

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

March 2014

## 2014-2015 School Calendar

It is hard to believe that February is almost over and spring with hopefully warmer weather is right around the corner. It is also hard to believe that it is time to start looking ahead to the calendar for next school year. Below are important dates for the 2014-2015 school calendar.

August 14<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Institute  
August 15<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Institute  
August 18<sup>th</sup>-First Full Day Student Attendance  
October 24<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Institute-Mt. Vernon Conference  
Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>-Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>-Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
December 19<sup>th</sup>-2:00 Dismissal  
December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Break  
Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>-Teacher Institute  
Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-School Resumes  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-Spring Break  
Last Attendance Day-May 20<sup>th</sup> (if no snow days used)  
May 28<sup>th</sup>-(if all snow days used)

**School Improvement Days (12:30 Dismissal)**-October 30<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**2:00 Dismissals**-September 5<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>

**School Holidays:** Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day/Day after Thanksgiving, MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day

**Midterm Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-September 19<sup>th</sup> (sent home September 24<sup>th</sup>), 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-November 21<sup>st</sup> (sent home November 26<sup>th</sup>), 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-February 6<sup>th</sup> (sent home February 11<sup>th</sup>), 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter-April 10<sup>th</sup> (sent home April 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Quarter Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-October 17<sup>th</sup> (sent home October 23<sup>rd</sup>), 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-December 19<sup>th</sup> (sent home January 9<sup>th</sup>), 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-March 13<sup>th</sup> (sent home March 20<sup>th</sup>)

One change in next year's calendar is a slight increase in the number of 2:00 dismissals. These early dismissals are used as opportunities for staff within and between buildings to meet to align curriculum, discuss interventions, and receive training that is not possible due to conflicting class schedules during the school day. While there is a slight loss of instructional time that results from these dismissals, we feel the instruction students receive is more productive and beneficial when all staff are on the same page and curriculum is consistent.

As always, please feel free to contact us with input, concerns or suggestions about the school calendar and other ways we can continue to improve.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**-ISAT Testing

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting-5:30 p.m.-Unit Office

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**-Grade Cards/Grade Slips Issued

Spring Musical-FHS

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**-Spring Musical FHS

**“Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. “**

**~Daniel J. Boorstin**