

FLYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

January, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

From Mrs. Figurski and I wish a Happy New Year to all of our Flynn families. This past year has been very busy. 2008 found the wheels being set in motion to celebrate Flynn's 35th Birthday. Flynn's staff, students and Booster Club began preparing to recognize our Veterans. Field trips to Chicago, the Rock 'N Roll Museum, and the zoo were on tap for the students.

Football, basketball, volleyball, and track teams represented Flynn's athleticism. Several after school clubs gave students a break from studies and a chance to try their hands at something new. Parent-Teacher Conferences came in and tutoring was offered for those students needing "a little extra help."

In May, the big day – "Happy Birthday Flynn" arrived. Halls were decorated with memories of the past, the bands played, and the choir sang. Cones, Buffalo Wild Wings, ice cream, pop, popcorn and birthday cake helped complete the celebration. Former students, teachers and administrators also came to reminisce.

All in all, it was a wonderful year, and our wishes are for all our Flynn family to have a great year for 2009!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

6th Graders, Claire Diaz; 7th grader, Stephanie Close and 8th grader, Emma Planet who were winners in the 2008 American Education Week Poster Contest.



(Mr. Delicato, Mr. Babcock, Claire Diaz, Stephanie Close, Mrs. Okun, Mrs. LaBarra, and Emma Planet)

On December 3, 2008, the three students were honored at the Administration Building for designing posters sponsored by a contest through the Warren Education Association, in a shared effort with Warren Consolidated Schools' students and parents, to celebrate our public schools through art. The themes and images in each American Education Week poster advocate that the gateway to a brighter future is through public education. This district-wide partnership is proof positive that students, parents and teachers are all necessary components in moving our education community forward. Again, congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers who have worked to make this year's American Education Week poster contest such a success.

The Fearless Flynn Math Team is Going Strong!



The scores are in for the December 2008 Continental Math League (CML) Meet #2. This was a very tough test! The CML is a classic math competition among students all across the country. Even winning 2 points for these six *tricky* problems is considered rather good! Congratulations to ALL participants! The top six scores determine the team points.

* **In the sixth grade, the team score was 19 points.**
ANTON GOJCAJ earned the top score at 4 points.

→Seven sixth graders earned 3 points: Theresa Polgar, Julian Marghalle, Arienne Patano, Jozef Nicaj, Brad Merola, and Maryann Syed

The 6th grade math team did a fine job! See one of their December CML problems below. Not easy!

* **The seventh grade team earned 24 points.**
The top individual score of 5 points went to KRISTEN LIDWELL.

→Scoring 4's were: Katlyn Cruz, Evan Gonzales, Sarah Lewandowski, and Natalie Steflja.

→Six students scored 3 points: Antoniu Fodar, Ashley Fruehauf, Jessica Kluz, Sandy Kue, Morgan Morin and Alex Ngo.

The 7th team did a great job!

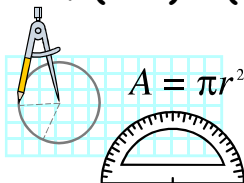
* **The 8th grade team earned 19 points this time.**
TREY LUNDMARK was top scorer with 4 points.

→Seven 8th graders won 3 points each: Samantha Abdalla, Manpreet Kaur, Amanda Najor, Haroon Syed, Andi Bello, and Evan Huntoon

Keep up the good work Flynn Math Team!
Let's go for some "perfect 6" scores in 2009!
On-Line practice is available for the Flynn CML Team.

Problem from 6th Grade CML/Dec 08:

If $(A-2) \times (A-3) = 12$, find the one-digit number "A" represents.



Answer: $(A-2)$ and $(A-3)$ must be consecutive numbers, since $4 \times 3 = 12$, $A=6$

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, February 5, 2009

12 – 3 p.m.
&
5 - 8 p.m.

There will be a ½ day of school that day, with
dismissal at 11:12

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FROM STUDENT COUNCIL.



Christmas found the Student Council members hustling through the halls of Flynn with the Fireman's Fund fundraiser. Stars were sold for \$1.00 each for the Hall Christmas tree

Through the generous efforts of staff and students, over \$1,000.00 was collected. A presentation will be made to the Fireman's organization at a later date.

WAITING FOR THE BUS

Do you have students that wait close to your house for a bus? If you do, for the safety of our students, would you please clear off an area where students may stand while waiting for the bus. Many of the students have been standing in the street waiting for busses to come and on these dark mornings there is always the fear that one of them may be struck by a car.

Your kind help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.



BOY'S BASKETBALL

Our basketball season is quickly coming to a close. The 7th and 8th grades are young teams who put their all into every game. Every week they improve and gain a new insight to the task at hand. One of the most important things to remember, as a young team they are a learning team – striving to improve.



Congratulations to the following young men who have put their all into every week's games.

