

# January Parent Newsletter



**Ms. Sheila A. Carves**  
Founding Principal of Innovation High School at Cool Valley

## Staying Healthy

### [Covid 19 - Safety Precautions](#)

FFSD- Meal Distribution

Wednesdays and Fridays- Food Distribution at Innovation School @ 11:30am - 11:40am.

- However, students may go to any drop-off location.

[Meal Distribution](#)

[Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry Flyer](#)

Food Pantry Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m

[Please click for pantry closures >](#)

[Registration Form](#)

Please print the registration form

## Stay Connected



[The Innovation School at Cool Valley](#)

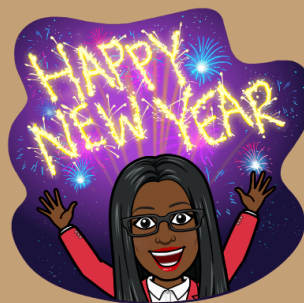


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## Special Message



Innovation Family,

As we have reached the end of 2020, it's time to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. It is a time to celebrate the fortitude and resilience that you demonstrated in enduring an incredibly difficult year. Again, Happy New Year! Happy New You!

Yours truly, Sheila A. Carves,  
Founding Principal.

## What's happening this Month!

Progress Reports will be emailed on  
Monday, January 25th

## January Celebrations



Landon Newland 01/03  
Elias Russell 01/12  
Chase Young 01/16  
Mahalyn Smith-Hyde 01/16  
Nasir Bailey-Kent 01/17  
Genevieve Cooper 01/24

Mr. Givens-9th Grade Advisor 01/09  
Lynda Partee-District Social Worker 01/12  
Mr. Reinert-SSD 01/19

## Conversations with Carves

Every fourth Thursday at 6 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on  
Thursday, January 28th.

Click the link below to join  
Ms. Carves and share your ideas  
on various ways to improve the  
school.

<https://fergflor-org.zoom.us/j/9257985943#success>

# Innovation Staff - What's Happening!!

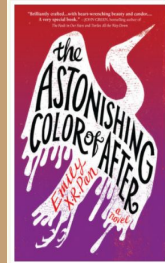


## Dr. Nelson-10th Grade Advisor

We are off to a great start in 2021! Our scholars are creating some amazing things in their virtual internships. I wanted to shout out Genevieve C. and Devon W. for their amazing writing talents. Both scholars are writing book reviews that are published on the Ferguson Public Library's website. Congratulations to them and to all of my advisory scholars, keep up the great work! Check out their reviews on the FPL blog.

Love ya!  
Doc

## The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X.R. Pan



This is a beautiful story about friendships, family, grief, and peace. Our main character is Leigh Chen Sanders, Leigh travels to Taiwan to meet her grandparents due to her mother's suicide. There she uncovers family secrets and chasing after ghosts. Her mother is the bird that keeps reappearing in moments, Leigh also deals with the fact that on the day of her mother's suicide, she kissed her best friend and crush, while her mother was taking her own life.

This book made me feel so many things, all at once. I've cried a lot during this book and surprisingly smiled during beautiful moments. I love how the author made this book so breathtaking she always had you second guessing yourself of what would happen next. She explained the characters emotions so well and their actions, it was so beautiful and raw. I would highly recommend this book to people who love adventure, paranormal fiction, and a little bit of romance. This book is great to read on rainy days by the fireplace.

Review written by Genevieve C.

## The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



I recently read a book called "The Lightning Thief." I'm very familiar with this book series. This story dives into Greek Mythology and introduced me to a lot of the Greek gods and goddesses. The story starts in upstate New York with Poseidon's son "Percy Jackson" unaware of who his real father was. He is a 12 year old troublemaker that got kicked out of many schools in his past. He lives this miserable lifestyle with his mother being his only delight.

