

**Return of the Afterschool Homework Club!**  
 The Family Resource Network is excited to announce a reboot of the after school homework club coming to Memorial Elementary in 2026!  
 Designed for students in need of assistance and time to focus on their homework, the club will run from 3:15pm until 4:30pm during school days as a **free** service to Memorial Elementary families.  
 Volunteers will be needed starting early January, 2026. We recommend interested parties start gathering their volunteer certifications now for smooth integration into the program once it goes live.  
[This link](#) provides further information on how to become a volunteer inside the Bloomsburg Area School District. For further information, contact Will Ralston at [wralston@FRNBloom.org](mailto:wralston@FRNBloom.org).

**Website Upgrade**  
 Looking for our upcoming events? What about a place to get free adult ESL classes in the area? Our freshly redesigned [website](#) features links to [carefully curated community resources](#), photos from past events, a back catalog of all our previous newsletters, and a constantly growing calendar of upcoming events!

**November Events**



Friday, November 7, 2025  
5pm til 8pm



Don't neglect the west side of the fountain this coming **First Friday!** Stop in at **Endless Records & Books** and make a **keyring charm or bracelet with the Family Resource Network!**

**It's OK to Be Different: A Diversity Storytime and Discussion**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH @ 6-7PM**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH @ 11AM-12PM**  
**For children:** books and activities highlighting what makes each of us unique.  
**For parents and caregivers:** a short, practical workshop exploring ways to help young children understand and appreciate human differences, build empathy, and navigate important conversations at home.

[Register here](#)

Sponsored by:  
The Family Resource Network of Bloomsburg and  
The Bloomsburg Public Library

**November Bloomsburg School Board meetings:**

- Monday, November 10: Work session, 7p.m.
- Monday, November 17: Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.

*\*Unless otherwise noted, all Bloomsburg Area School Board meetings are held in the Enhanced Learning Center at the Secondary Complex, 1200 Railroad Street, and on Zoom (refer to this page for more details).*

**October in Review**



**FRN Debuts at First Friday!**  
 October marked our first appearance at downtown Bloomsburg's monthly First Friday event. Folks who stopped by our spot in Gillespie Park (including Mayor Hummel, pictured left) helped decorate an anti-bullying pledge banner which will be donated to the Bloomsburg Public Library soon. We'll be back in November – look for us inside Endless Records & Books!

**FRN at Hablamos Espanol!**



FRN was invited to have an informational presentation for the Hablamos Español group at the Bloomsburg Public Library on Thursday October 9th. Al Galliani spoke on behalf of FRN with the support of Lisa Herrold, Laura Platt, Carola Allaga, and Amaro Galliani. Attendees learned about how and why FRN formed, our mission and recent activities. After the presentation some questions from attendees started an animated conversation and some members of Hablamos Español manifested an interest in volunteering. Al, Lisa, Amaro, and Carola enjoyed the group's activity of the night: some relaxing Mandala style stone painting. The night closed with an amazing pot luck and delightful "conversación en español."

**A Message from Amaro Galliani and the Teen Center:**

*"We had an amazing experience connecting with our community during The Bloomsburg Teen Center's open house on October 16th! Visitors had the opportunity to learn about us and our programs' impact on local youth. The Bloomsburg Youth Action Board (YAB) did a great job leading tours, sharing their experiences, and displaying what makes this space special. We were glad to host Rotary members and are ecstatic about working with them in the future. We extend our gratitude to Fourth Taco for treating everyone to a tasty nacho bar free of charge. Additionally, we appreciate the support of the downtown businesses who generously contributed items for our raffle prize basket. Partnerships like these make our events all the more meaningful and fun. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We look forward to welcoming more families and community members in the future!"*







**Trunks and Treats**

Our team was busy playing dress-up and handing out BooBurg-themed MadLibs at the Trunk or Treat events held at Bloomsburg Memorial Elementary (10/22) and the Bloomsburg YMCA (10/24). All told, we connected with about 1,000 families and had a blast doing it!







