

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

August 2013

It seems like just a few days ago we were finishing last school year. It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks we will be beginning yet another school year. I am extremely excited about the opportunity to work together with the parents, community, students, and staff of Flora to make this a great year.

One of the keys to a successful school year is getting off to a good start. Below are some suggestions on how you can help your child start the school year on the right foot.

- *Mark your Calendar*-At the beginning of school and throughout the school year there are activities and events that can be beneficial to both you and your child. Marking your calendar will help you better plan for these events. Below are some important upcoming dates to note for August.
- *Re-establish routines*-With the many activities we all have during the summer, it often times makes for a very hectic schedule. As a result, it has been a couple of months since your child has been in the normal school routine. It may take a little while for your child, and maybe for you as well, to get back in to the school routine. Starting these routines a week or so before school will make it easier for your child to adjust once school starts.
- *Visit the school with your child*-Each of our schools will be scheduling orientation or Open House nights. Visiting the school with your child to help him or her become acquainted with the teacher(s), schedule, classroom, etc. will make the start of the school year much smoother.
- *Familiarize yourself with other school professionals*-Besides your child's teacher, there are many other school professionals that can be a resource for you and your child such as the principal, office staff, guidance counselor etc.
- *Designate and clear a place to do homework*-While this may not be as important for older children, younger children often times benefit from a designated homework area in the family room or kitchen in order to facilitate adult monitoring, supervision, assistance, and encouragement.

We welcome your input and suggestions. Please don't hesitate to contact us throughout the year with any concerns or suggestions for improvement.

We are looking forward to a great school year!! Thank you for all of the support for our schools in the past and we look forward to continuing to work together to make our schools the best they can possibly be.

Important Upcoming Dates:

August 5th-FHJHS Baseball Tryouts #1-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Must attend both)
FHJHS Softball Tryouts #1-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must attend both)

August 6th-FHJHS Baseball Tryouts #2-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Must attend both)
FHJHS Softball Tryouts #2-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must attend both)
Athletic Policy Meeting for Athletes/Parents Flora High School-7:00 p.m.

August 7th-Central Registration at Flora High School-9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 8th- Central Registration at Flora High School- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

August 9th-Freshman Orientation-Flora High School-1:00 p.m.

August 12th-Board of Education Meeting at Administration Office-5:30 p.m.

August 13th-6th Grade Orientation-FHJHS-6:00 p.m.

August 15th-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students
McEndree/Washington Kindergarten Open House-4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Xenia Kindergarten Preview Night-6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 16th-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students

August 19th-First Official Day of School for Students (Full Day)

August 20th-Flora High School Open House-7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
FHJHS Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Band Parents Meeting at FHS- 7:00 p.m.

August 22nd-FHS Student Pictures

August 29th-Lincoln Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.