



# The Fly Sheet

**Week of April 15, 2024**

**Flynn Elementary School**

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**TO INSPIRE AND PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO LIVE CREATIVE, FULFILLING AND RESPONSIBLE LIVES**



**This Month**

**Hmong Heritage Month  
Arab American Heritage Month  
National Volunteer Month**

**This Week**

**Monday 4/15: NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 4/16:** Club Invention 3:40-5:15pm

**Wednesday 4/17:** Buddy Activity-Bingo

**Friday 4/19:** Wear mismatch or whacky clothes

District Art Show 5:30-7:00 pm

RCU School \$ense

Weekend Kids Meals

**Looking Ahead**

**Monday 4/22:** Peace Walk

Earth Day-Garden project during lunch recess

**Wednesday 4/24:** Kindergarten Preview Night

Administrative Professional Day- Thank you Ms. Mattice

**Friday 4/26:** Twin Day- wear matching clothes with classmates or staff

Arbor day

Water Safety for 4-5th grade

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Weekend Kids Meals

**Happy Earth Day!**

Did you know about Wisconsin's special connection to the Earth Day movement?

Find out more here:

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/earth-day>.

**Peace Walks**

As an International Peace site practice Flynn takes a Peace Walks every Monday morning (weather permitting). Flynn Flyers (staff and students) peacefully walk around the neighborhood to help ready them for the school day/week.

Yog koj xav tau tus neeg Hmoob txhais tsab ntwav no ua lus Hmoob rau koj los yog koj muaj lus nug txog tsab ntwav no, hu rau (Saleen Xiong 715-852-3386).

Si desea que alguien le traduzca esta carta o si tiene preguntas, llame a Kresly Rodriguez Martinez al (715) 852-4246



**Weekly Words from Mr. Schmitt**



Click to watch Mr. Schmitt's Weekly Words.

This past week students in grades 3-5 completed their Forward Exam in English Language Arts. Next week, we begin Math for these grade levels. Grade 4 also completed their Science test last week and begin Social Studies this week.

Thank you for helping students to get good rest and eat well so that they are fresh for testing each day and can do their best! We are excited to see how well our students will do this year!

**We want to learn about YOU**

Flynn Flyers love learning about other's traditions and customs. If your family has anything about your Hmong or Arab American heritage we would love for you to share it with us. Please send your share to Jessica Hoff at [jhoff@ecasd.us](mailto:jhoff@ecasd.us). We will share it with classrooms and in our Fly Sheet.

**Buddy Activities**

Buddy Activities are held once a month. Grade level classrooms buddy up with a different grade level to work on activities or play games together. It's a great way for students to get to know each other and build a stronger Flynn community. This month students will enjoy a book and playing Tic-Tac-Toe. It's a great opportunity for students to get to know other students in their school.

**In Case you missed it...**

A few of our Flynn students woke up extra early to talk about our Ukraine Peace Project on WEAU. Click on the link to see what a great job they did!

<https://www.weau.com/2024/04/11/an-eau-claire-elementary-school-seeks-donations-ukraine-peace-project/>

**Ukraine Peace Project**

Flynn is an **International Peace Site**; as a Peace Site it is our job to spread peace in our school, neighborhood, state and world. This year, for our International Peace Project we will be collecting specific items for people in Ukraine. A flyer went home last week with details.

Click on the image to see the flyer.





## Hello from the Flynn PTO!

We are into week 3 of the Read-A-Thon. Keep reading and logging those minutes!

Check out the Meeting Minutes from our April PTO Meeting  
[PTO Meeting Minutes School year 2023-24 - Google Docs](#)

We are really needing volunteers for the Carnival on June 5th to make this a fun day for all the kids. This is such a fun event to work at also! Check out the link below and sign up for shift!

[Flynn PTA: 2024 Flynn Year End Carnival \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

Have a great week,  
Your Flynn PTO

### Read-A-Thon

Each year, the Flynn PTO hosts a Read-a-Thon to encourage the love of reading in our students, and also as a fundraiser for our school. In raising pledge money, 100% of the pledges support our school. Students are asked to read 100 minutes a week for four weeks in April to reach a goal of 400 minutes. We hope students will reach out to friends and family members to ask for sponsorship.

