

Name Suggestions for J. J. Finley Elementary  
As of 7/20/20

**Places/Landmarks/Areas**  
(Random Order)

Something unique about our area: flora, fauna, local landmark, or something connected to UF	Milkweed	Mockingbird
College Park	Buttercup	Fox Trail
University	Little Angels	
University Park	Flyers	Magnolia
University of Florida	Future Stars	JJ Fi (no periods)
Hogtown	New Hope	Mose'
Hogtown Creek	Hope	Schooly McSchoolface
Cypress	New Horizon	Forest Park
Florida Park	Pine	Harmony
The PC School of Virtue	Westside	Kindness
Signaling	Pinewood	University Gardens
University Park Elementary	Orange Grove	University Oaks
ESOL Center	Sweetwater	Alachua Seminole
Oaks	Unity	Baby Gator
Keystone Elementary	Raintree	Brightside
Cornerstone Elementary	Dream Start	Envision
SBAC ## (number system/PS1)	Wildflowers (Tom Petty Reference)	Gainesville Flyers
Alachua County School #1 or A	Dream First	Gator Flyers
Friendship	Spirit	Black Lives Matter
Oak Hammock	Freedom	Quiet Creek
Midtown	Tuscawilla	United Elementary School for All
Morning Glory	Dream Bright	Gainesville Central
Elfin	New Vision	Gainesville Union
Fine	Seminary Lane	Justice
Royal Palm	Palm Terrace	Lakeview
Blossom	Sandhill Crane	Unified Elementary School for All: UESA
Sunflower	Sandhill	Shine Bright Academy
Two Bits	Azalea	Citrus
Rainbow	Loblolly	New Beginnings
Gainesville	Eden	Spring Hill
Pride	Azalea Branch	Highlands Court
Equality	Forest Trail	Higher Learning
Maple	Owl's Nest	TLC (Tender Loving Care)
Forgiveness	Gopher Tortoise	Creekview
Fulfillment	Springs	Creekside
Fellowship	Phoenix	Parkview
Sunshine	Prairie	
	Discovery Bright	
	Scrubjay	
	J J Friendly	

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Liminal	To reflect this time of transition between the darkest days and lighter times ahead for humanity.
Union Academy	We might consider renaming the school after the Union Academy, Gainesville's famous K-12 school for African American children, which operated from after the Civil War up through the mid-20s century. <a href="https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Academy_(Gainesville,_Florida)">https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Academy_(Gainesville,_Florida)</a>

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Liberty	<p>Liberty Hill Schoolhouse is on the list of Florida's Historic Black Public Schools and was established in 1875, historically significant for its 110-year association with education and for its importance to the cultural heritage of the African American community in Gainesville. Liberty Hill School, first mentioned as a school for black children in the county school records in 1869. The original Liberty Hill Schoolhouse was closed by the school board in the early 1950s.</p> <p><a href="http://www.explorehistoricalachuacounty.com/location/liberty-hill-schoolhouse/">http://www.explorehistoricalachuacounty.com/location/liberty-hill-schoolhouse/</a></p>
Pleasant Street or Pleasant	<p>Pleasant Street Historic District was designated as a U.S. historic district by the National Register of Historic Places on April 20, 1989, and was the first African American neighborhood added to the national registry in Florida. The pleasant street neighborhood was first developed by former enslaved people over 150 years ago. The neighborhood is located less than 2 miles away from our school.</p> <p><a href="https://www.alligator.org/news/the-true-natives-of-fifth-avenue-preserving-the-culture-of-pleasant-street-historic-district/article_ffdca0fc-25ed-11e9-8f8c-cba5ba900661.html">https://www.alligator.org/news/the-true-natives-of-fifth-avenue-preserving-the-culture-of-pleasant-street-historic-district/article_ffdca0fc-25ed-11e9-8f8c-cba5ba900661.html</a></p>
Shady Grove	<p>Named after Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church. During the Civil Rights era, the local NAACP committee met at the Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church to plan for the integration of Gainesville's public schools. The Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church is located in the Porter's community approximately 2.5 miles away from our school in the neighborhood many of our students live in.</p> <p><a href="http://www.explorehistoricalachuacounty.com/location/shady-grove-primitive-baptist-church-and-porters-quarters/">http://www.explorehistoricalachuacounty.com/location/shady-grove-primitive-baptist-church-and-porters-quarters/</a></p>
Union Flyers	<p>Named after Union Academy, The Freedman's school opened in Gainesville soon after the end of the Civil War, in January 1866. The Union Academy was the first school for African Americans in Gainesville and Alachua County, and provided a free quality education to African Americans. Union Academy was the intellectual heart of the African American community in Gainesville and Alachua County, serving elementary through high school grades for almost 60 years. The original Union Academy was renamed Rosa B. Williams Center located 1.7 miles away from our school.</p> <p><a href="https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/listing.a0t40000007qw0eAAA.html">https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/listing.a0t40000007qw0eAAA.html</a>  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Academy_(Gainesville,_Florida)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Academy_(Gainesville,_Florida)</a></p>
Timucua	<p>Shows diversity. With many people coming from all over the United States and the world to this area many speaking different languages This gives us common ground. Let's speak a language of unity. Taken from: Teacher's Guide To Florida's Native People. Inquiry Boxes: Museum On The Move. Pg. 43</p> <p>In honor of the indigenous natives of our current area of Florida who this land belonged to before the first European settlers. Milanich, Jerald T. (1998). <i>Florida's Indians from Ancient Times to the Present</i>. Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida. <a href="#">ISBN 0-8130-1599-5</a></p>
Fifth (5 <sup>th</sup> ) Avenue (Flyers)	<p>We like this name for several reasons. First of all, "Fifth Avenue Flyers" has a wonderful alliterative quality to it, also it will never be controversial, a street is a street. But the road has a wonderful history behind it as well. Did you know that it has a history as an African American hub of social activity all the way back to the mid to late 1800s when it was first known as Seminary Street?" I read in the article "<a href="#">The Heart of it All</a>" by Colleen Flannery and David Zentz that, "Local businessman Ricardo George came to Gainesville in 1959 and remembers Seminary Street, known today as NW 5th Avenue, as the hub of all things happening in the Gainesville's black community." also "In its heyday, which bridged at least three decades, from the 1930s to the '60s, Seminary Street was a buzz of activity, with restaurants, grocery stores, and a dance hall that attracted such well-known black performers as Ella Fitzgerald and Cab Calloway. Black soldiers training at Camp Blanding, northeast of Gainesville, would come to enjoy the bars and pool halls on weekends, and every school day, black children from all over Alachua County would make the trek to Seminary Street to attend Lincoln High School - then the only black high school in</p>

	Florida that extended through the 12th grade." That is the tip of the iceberg, there is a lot of more information about the wonderful, historic significance of this historic neighborhood.
Potano	After the original indigenous people who lived here before the Spanish Conquistadors drove them out.
J. J. Junkyard	
Finley or Fenley	(No J. J.) Although the name of the school may hold a negative connection, there is also much positive that has come from this historic school.