

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

December 2013

I am truly thankful for all of the support and input provided to the district. As a result, this month I chose to include the most recent article I submitted to the paper for my monthly newsletter.

A Time for Thanks

It is hard to believe that November is here and we are only a few short weeks away from holiday break. Signs that Christmas is near are everywhere you look-from Christmas movies on TV, to advertisements for Christmas sales, to Christmas decorations in stores. While Christmas will be here before we know it, Thanksgiving is a great time to think about the things in our lives we have to be thankful for.

According to William Arthur Ward, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." Besides probably eating way too much, this Thanksgiving season has provided me an opportunity to reflect on what I am personally thankful for.

- I am thankful to be the superintendent of Flora CUSD #35. Each day I get the opportunity to work together with the community, parents, staff, and students, I am more and more grateful for the opportunity.
- I am thankful for the Flora parents and community. Whether it is cheering on our athletic teams at sporting events, providing input through school or district committees, volunteering in various buildings, or giving graciously of time and money to our district, it is the support and dedication of the parents and community members that truly makes our schools great.
- I am thankful for the Flora students. By their willingness to help out at school and in the community, the respect shown at assemblies/programs-most recently at the Veterans' Day program, and their talents and abilities; the students at Flora are second to none.
- I am thankful to work with teachers and staff that truly care about our students; go out of their way to help our students learn; and invest their time and energy in helping our students succeed.
- I am thankful for our school board members. It is the hard work, dedication, and time spent by these individuals that helps pave the way for the success of our schools and our students.

District Website Launching Soon

Our new website will be launching soon and we hope that it will serve as a source of information and upcoming events for the district. Please check www.floraschools.com after the first of December for the new site and new information posted about the district. Once the new website is launched, we welcome your feedback on items to add to continually improve our website and communication.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 3rd-Washington's Pre-K Christmas program at McEndree-9:00 a.m. and 1:00
Lincoln School/Junior High School Band/Chorus Christmas Concert at
FHJHS-7:00 p.m.

December 6th-McEndree School (Grades 1-3) Christmas Program-1:30 p.m.

December 8th-High School Band Concert-2:00 p.m.

December 9th-McEndree/Washington School Kindergarten Christmas Program at
McEndree School-1:00 p.m.

December 13th-Lincoln School Christmas Program-1:30 p.m.

December 18th-Board of Education Meeting at Administration Office-6:30 p.m.

December 19th-Xenia School Christmas Program-1:30 p.m.

December 20th-End of First Semester-Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

December 23rd-31st-No School