### Pop Top Challenge

Congratulations to our Kindergarten classes...again! Together they collected 4.02 pounds! They celebrated with an extra recess.

Keep saving pop tops! Let's see which grade can collect the most pop tops in April.



## Counselor Corner

1P recently was visited by School Resource Officer Chapin during our classroom counseling safety lesson. Officer Chapin talked about the importance of checking first before going *anywhere* with *anyone*. We also practiced how to be "Wise with Your Eyes" by looking at different pictures for 15 seconds and then trying to accurately remember what the pictures looked like. The students did great remembering details! At the end of our lesson, the students got to ask Officer Chapin questions, including if he liked to go fishing (which, we found out, he does!) 1S will soon be receiving a visit from him as well, so stay tuned!

CONGRATULATIONS to KS for receiving your counseling classroom lesson peace goal! There are several other classrooms actively working towards our counseling lesson goals. Keep it up! Kindergarten is wrapping up their safety lessons with Charlie Checkfirst and Hugo Hippo. We have been talking about being the boss of our bodies and safe touches-like asking to give someone a hug or high-five and respecting our personal space bubbles. Safety workbooks will be coming home soon and are a great way to continue the safety conversations at home! Third Grade has been learning about stress management and different coping skills they can apply at home and school.



### **Mindful Moment: Test Preparation!**

FORWARD testing has officially arrived at Flynn. Teachers have been helping prepare students for these assessments and you can also help support this effort at home! Here are some ways you can encourage your student before the test: get a good night's sleep the night before, eat a nutritious breakfast or snacks before taking the test. You might try asking your student about coping strategies they've used and what works for them-maybe playing a game, making art, reading, or going for a walk helps them at the end of day. These might be activities you could try at home to help your student manage any stressful feelings they have about FORWARD testing?







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## Eau Claire Area School District and Community Information

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### Household Battery Recycling Now Available in ECASD School Media Centers

We are excited to let our families and community know that our Eau Claire Area School District Media Centers are now home to AA, AAA and D battery red recycling buckets.

Our School Board Energy Committee is partnering with Eau Claire County and First Choice Recycling to make it easy to recycle your household batteries. Just send them with your students or drop them off in our main office or Media Centers and we will get them recycled for you. Thank you for your support in raising climate awareness in our schools and community!

Hi Families!

April is here!

Take the family engagement survey here:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/about/state-performance-plan/indicators/8-parent-involvement> For ages 3-17.

This is your chance to influence change and what is helpful to your student and family when engaging with the school!

It's a quick 22 question survey and is confidential. Make your voice heard!

Questions or need your code?  
hgriffith@ecasd.us

April's Family Engagement Newsletter:  
<https://www.smores.com/n/vqztfamilyengagement-newsletter>

Hopefully, spring arrives soon!

**2024 ECASD SPRING ART SHOW**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**  
5:30 - 7:00PM

**500 MAIN STREET**  
**EAU CLAIRE, WI**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
from opening night until Friday, May 10  
between 8:30am - 4:00pm

**FUN AND FUNDAMENTALS HUSKY YOUTH WRESTLING CAMP**

The goal of the fun and fundamentals wrestling camp is to get wrestlers focused on learning new techniques while having fun in a relaxed environment. This camp is for anyone who is new to wrestling all the way to advanced wrestlers.

**JUNE 24-26**  
**COST: FREE!**

- ✔ Tumbling Skills
- ✔ Isometric and plyometric strength
- ✔ Developing wrestling-skills
- ✔ Fun games & matches

**REGISTER THROUGH ECASD SUMMER SCHOOL**

For: Students entering grades K-5  
**Time: 12:30-1:15 PM**

**NORTH HIGH SCHOOL DOGHOUSE GYM**  
1801 Piedmont Road Eau Claire WI 54703

Registration QR Code

<https://www.ecnwrestling.org/camps>

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**

Saturday, April 27th  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dispose of your expired or unwanted medications at a drop-off location!

**Altoona Emergency Services**  
1904 Spooner Avenue

**Eau Claire County Government Center**  
721 Oxford Avenue

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Unused or expired medications should never be flushed, poured down the drain, or tossed in the garbage. Safely dispose of prescription medicine, over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, and pet medications at a Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, April 27th from 10a.m. to 2p.m.!