

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

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Building Trades: Braving the Elements

You may have noticed the concrete being poured for the new unit office at the corner of Emory and Vincennes. If you have driven by in the mornings you have also probably seen the building trades students braving the wet and cold weather to assist in the construction of the new office. With this construction, the building trades classes will still get the same training and education as they do when building houses as well as making the construction more economical for the district. The construction of the unit office will be completed without a need to add any additional money to the budget from the building trades construction from last year.

One of the obvious questions is why is a new unit office needed? While the current unit office has served a great purpose within the district, it is inefficient to operate and will require a significant amount of money to repair and maintain over the next few years. Currently, there are water and mold issues in the basement that would be extremely costly to repair. In addition to the water issues, the basement also contains asbestos floor and ceiling tiles that would need to be abated in the future. Along with the issues in the basement, the roof needs replaced and the boiler would potentially need replaced in a couple of years. While the unit office once housed a much larger number of staff-the maintenance director, special education coordinator, special education secretary, food service director, technology coordinator, bookkeeper, administrative secretary, assistant superintendent, and superintendent-it now only houses the superintendent, bookkeeper, and administrative secretary.

The new unit office will be a single level, handicap accessible, more efficient office. We are excited about the new construction and are continually exploring ways to efficiently provide services and the best possible education to our students.

New Attendance Calling System Beginning January 4th

Beginning on January 4th, we will be utilizing our student information system and our all call system to streamline attendance calls for students that are absent. As in the past, we encourage you to call and let us know if your child is sick or will be absent from school. If a call has not been received by 9:15, our student information system will transfer the list of absent students to our all call system and a call will be generated at 9:30. The call will alert parents that the student has been marked absent and to contact the office. If your number has changed recently and needs to be updated in our all call system, please be sure to let us know.

Thanks for all you do for our school district and have a Happy New Year!!

Important Upcoming Dates:

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

January 4th-Students return for 2nd semester

January 6th-Grade Cards/Grade Slips Issued

January 9th-District Technology Committee Meeting-2:30-Unit Office

January 12th-Food Committee Meeting-FHS-11:15

January 13th-School Improvement Day-12:30 Dismissal for students

January 16th-Martin Luther King's Birthday-No School

January 18th-Board of Education Meeting-Unit Office-5:30 p.m.