Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already in week 2 of our 8th year as a school of choice in Elmira! We have enjoyed welcoming back returning scholars and staff, as well as connecting with new scholars and staff members. If you have not yet had an opportunity to review our Family Handbook, please take time to do so, as it outlines important reminders, guidelines, expectations and policies. We appreciate your support and helping us to ensure that our staff and scholars have a safe, healthy, and successful year.

Best,

Aimee and Martina

We are crew

Upcoming Dates

NWEA Fluency Testing
9/12-9/23

FFC General Meeting
9/15

FFC Haskins Fundraiser
9/17-9/18

School Climate Survey
9/27-10/1

NO SCHOOL
10/10

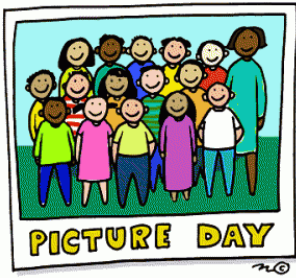
RENEWAL UPDATE



We submitted our renewal application to our authorizer, the SUNY Charter Schools Institute in August and look forward to welcoming the evaluation team in November. We are excited to show them all of the wonderful things happening at Finn and why school choice in Elmira is so important! More information to follow.

COVID GUIDELINES & RECOMMENDATIONS—PER CDC/MYSDOH/MYSED

- Please keep your scholar home when sick.
- Any scholar or staff member who has symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home.
- Testing is recommended for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin.
- People who have tested positive or are awaiting COVID-19 test results should remain home and follow the CDC's Isolation Guidance.
 - If someone who tested positive has no symptoms, isolation may end after day 5.
 - If someone has symptoms, isolation may end after day 5 if they are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.
- People should wear a mask through day 10 after ending isolation when they are feeling better (fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication and symptoms improving).
 - After having ended isolation, if COVID-19 symptoms recur or worsen, restart isolation at day 0. Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset. Staff and student's parents/guardians should be advised to talk to a healthcare provider about their symptoms or when to end isolation.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Main Picture Day: October 17th
 Makeup Picture Day: November 18th

More information regarding ordering to come!

SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole Grain PB and J Uncrustables (Monday only) Carrot sticks Hummus Whole Grain Pretzels Fresh Fruit Milk * GF, Nut Free available	Turkey Sub With Lettuce and Tomato Sticks Fresh Celery Sticks Honey Mustard Dip Pretzels Fresh Fruit Milk * GF, V available	Cheese Tortellini with Homemade Creamy Red Sauce Whole Grain Garlic Bread Spinach Salad Dressing Croutons Fresh fruit Milk *DF, GF, V available	***Taco Bowl Mixed Greens Fresh corn and black beans Salsa Ranch Tortilla chips Whole grain roll Fresh Fruit Milk ***SEE BACK OF MENU FOR MORE DETAILS *DF, GF, V available	Whole Grain House Made Pizza Bagel Broccoli Salad Pretzels Fresh Fruit Milk *DF, GF, V available

Note: In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, on Thursday 9/15, lunch will be Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas.



New from the Finn Music Department

Band Information Night for grades 4-6 is scheduled for Thursday, 9/15 at 6:00 pm in the Band room.

We welcome Mr. Horton-Miller to our music department as our long-term guest teacher in general music.

Stay tuned for exciting chorus opportunities for our older scholars!



PROOFS REQUIREMENT REMINDER

As previously shared, for residents of the Elmira City School District, we are required to provide the District proofs of residence. If your address has **not** changed since June, you only need to provide us with **one** current (dated within 45 days) proof; if you **have** moved or are new to Finn, you must provide us with a change of address form and **three** current (dated within 45 days) proofs. If we do not receive the required number of recent proofs of residence for every scholar currently enrolled at Finn Academy and residing in the Elmira City School District by **September 30th**, for submission, we will not receive funding for those scholars lacking proofs.

Scholar Drop-Off

Doors do not open until 7:30 am daily; we ask that you not drop off your scholar prior to 7:30. This is to ensure their safety and supervision.