

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**December 2015**

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.

## **Thanksgiving**

Since the beginning of October I have started seeing Christmas decorations in stores, we have received our advertisements for Christmas sales in the mail, the lights and decorations are up downtown, and I have already watched my share of Christmas movies on TV. With the signs that Christmas is near, I want to again pause to give thanks as we approach Thanksgiving for the opportunities I have here at Flora CUSD #35.

- I am thankful first and foremost for the Flora students. The recent District Veterans' Day program was just another recent example of how great our students are. Because of the attentiveness and respect they showed throughout the assembly, I would argue that it would be next to impossible to find a better group of students in any school district!!
- Although I have stated this in the past, I cannot express enough how thankful I am to be the superintendent of Flora CUSD #35. Each day I get the opportunity to work together with each of you to make our school great, I am more and more grateful for the opportunity.
- I am thankful for the Flora parents and community. The support from the community organizations, the input provided through school or district committees, the attendance and support of school programs and athletics, and most importantly the volunteering of time and resources is what truly makes our school district great!!
- I am thankful to work with teachers and staff that truly care about our students. In today's times, education and teachers face unfair criticism and scrutiny from many people while more and more requirements and mandates are implemented. I am proud of the time and energy our teachers and staff devote to help our students learn and 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.

Jeff Dixon was once quoted as saying, "Sometimes we focus so much on what we don't have that we fail to see, appreciate, and use what we do have!" With that in mind, as we approach Thanksgiving, thank you for all you do for our school district and our students and for your continued support!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**-Pre-K Christmas program-Flora Elementary School-9:00/1:00

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**-K-2 Christmas Program-Flora Elementary-1:00 p.m.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**-High School Band Christmas Concert-2:00 p.m.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**-5<sup>th</sup> Grade/Junior High School Band/Chorus Christmas Concert-FHJHS-7:00 p.m.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program-Flora Elementary-1:00 p.m.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting-Unit Office-6:30 p.m.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**-End of Second Quarter/Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**-Beginning of Christmas Break