

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**August 2014**

Zig Ziglar was quoted as saying “it’s not where you start-it’s where you finish that counts.” While this is true in many instances, how you start a school year plays an important role in how successful the year will be. While the weather lately feels more like spring instead of the end of July, the start of school is less than a month away. Below are some ideas on how to prepare for the upcoming school year to help make it a great start.

*Purchase school supplies as early as possible.* Getting supplies as early as possible can promote organization, make your child feel more prepared for the upcoming school year, and create a sense of excitement for the beginning of school. School supply lists are on our website for each grade level.

*Re-establish routines.* With all of the summer activities and spending time outside enjoying the summer weather, I know my children are not in the routine for the start of the school year. Beginning to re-establish these routines at least a week prior to the first day of school can help with the transition back to school. Some important routines are bedtimes, meal times, and morning schedules.

*Talk about returning to school.* When talking to your child about the upcoming school year, focus on the fun and excitement of a new year. If there is any lingering anxiety, making your child’s new teacher or teachers aware of this at the beginning of the year can help address this and again get the year off to a good start.

*Visit with your child’s new teacher or teachers.* Regardless of the age or grade of your child, meeting your child’s new teacher or teachers allows for an opportunity to get acquainted with the schedule, classroom, expectations, etc. It also allows an opportunity for you to provide information to the teacher about your child. Each building will be hosting open houses or orientation nights which provide a great opportunity to visit your child’s school and meet his or her teacher.

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 4<sup>th</sup>**-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 5<sup>th</sup>**-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 6<sup>th</sup>**-Central Registration at Flora High School-9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**- Central Registration at Flora High School- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**-Freshman Orientation-Flora High School-1:00 p.m.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting at Administration Office-5:30 p.m.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>**-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation-FHJHS-6:00 p.m.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students  
McEndree/Washington Kindergarten Open House-6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Xenia Kindergarten Preview Night-6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**-First Official Day of School for Students (Full Day)

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**-Flora High School Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
FHJHS Open House-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Band Parents Meeting at FHS- 7:00 p.m.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**-FHS Student Pictures

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**-Lincoln Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.