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ACADEMY NEWS

WAY ACADEMY OF FLINT NEWSLETTER

STUDENT VOICE

This month, our students had the opportunity to participate in a perception survey. The School Improvement Team will be looking closely at the data collected, but here are some highlights:

- **97%** of our students are comfortable participating in class
- **100%** of our students feel welcomed upon entering the building
- **100%** of students feel the staff cares about their well-being
- **100%** of students feel support is readily available

PARENT VOICE

We are still collecting responses from our parent/guardians with this survey. Please make sure you participate in the perception survey at your earliest convenience. Your thoughts matter! Make sure you are heard!

Use this link to complete the short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38GY977>



QUICK NOTES

November 8
No in-person classes, but online classes still meet

School Improvement Meeting
November 9 @ 6 pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://wayprogram.zoom.us/j/84758693312>

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 24-25

Words from the Director

From Shelly Smith

This past month we explained to high school learners how they can earn general elective credit for volunteer service and work experience. The Board of Education approved this innovative way for our researchers to earn credit because we all know that valuable skills are being learned outside of the classroom.

A maximum of 1 credit can be earned for each area, with 45 hours of work/service equaling 0.25 credit.

Community service is broken down into 3 parts: school service (.25 credits), family unpaid service (.25 credits), community service (.5 credits). If your researcher does work around the home for the family, you can fill out the required form so they can earn credit.

Make sure you ask your researcher about this tremendous opportunity and make sure they are participating in service in their community.

MASKS OPTIONAL

While this establishment no longer requires masks to enter, please be kind to those who choose to wear a mask.



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National Suicide
Prevention
Hotline
800-784-2433

Mental Health
Emergency
call 988



NWEA testing results were sent home with student researchers this week. If you did not receive your child's results, please contact us.

92% of our student body participated in NWEA testing for reading *and* math for the first time in October. The average score for reading was 214 and the average score for math was 204. Growth targets have been set for each individual student and they will test again in February.

Regular Attendance Makes a Difference

Attendance directly impacts student progress and this is becoming increasingly frustrating to researchers. Because many of our researchers attend only 8 hours of in-person lab time, even missing just one day can result in academic loss.

WAY Flint will begin sending out letters regarding poor attendance this month. These letters are meant to keep families informed. **We encourage all families to make attending school a priority. As a reminder, researchers will be required to attend 12 hours in-person starting in January.**

Finally, it is **important to call or email the school when your researcher is unable to attend school.** Once an absence has been deemed 'Excused', the absence would not affect the overall attendance record. However, excused absences can still result in academic loss and should be avoided as much as possible. Every day in the lab makes a difference!

