

FLYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FLYNN MISSION STATEMENT

Flynn Middle School provides a safe and positive learning environment, which creates successful students.

FLYNN VISION STATEMENT

We strive to empower students to become productive and responsible citizens.

FLYNN BELIEF STATEMENTS

At Flynn Middle school, we believe

- ❖ in a partnership among all stakeholders (staff, students, parents, and community).
- ❖ that all students can learn and be successful
- ❖ in developing life-long learners.

A MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

February, 2012

COMING UP FAST - - KEEP THE DATE OPEN

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, March 15, 2012**. Once again parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's grades and progress in middle school.



Conferences will be held from **12:30 -3:00 p.m.** and again from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Students will have a half-day of school that day, with dismissal taking place at 11:14.

Please remember that the conference with the teacher this afternoon or this evening should be kept to about 5 minutes affording other parents time to have with the teacher.

If you feel that more time is needed for discussion, you are more than welcome to meet with all of your student's teachers by making an appointment with them for a later date.

JUST A REMINDER.
Winter break begins at the end of the day on February 17, 2012.
School resumes on Monday February 27, 2012. Please remember it is late start Monday and classes begin at 8:45 a.m.

THEY DID IT!!!

HERE THEY ARE!!! STUDENTS, WHO WERE NOMINATED AS THEY “DID THE RIGHT THING” IN THE SECOND QUARTER. THESE STUDENTS RECEIVED A “NEW SPIRAL BOUND AGENDA” FROM MRS. GUINN FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

Sara Abdulelah
Nia Anderson
Felicia Bahoura
Adrian Bahri
Stivana Barkho
Maggie Brown
Thomas Brown
Amanda Chehab
Marcie Choluj
David Diaz
Julian Dixon
Sami Dukovic
Jamie Dumm
Jocelyn Evert
Lauren Evert
Jacqueline Fayad
Megan Gabrail
Maria Gallo
Valentina Gojcaj
Ashley Graziano
Fani Houmi

Ghossan Jamil
Mariam Jarjees
Dianna Jemmoa
Jenna Johnston
Anjalena Juncaj
Christopher Kaifish
Christopher Kaju
Mina Kandelchy
Shpresa Kapllani
Nikolet Karroca
Eugene Kim
Ann Krause
Justin Larkin
Steven Lewandowski
Nyah Lemons
Rachel Locher
Lona Mati
Nick Meadows
Stavrena Mikha
Sarah Naji
Nikiruka Nwogu

Dio Palaspas
Anjelina Palusaj
Megan Pence
Abigail Pierce
Tina Pierce
Julie Pisarski
Stephanie Preda
Alex Put
Rita Rasho
Amber Robbins
Jessica Rus
Robart Sabah
Andrew Shenouda
Eric Stanick
Colleen Tacubao
Kalie Tomlinson
Tamera Turner
Julia Wood



FROM MS. NANCE

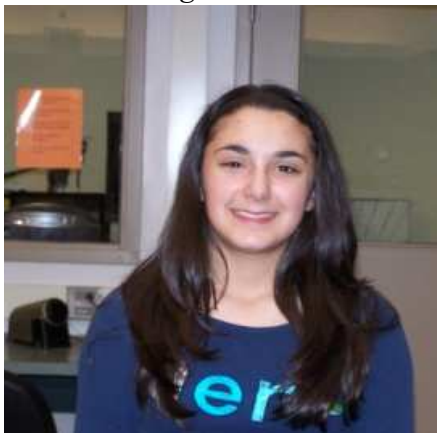


For the 16th consecutive year, our students have engaged in the “I Have A Dream’ writing contest. Participants wrote a paragraph on what they would do to keep Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quest for non-violence, peace and respect, alive at Flynn Middle School.

Congratulations to Jenna Abroo who won the 2012 “I Have A Dream” writing contest. She will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate to the school’s store.

WHO DARES TO DREAM ON?

One way we can keep Dr. King’s dream alive at Flynn Middle School is, to respect each other, accept each other, and get along with each other. At Flynn we are one big family and that’s what Dr. King believed in. Everyone deserves to be treated fairly no matter their color or race. Nobody should be punished for their culture. Using violence never solves anything either. Dr. King did so much to justify our nation; he deserves a national holiday about him. I hope I can be like him one day. That’s some of the many ways we can keep Dr. King’s dream alive at Flynn.



Thank you for your words of courage, motivation, and hope. Let’s stop! Take the time to dream optimistically.... Surely, if we all just take the time to recognize that great person who sits next to us, and just keep Jenna’s courageous words and actions in our hearts and thoughts; then you have just started the initiative to success and peaceful living.