7th GRADE ROSTER

Michael Adour #11	Jalen Dixon #21
Ontonio Doha #23	Austin Forgash #13
Alked Gazulli #24	Chuckie Grade #4
Anthony Hanna #22	Anh Ho #20
Derrick Jemmoa #50	Dimas Moosa #33
France Moosa #42	Harris Muhic #34
Ryan O'Neil #32	Jimmy Turner #5
Jonathon Zalecki #10	Anthony Aboona #40
Yousif Moosa #15	Anthony Toney #1

8th GRADE ROSTER

Brando Abbo	Sharooz Ali
Demecia Anderson	Anthony Beitel
Yousif Daoud	Simon Gappe
Kevin Jarbo	Fannr Korkis
Scott Kolasa	Trey Lundmark
Anton Mansour	Emanuel Papaj
Anthony Sakhria	Sarmad Talya
Kelvin Wilson	

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STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Report to your counselor or to another staff member at the school, if you believe that you have been discriminated against, or not allowed to participate in any academic, sports, social program or activity in or at your school, or the district, because of your:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin or Ancestry
- Language
- Gender
- Age
- Disability
- Height
- Weight, or
- Marital Status

Your rights as an individual are safeguarded by the laws of the federal and state government and the district's policies and procedures. Follow these steps:

1. Contact your counselor or another staff member immediately. Be prepared with the following information; it is critical that you be as specific as possible.
 - Date and time of the incident.
 - What took place and what was said?
 - Names of any persons who were witness to the incident. Witnesses are not required to report a complaint.
2. Your concern will be investigated and resolved by the appropriate building or central office administrator within 10 school days of your report.
3. If you are not satisfied with the results of the investigation, you may appeal to the school district Civil Rights Coordinator, Mr. Bruce Grusecki, Human Resources Consultant

Confidentiality: Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain your confidentiality during the investigation process. However, a proper investigation will, in some circumstances, require the disclosure of names and allegations.

You will be appropriately notified when the investigation has been completed.

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Warren Consolidated School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment. Inquiries should be addressed to the Human Resources Consultant, 31300 Anita, Warren, MI 48093.
(586) 825-2400, ext. 63110

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ASSURANCE OFFICERS

The individuals listed below assume responsibilities for assuring compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Title II of the American Disability Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as noted:

- ✓ Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator for Title VI, Title IX, and Age Discrimination: Bruce Grusecki, Human Resources Consultant
- ✓ Section 504 Compliance Officer: Wyman Lare, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and,
- ✓ Title II Americans with Disabilities Compliance Officer: Ellanore L. Evans, Executive Director of Employee Services.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Students at Flynn recently competed in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The Bee tests students' knowledge in all areas of geography. The Geography Bee takes place through students' social studies classrooms. All students compete in the first seven rounds of the Bee and then the class winners go on to compete for a spot in the finals. There will be one top winner from the Flynn Middle School finals who will take a written examination to try and qualify for the state competition and a prize of \$25,000 in college scholarship money on April 3, 2009. The national competition will be take place on May 19th and 20th in Washington, D.C. and will be televised on the National Geographic Channel.

Classroom Winners

Max Edwards
David Nguyen
William Wright
Emily Nguyen
Andrew Morolli
Austin Hauer
Robert Moldovan
Bree Overall
Bryan Donahue
David Serban
A.J. Co
Simon Kasawa

Andi Bello
Julian Shamoon
Sarah Lewandowski
Brett Wilson
Andrew Pence
Manuel Jijika
Ranny Ftoni
Laurie Bower
Simon Kasawa
Chris Truskowski

Finalists

Bryan Donahue
Brett Wilson

School Champion

Brett Wilson

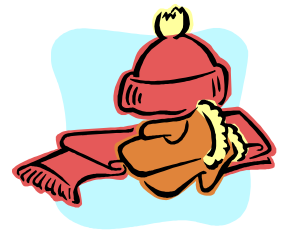
Congratulations, Brett!!

COLD WEATHER WEAR . . . WHERE IS IT?



Weather in Michigan is not exactly something you can count on, especially in the winter. Too many students are arriving at school, wearing only sweatshirts, light jackets, or no jackets at all.

Parents, please make sure that your students are dressed well for the cold weather that is upon us. Even though students are driven to school or take a bus, there is always



the possibility of a car or bus breakdown and the students would be subject to

the elements. It only takes a few minutes of being out in the extreme cold for your students to encounter a problem.

A situation could also arise that would necessitate the evacuation of the building. If that would happen, students without jackets and proper cold attire would find themselves in a helpless situation. Please make sure they are dressed for any emergency that could arise.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM

Parents – please be advised that students are **NOT** to be dropped off for school in the front of the building, nor should they be picked up after school in the front of the building. This presents a safety issue. It might be noted that parents must follow traffic directions.

The Sterling Heights Police Department has been notified and will be making periodic appearances at Flynn Middle School, as well as on Foxhill. Remember, we have your child's safety on our minds at all times.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1/14 TMI to Meijers | 2/12 Volleyball - Flynn @ Richards |
| 1/15 Ski Club after school | 2/13 Winter Break begins at the end of School day |
| 1/16 Records Day - ½ day p.m. | 2/23 School resumes |
| 1/19 Martin Luther King Day -
No school | 2/25 Counselors from SHHS -
meet with 8th graders |
| 1/20 3rd Card marking begins | 3/2 Boosters - 7 p.m. |
| 1/21 B.Ball - Page @ Flynn | 3/3 Pre festival concert @
Flynn |
| 1/23 Report cards distributed | 3/6 Progress Reports
distributed |
| 1/31 MSBOA- Solo & Ensemble | 3/21 Science Olympiad |
| 2/2 Booster Club Mtg. - 7 p.m. | |
| 2/5 Parent-Teacher
Conferences | |
| Science Fair | |
| 2/10 Volleyball - Carter @ Flynn | |