

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

April 2017

Focus on Safety

Recent legislation requires lead testing to be conducted in Pre K-5 buildings from any non bottled water ingested by children or used in food preparation. Buildings built before January 1, 1987 are required to be tested prior to December 31, 2017 and those built between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000 by December 31, 2018. Currently, buildings built after 2000 are not required to be tested.

Since the legislation only requires testing for Pre K-5 buildings and our elementary school is less than 2 years old, we are not required to conduct testing in our district. However, due to the age of certain parts of the other facilities in our district and in an effort to ensure the safety of all students, in collaboration with the city of Flora we are in the process of testing our school buildings. At the high school, there were a few areas with levels higher than we would like. We have discontinued the use of these areas for drinking and are retesting all areas to identify the problem. Any area or water fountain that is found to pose a potential risk will be repaired or replaced to eliminate any potential for hazard.

We greatly appreciate the continued work and collaboration from the city of Flora in helping us ensure we are providing the safest possible environment for our students each and every day. If you have any questions regarding the testing requirements or process please contact me at jhackney@floraschools.com or at 618-662-2412.

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 1st and 2nd-Spring Musical

April 5th-Spring School Pictures

April 7th-Mid-term for 4th Quarter

April 11th-FHS Spring Band Concert

April 12th-12:30 Early Dismissal

Mid-term Progress Reports Go Home

April 13th-17th-Spring Break

April 19th-Kindergarten Patriotic Program-FES-1:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting-5:30 p.m.

April 22nd-Flora Academic Foundation Banquet

April 26th-FHS Senior Awards-8:30 a.m.

April 29th-FHS Prom

Through the school improvement process, we hope to promote a positive atmosphere with increased communication and welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. Please use the inputs and suggestions link on our website at www.floraschools.com to share any ideas or concerns.