Jenna, we know that Dr. King would be proud of you, and the Flynn student body and staff. Thank you for your words of encouragement.

CAUGHT “DOING GOOD” FOR JANUARY.....

6th GRADE

- Alex Abboud
- Madena Ahmed
- Randi Butros
- Joseph Marogi

7th GRADE

- Andrew Abouna
- Michael Burley
- Bella Joseph
- Kris Kaju

8th GRADE

- Savio Abdulahad
- Alvin Bahri
- Daniella Narso
- Angelina Palushaj



Enjoy that sweet treat from Mrs. Guinn!



Notes from Nursing



Happy Valentine's Day!

It's not too late. If you or your children have not received the Flu shot yet, you can still receive one.

The Flu season is running later this year and can run through April.

Many cases are just now starting to be seen at doctor's offices and Urgent care.

The flu is a contagious illness caused by viruses and strikes 5 - 20 percent of Americans each year.

Symptoms

The symptoms of any type of flu can be mild, severe or deadly depending on the person.

Older adults, young children, pregnant women, and anyone with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, or other chronic ailments have a higher risk for serious complications.

Flu symptoms usually start suddenly. They can include:

- ♥ High fever
- ♥ Headache
- ♥ Fatigue
- ♥ Cough
- ♥ Sore throat
- ♥ Runny or stuffy nose
- ♥ Body aches
- ♥ Vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children)

Prevention

The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination. The 2011-2012 vaccine will protect you against the three groups of influenza viruses, including the 2009 H1N1 virus.

Washing hands frequently can also offer protection. Boosting the immune system by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep will also help.

Seeking Medical Help

If you or your children get the flu, call the doctor within two days and ask if you could be prescribed an antiviral drug.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- ♥ Fever over 102 degrees
- ♥ Flu symptoms that last longer than 10 days or gets worse instead of better over time
- ♥ Persistent vomiting
- ♥ Very swollen glands in your neck or jaw

If your child has the flu:

- ♥ Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- ♥ Do not take Aspirin
- ♥ Get plenty of sleep and rest
- ♥ Encourage children to cover their cough to prevent the spread of the virus
- ♥ Stay home until they are fever free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours with no medication

February is Dental Health Month

Teach your children good oral hygiene:

- 🦷 brush your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- 🦷 replace your toothbrush every three to four months
- 🦷 clean teeth daily with floss
- 🦷 rinse with an antibacterial rinse to decrease the bacterial count
- 🦷 **Brush...Floss...Rinse...**

♥ **Seven Steps to take** to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease and improve your **Heart Health:**

- ♥ Get active
- ♥ Control cholesterol
- ♥ Eat better
- ♥ Manage blood pressure
- ♥ Lose weight
- ♥ Reduce blood sugar
- ♥ Stop smoking

Stay well and healthy,

**INTRODUCING FLYNN'S
2011/12 GIRL'S
BASKETBALL TEAMS
coached by Mrs. Rovner**

Nia Anderson
Alesis Bienick
Jasmine Chahil
Lauren Evert
Maria Gallo
Cassandra Garmo
Christin Garmo
Daniella Isa
Emily Kowalczyk
Ann Krause



Rachel Locker
Angelina Palushaj
Tina Pierce
Skyler Ryals
Tapvir Singh

**7TH GRADE TEAM
Coached by Mr. Volchko**
Tori Aiken

Maria Berishaj
Amanda Chehab
Ashley Childers
Kaitlyn Dallo
Alisha Dushaj
Alina Istifu
Dano Kluz
Stavena Mikha
Alyssa Marchi
Ashley Mueller
Daysia Parham
Anasgtasia Simjanoski
Haley Smedstad
Tamera Turner

***Good luck on the upcoming season!
GO FALCONS!!!!***

**FLYNN NEEDS YOUR OLD
PHONE BOOKS!**



If you have old phone books, please bring them to Flynn and put them in the Phone Book Recycling Container in the school parking lot.

Flynn is competing against 5 other schools to see who can collect the most phone books. The first place school will win \$500!

The container is located next to the newspaper recycling container which is waiting to be filled with your newspapers and old magazines!

AND WHILE WE ARE SAVING . .

What about those “Labels for Education”? Time is beginning to run out for this great effort.



What an easy way for student council to replenish their funds collecting, cutting, counting and sending the labels to General Mills for “free money”.

**AND DON'T FORGET . .
WILL WE RULE AT OAKLAND
MALL?**

Shoppers simply make a purchase at any store or restaurant at Oakland Mall during the program dates, October 1, 2011, thru March 31, 2012. Schools will receive credit points when they bring their original receipts to the Oakland Mall Information Center located on the lower level of the shopping center near JC Penney. A Customer Service Representative will record the purchase, stamp the receipt, and return the receipt to the shopper before they leave.

