



FLINN ELEMENTARY

Open House
2024

WELCOME TO THE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!



BEGINNING OF YEAR FORMS



If you have not completed your BOY Online Packet and all other Flinn-required BOY Forms, do so TODAY.



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

- Located on Flinn's Website
- Includes...
 - School Policy and Procedure
 - SOAR Expectations and Guidelines

GOOD ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

- **Be ON TIME! On Time Every Day**
- The Tardy Bell rings at 7:30am.
- Attendance will be taken for ALL students daily.
- KCS Social Workers are monitoring attendance and tardies very closely. It is a parent's responsibility to get his/her child to school every day and on time.



NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY

- **Parent Notes**

- Parents may excuse their child from school up to 10 days **for illness or injury ONLY**
- Any other reason (such as vacations, missing the bus, etc.) are no longer accepted as Parent Notes
- There are no more “Educational Excused” absences
- Parent note (paper or email only) must include: name, grade, date of absence, date of note, reason for absence, and signature of parent/guardian
- Parent notes must be turned in within 3 school days of the child’s return
- Phone calls will not be accepted
- Absences accompanied by a doctor’s note are excused (must be turned in within 3 school days of the child’s return)
- Arriving 90 minutes late for school or leaving 90 minutes early from school = a half day absence
- For more information on tardies, see information provided by KCS Attendance Director
- Keep in mind...students who are late due to a parent's work day starting after our tardy bell are unexcused.

PARKING/VISITORS

- Numbered Spaces on both lots are reserved for Flinn Staff
- 5 Visitor Spaces on lot by Main Entrance
- Parking is not permitted on the church lot
 - Only exception is when the administration has obtained permission to use it for special events
- Do not park along the fire lane. We must keep these areas free for emergency vehicles.
- **All visitors require a PICTURE ID and must BUZZ the Main Office for permission to enter.**

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

**STUDENTS MAY NOT ENTER UNTIL 7:00AM.
TARDY BELL IS AT 7:30AM**

BUS RIDERS

- Will enter through the double doors on the bus end of the school building

CAR RIDERS

- Must be dropped off by the main entrance
- Are never allowed to be dropped off on the bus end of the building. You may not park at the library and walk your child. Follow the drop off procedures.



- **Parents are not permitted to walk their students into the building with the exception of the first day.**
- **Staff and patrols will be in the hall and outside the building assisting students to their classroom.**

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Dismissal begins at 2:00pm for all students (bus and car).
- Car Rider Parents – do NOT report to Flinn before 2pm.
- Do not park on the church lot. Per our agreement, it is used as a driving lane only for dismissal.
- 3rd Base begins the 2nd day of school for those students who have already registered.
- Call the Bus Garage for Bus Stops and Times
 - 304-348-1963 or 1964

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

- We MUST know how your child is to get home every day. SAFETY FIRST!
- If your child's normal form of transportation changes, this **MUST BE IN WRITING**
- We will not accept changes in transportation over the phone
- If you forget...
 - Send a fax ~ 304-348-1959
 - Email BOTH our CLERK and SECRETARY and follow up with a phone call to ensure they received it
 - lhenson@mail.kana.k12.wv.us
 - tarthur@mail.kana.k12.wv.us
- Please schedule your child's appointments after school hours. If this is unavoidable, please pick up your child before 1:30pm.



CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Standards-based instruction
- Our goal is for our students to be able to read and do math on grade level or above
- Adopted texts are SAVVAS and *Math and You*
- Technology integration
 - iPads are 1:1 for all students – they must go home and back to school daily.
 - See your teacher for the Optional Damage Wavier

SOAR

SOAR is our school-wide Positive Behavior Support Program.

Safe

On Time

Accountable

Respectful

- We reward positive behavior
- Teachers will be providing layered rewards
- The SOAR Committee will provide 9 weeks celebrations
- Data will be tracked via Class Dojo

STUDENT DRESS CODE

- Personal hygiene and appropriate dress is expected.
- **UNACCEPTABLE** clothing items, jewelry, accessories, etc. include those that are:
 - deemed unsafe
 - gang-related
 - obscene/offensive
 - displaying weapons/tobacco/alcohol
 - see-through
 - distracting to the learning environment
- If any of the above items are worn to school, the child may be asked to change, the parent may be contacted to bring a change of clothes, and/or disciplinary action may be taken.
- Undergarments and body parts of a personal or private nature must be covered at all times. Holes in jeans, skirts, shorts, shirts may not reveal personal/private areas. Midriffs must be covered completely.
- Tennis shoes are recommended for safe play during PE, Recess, etc.

COMMUNICATION – STAY CONNECTED

SCHOOLGY, CLASS DOJO, KCS EMAIL, SCHOOL PHONE

- All parents and students must know how to use **Schoology**. Academic progress and attendance are tracked in Schoology. Teachers may also choose to put daily in-person assignments in Schoology.
- In the event of a Remote Day...all instruction will take place in Schoology.
- All principal announcements and updates will be posted in Schoology.
- You may also reach your teacher through Class Dojo, KCS email, or by calling the school.

Flinn will continue to post announcements on the Marquee, the Website, and in the School Newsletters. Our mass call-out system is called School Messenger.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Send a spill-proof water bottle with your child daily
- Breakfast and Lunch are FREE
- Pack healthy foods when packing a cold lunch
- Snack is not provided; however, you may send a healthy snack with your child daily
- Movement during the day will be incorporated regularly
- Outside as much as possible (weather permitting)
- We will enforce frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
- If your child has any medical issues or needs to take medicine at school, contact our School Nurse, Traci Bailey

FLINN PTA

Get involved!

The Flinn PTA supports the school in numerous ways. If you'd like to get involved, please email our president, **Kaylee Hermansdorfer**, at goffkaylee@ymail.com. Remember to follow the Flinn PTA Facebook page.

A special thank you goes out to our Flinn PTA for providing the Crafts of Coal ice cream truck for this year's Open House!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!

Remember...

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Send your child to school ON TIME EVERY DAY!

