

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

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New Year Resolutions

Happy New Year!! It is that time of the year again where we close out another year and hopefully look forward to the opportunities that exist in the new year. As I seem to do every year, I am committing to eating healthier and exercising more this year. I'm sure these resolutions will last about as long as they have every other year I have made them.

There is a popular motivational book called FISH! that outlines the philosophies and attitudes adopted by a group of workers in a fish market and the remarkable effect they had on the workers, customers and business. The book gives four philosophies we can all apply that would make our schools more engaging for staff, parents, and students. As we approach the second semester of the school year, we should explore ways that the following principles can be applied to our school district.

Play-This principle does not mean that everything has to be a game, but rather is a way to bring new energy to the task at hand. The more enjoyment, energy and excitement there is for what is happening in our schools, the more this is passed on to others.

Make Their Day-This philosophy entails finding someone who needs a word of support, encouragement, or a helping hand and committing to make their day. The more everyone-staff, parents, students, and community members-make a commitment to this principle, the better our school district and communities will be.

Choose Your Attitude-Each day we have the opportunity to choose what our attitude will be. Make the resolution for the New Year to choose a positive attitude each day no matter what life hands you.

Be There-The last and probably most important principle is to truly be there. This means being completely committed to what needs to be done. If as a learning community, we all resolve to "be there" and work together to do our part in making our schools great, we will continue to see our school district improve and thrive.

I am extremely grateful for the hard work of the staff, students, parents, and community members in making the first semester of this school year great. As we look towards the New Year and the new semester, I hope our New Year resolutions will include finding ways to make the above philosophies a part of making our school district even better in the future.

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 3rd-Teacher Institute Day-No school for students

January 6th-Students return for 2nd semester

January 8th-District Technology Committee-3:30 p.m.-Unit Office
Focus Group Meetings-6:00 p.m.-FHS Commons

January 10th-Grade Cards/Grade Slips Issued

January 15th-Food Committee Meeting-11:00-FHS

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

January 17th-School Improvement Day-12:30 Dismissal for students

January 20th-Martin Luther King's Birthday-No School

January 24th-FHJHS Sports Pictures