FROM MRS. HAFFNER:

On Saturday, January 14th talented Flynn Band Students performed at the Annual MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival at Rochester High School. Here are the results!

2012 Solo and Ensemble Results

Robert Pedder: 7th Grade Baritone Saxophone Solo 1st Division rating
Raymond Benvenuti: 7th Grade Baritone/Euphonium Solo, 2nd Division rating
Jake Edelmann: 7th Grade Bass Solo, 2nd Division rating
Erin Esser: Tuba Solo, 7th Grade 3rd Division rating



Raymond Benvenuti and Alexander Sunga: 7th Grade Baritone/Trombone Duet, 1st Division rating
Robert Pedder and Maria Gallo: 7th and 8th Grade Baritone Saxophone Duet, 1st Division rating.
Loren Thomas and Sara Abdulelah: 7th Grade Clarinet/Flute Duet, 2nd Division rating.

Jaidyn Smith and Amber Drake: 7th Grade Flute Duet, 2nd Division rating.
Simas Stapusaitis and Aaron Goudie: 8th and 7th Grade Trumpet/Trombone Duet, 3rd Division rating.

I.J. Wachuku and Vicky Kaczmarek: 7th Grade Flute/Clarinet Duet, 3rd Division rating.

Alyssa Loiurio, Min Tan, and Alexandra Corneanu: 7th Grade Flute Trio, 3rd Division rating.

Omar Wajeeh: 8th Grade Baritone/Euphonium Solo, 1st Division rating. Straight “A+’s”

Lauren Evert: 8th Grade Snare Drum Solo, 1st Division rating
Rachel Coy: 8th Grade Flute Solo, 1st Division rating
Alvin Bahri: 8th Grade Bass Clarinet Solo, 2nd Division rating
Maria Gallo: 8th Grade Baritone Saxophone Solo, 2nd Division rating
Simas Stapusaitis: 8th Grade Trumpet Solo, 2nd Division rating
Donovan Lindberg: 8th Grade Trombone Solo, 3rd Division rating



Emily Kowalczyk and Jenna Johnston: 8th Grade Flute Duet, 2nd Division rating

Rachel Coy and Joshua Hunley: 8th Grade Flute Duet, 2nd Division rating

Michael Aaron, Ann Krause, Omar Wajeeh: 8th Grade Trombone/Baritone Trio, 1st Division rating

Jordan Parrish, Connor Halloran, Miguel Cruz: 8th Grade Alto Saxophone Trio, 3rd Division rating.

Flynn Middle School~
School Improvement Committee~

Why is it that you can give directions using visual landmarks, but you may not remember the street names?

"... current research supports the belief that our ability to learn visually is greater than any of our other senses." -
Thinking Maps, A Language for Learning

In our continual efforts to support every student's individual learning experience at Flynn, the staff has entered into an extensive training on "Thinking Maps". This systematic, visual, brain-based system for organizing thinking has been supported by research as a "Best Practice" in quality instruction. During instruction, teachers will utilize mental visual patterns based on eight cognitive skills: Defining in Context, Describing Qualities, Comparing and Contrasting, Classifying, Part-Whole, Sequencing, Cause and Effect, and Seeing Analogies. Students will be able to link the visual Thinking Maps to a specific thought process. Students trained in using "Thinking Maps" will have the necessary tools to become independent critical thinkers with the ability to apply these tools in all content areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/6 **Booster Club**
2/8 **Fun-fest**
COUNT DAY
2/13 **BBall – Carter @ Flynn**
2/14 **Valentine’s Day**
2/15 **BBall – Flynn @ Carleton**
2/16 **8th grade scheduling for 9th grade**
2/17 **Winter Break begins after school**
2/27 **Classes resume**
Progress reports open
2/29 **BBall – Grissom @ Flynn**

3/1 **BBall – Flynn @ Beer**
3/5 **BBall – Flynn @ Roseville**
Booster Club
3/7 **BBall – Flynn @ Carter**
3/8 **WCSPA assembly for**
8th graders going to SHHS
3/12 **BBall – Carleton @ Flynn**
3/14 **BBall-Flynn @ Grissom**
3/15 **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
3/19 **BBall-Beer @ Flynn**
3/21 **BBall – Roseville @ Fltynn**



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Student Achievement

A focus on measurable student achievement in our Professional Learning Communities.

Clear Expectations

Clear expectations for every stakeholder, including students, staff and parents.

Strong Relationships

Strong relationships among all stakeholders, including: teacher-student, parent-teacher, principal-teacher, and superintendent-board member.

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