A time came where Percy's mother took him on a trip to a beach. This was a chance to sit down and talk about his mental problems in and out of school, with plans to let him know his real father's identity. Until an unfriendly 7 foot creature comes into play and takes his mother's life. Percy manages to kill the creature and passes out in the process. He then wakes up at a place called Camp Half-Blood, a hard of satyrs and unusual creatures from Mount Olympus. Zeus accuses Percy of stealing his master lightning bolts and it's up to him and his two companions, "Grover" and "Annabeth" to use the 10 days they've been given to return Zeus's stolen property. In the process he learns who his father is with questions of his abandonment, and uses what he learns at camp to get back his mother.

This book was very adventurous and a great way to start learning about Greek mythology. It was the first advanced chapter book I read. Being a chapter book without any pictures and a blank theme, this would be the first book in that category you would actually enjoy. The author gets very detailed with his words. The book helps work your mind and has you re-imagining certain things from the book. This book is a great way to start diving into bigger and more detailed stories.

Review written by Devon W.



## EbonyStiles-Counselor

Greetings Innovation Parents! We have a great opportunity for students to be part of the Emerson Stem Academy. Students interested in STEM careers will be able to complete dual credit/enrollment courses at St. Louis Community College- Florissant Valley. Please review the two attachments on **Emerson Stem Academy Flyer** and the **Emerson Stem academy Application**. You will find these clickable attachments in the email portion of Blackboard.

For more information, please contact Ms. Ebony Stiles, Innovation Counselor, via email at [estiles@fergflor.org](mailto:estiles@fergflor.org).



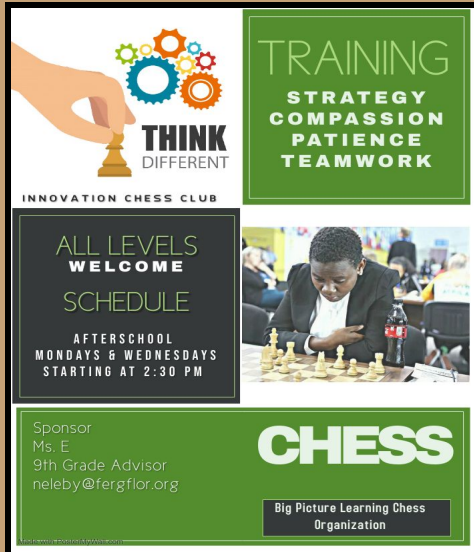
## Learning Through Internships

Picture of Ky Henderson (future entrepreneur) delivering her fashion design to Principal Carves!



# Activities and Events

## Chess Club



**TRAINING**  
STRATEGY  
COMPASSION  
PATIENCE  
TEAMWORK

**THINK DIFFERENT**

INNOVATION CHESS CLUB

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

SCHEDULE

AFTERSCHOOL  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
STARTING AT 2:30 PM

Sponsor  
Ms. E  
9th Grade Advisor  
neleby@fergflor.org

**CHESS**

Big Picture Learning Chess Organization

Every Monday/Wednesday  
Starts at 2:30 pm

[Chess Link](#)

## Black History Month S.L.A.M.



Black History Month Virtual S.L.A.M

February 5th  
6:30 PM

Calling All Teens Can You:

- Poetry
- Rapping
- Painting
- Instrumentation
- Dancing
- Singing
- Acting
- Beatmaking

For More Information  
(314) 749 - 5369

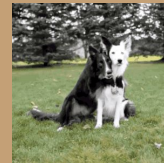
To Register Please Visit:  
<https://fyibhmslam.eventbrite.com>

Interested youth should sign up at  
[www.fyibhmslam.eventbrite.com](https://fyibhmslam.eventbrite.com)

## Calendar Fun



Friday, January  
15-Monday, January  
18th  
**Martin Luther King  
Jr. Birthday**



Thursday, January  
21st-**National Hugging  
Day**



Monday, January  
25th-**Opposite  
Day**



Thursday, January  
28th-**Fun at work day!**



Friday, January  
29th-**National Puzzle  
Day**

# Special Announcements

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

The Board of Education Recognition will be held on  
Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 P.M.

The Ferguson-Florissant School Board has voted to remain  
virtual until March 1, 2021.



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