

October/November '09

HANG THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 School Board Meeting 7 p.m. McNair Building	2	3
4	5	6 Citizen Assembly 2 p.m. Mi Ranchito Dine-Out 5-8 p.m. PTO Meeting 7-8 p.m.	7 EARLY RELEASE 1:15 Teacher Professional Development	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 School Board Meeting 7 p.m. McNair Building	16 NO SCHOOL	17
18	19	20	21 2nd & 4th Grade Music Concert 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Homecoming Parade
25	26 EARLY RELEASE 1:15 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fair 4-8 p.m.	27	28 EARLY RELEASE 1:15 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fair 4-8 p.m.	29 Fall Classroom Parties	30 NO SCHOOL	31 
1	2	3	4	5 School Board Meeting 7 p.m. McNair Building	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Flynn Park Skating Party 6-7:30 p.m.
8	9	10 PTO Meeting and Speaker: Jamie Jordon Brittany Woods Principal 7-8 p.m.	11 Picture Retake Day	12 Fired Up for Kindergarten	13	14
15	16	17 EARLY RELEASE 1:15	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK	26	27	28
29	30	<p>Get Published...in <i>Horizons!</i> SUBMIT NEWS AND PHOTOS FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF HORIZONS VIA EMAIL (KAREN@501CREATIVE.COM) OR DROP OFF YOUR NEWS WITH MRS. PFYL IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PUBLICATION DEADLINES WILL BE EMAILED TO THE FLYNNPARKPTO E-GROUP. TO JOIN THIS GROUP, SEE PAGE 2.</p>				



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THE NEWSLETTER OF FLYNN PARK SCHOOL & PTO

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DEAUN BLUMBERG

Dear Friends & Families....

The school year is well underway and we've already had several opportunities to connect with new friends and reconnect with our familiar, old friends. Attendance was high for Meet the Teacher Night, Curriculum Nights and our first PTO Meeting. If you missed the presentations or still have questions about the M.A.P. results, the Flynn Park Way, our school improvement status, or the bond issue and upcoming construction, please contact me to get more details. Family Math Night was also a huge success; the students really love teaching their parents how to play the games. We will have many more opportunities to connect in the next few weeks. Please check the calendar for upcoming events.

Students have been working hard to demonstrate the **FLYNN PARK WAY**. We held our first citizenship assemblies on September 10th and 11th. Many students were successful in meeting the criterion for citizenship and now are working on Ambassador status. Our next assemblies will be during the first week of October, and we hope to have the University City firefighters join us to share why adults in the workplace also need to be safe, kind,

respectful learners. Parents are always welcome at assemblies and we will send out times and dates as soon as plans are finalized.

The **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS** continues and your input is vital as we create the 2009-2010 plan. As part of this process, we are establishing two school improvement sub-committees. One committee will focus exclusively on academic achievement and the other will focus on parent involvement. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you need child care, please contact me by Friday, October 16th so that I can make arrangements. I will have information and ideas to share, but I also need to hear from you. Please plan to join us.

As always, thank you for the privilege of working with your children. Our mission is to make certain that **EACH AND EVERY CHILD IS SUCCESSFUL, EACH AND EVERY DAY**. Your support makes this possible.

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THANKS TO ALL THE WASH U. STUDENTS WHO PAINTED AND CLEANED IN AUGUST!



THESE STUDENTS BECAME FLYNN PARK CITIZENS AND ARE NOW WORKING ON AMBASSADOR STATUS.



FAMILY MATH NIGHT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



Join Our
email List!

SEND AN EMAIL TO:
FLYNNPARKPTO-
SUBSCRIBE
@YAHOOGROUPS.COM

NEXT PTO MEETING
Tuesday
Oct 6
7 p.m.

Quick News



SAVE THE DATE:

Family Skating Night

Saturday, November 7
Brentwood Ice Rink
6-7:30 pm

FREE ADMISSION • \$1 SKATE RENTAL

SAVE THE DATE:

Mi Ranchito Dine-Out

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
5-8 PM

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Meet Your PTO Officers

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Share & Learn Flynn Park News

JOIN THE FLYNN PARK PTO E-GROUP!

The PTO maintains an email list for members of our school community. This is a great tool for sharing school-related news and for community discussion on school-related issues including school board and tax-levy elections.

Join the e-group by sending an email stating your affiliation with Flynn (parent, teacher, admin, neighbor) to: **FLYNNPARKPTO-SUBSCRIBE@YAHOOGROUPS.COM**. Make sure to send your email from the address at which you wish to receive messages.

Stephen Selipsky maintains this list and can answer your questions at 863-7351.

Join the Flynn Park PTO (\$10 per family)

The PTO asks each family to contribute \$10 for PTO dues. Half will support general PTO activities that enrich your child's learning environment at Flynn. Half is distributed to room parents for classroom party expenses. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FLYNN PARK PTO.** You may give your dues to your child's teacher or leave them in the school office.

Child's name (first and last)

Teacher

Parent/Guardian's name, if different:

I would like to pay an additional \$ _____ so that I may help cover the dues for a family that cannot pay this year.

Make Money for Flynn Park the Easy Way

USE YOUR SCHNUCKS ESCRIP AND TARGET RED CARDS!

SCHNUCKS ESCRIP

Traditionally, the Flynn Park PTO has sponsored two major fundraisers for each year – Sally Foster and a spring fundraiser (auction or garage sale). This year, the PTO would like to eliminate the spring fundraiser and promote signing up for Schnucks eScrip. **SIGNING UP AND USING ESCRIP DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING** and we receive a percentage of the profits (up to 3%!) every time you or any of your friends/family swipe a card at the checkout line! If we can get as many people as possible signed up and regularly using these cards for Flynn Park, we will earn a wonderful amount of money to support our children at Flynn with no extra time and effort for busy parents and families. To sign up, simply email Deanna Barch (dbarch@artsci.wustl.edu), Glenna Gelfand (gnainstl@charter.net) or Emily Feinberg (momemily@gmail.com). You can also request an eScrip card at any Schnucks and then call 1-800-931-6258 or visit



www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp to activate the card and designate Flynn to receive the funds. We made \$1,800 last year with only 50 families signed up!

TARGET RED CARD

A second way to earn money for Flynn with no cost or effort is to make sure that if you (and your family or friends) have a **TARGET RED CARD**, you have designated Flynn to receive the funds from the “Take Charge of Education Program.” To designate Flynn Park, either go online (www.target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142. When you use your REDcard (Target Visa, Target credit card or Target check card), Target will donate up to 1% to Flynn. If you don’t have a REDcard and want to get one, you can apply at any Target store or go online to www.target.com/redcard. We know that 1% may not sound like a lot when you think about your purchases alone, but it really adds up if lots of families do this.

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK at Flynn Park for another exciting school year. We all have jobs to do in order to make this a great learning experience for your children.

There is one job, I as a parent, struggle with. Maybe you struggle with it too: **GETTING KIDS TO BED ON TIME**. It's still light outside, it's still warm, and the kids still have a lot of energy to get out. Then there's homework, sports, scouts, and whatever else to do. Yikes. However, Moms, Dads, we have to do it. Kids in elementary school need ten good hours of sleep. If we send them to school sleepy, they are missing out on the great education Flynn Park has to offer.

RESIDENT VS. CITIZENS: We can become a resident of anywhere, but to become a citizen involves a little more investment. At Flynn Park, we want to create a building of citizens. To help our awesome new students on board, I invited them to bring a new Flynn friend to lunch. They invited students who they believe exemplifies our Flynn Park Way. From what I can tell, most of our new students are settling in well and are happy to be members of our Flynn Park family.



GUIDANCE THIS MONTH: All grades completed an apple to display on our Goal Tree. You can see the tree on your way to the library. Please encourage your child's success at achieving their grade-level goal.

Kindergartners through second graders are deepening their understanding of

respect. We're talking about how many actions we do everyday are respectful, and how respectful actions make us or someone else feel good. The kids are using “Teddy Bear Actions” for respect, and “Porcupine Actions” for disrespect. If you catch your child being respectful, feel free to tell them that's a Teddy Bear Action. Watch them smile.

Third through sixth graders are stacking cups. Stacking six cups into a pyramid isn't so easy when you're not allowed to touch the cups. Groups of five or six kids are given a rubber band with long pieces of string attached. They are instructed to each hold onto the end of a string, and together, they are to stack the cups. Before they attempt this, though, we discuss which behaviors create a successful team, and how to problem solve with respect: to discuss the situation, without criticism or blame, and to focus on what you want or need to do differently. Many groups stacked the cups. More groups succeeded in working together, and some groups struggled (this time.)

Since I meet with kindergartners every week, I see them more often. This month we will begin discussing basic feelings and identifying personal roles in different situations.

Thanks for allowing me to spend time with your children each and every day! **JONA ROSS, FLYNN PARK COUNSELOR**

Counselor's
Corner
SOME THOUGHTS
FROM MS. ROSS