

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

November 2016

Principal Appreciation

October is principal appreciation month. This state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1990 and is annually celebrated. Principal appreciation week provides us an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment, and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. Courageous leadership by our principals is essential to effectively educate students and to work to provide resources and support and we are blessed to have principals that live up to that challenge. While we set aside time in October to show our appreciation, we should say thank you each day to our principals for all they do and their work and leadership.

Thank You to Our School Board Members

Too often we forget the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. We forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of the people we know-people who are our neighbors. School board members are the community's key connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Often times, school board members face criticism even though the details that went into a decision are not known. As a result, the efforts of school board members often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

The school board works closely with parents, educators, and community members to help create the educational vision for our student and schools. It assists in formulating goals, defining results, and setting the course for our students' educational program. The school board is accountable to the public and responsible for assuring the public's money allocated to the schools is providing a good return on their investment.

On November 15th, which is School Board Members Day, join with others throughout the district and state to salute the men and women who provide service to our schools as school board members.

Thank you to all of our school board members for everything you do for our school district and students!!

School Board Petitions now Available-Petition packets for school board candidates may be picked up at the Clay County Clerk's office or the Flora CUSD #35 unit office. The filing period for school board candidates begins December 12, 2016. In the past, filing has taken place at the Flora CUSD #35 unit office but now petitions must be filed in the County Clerk's office.

District Veterans' Day Program-The Flora School District will once again be honoring the service and dedication of our veterans at our annual Veterans' Day program on November 10th. There will be a breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the Flora High School Commons for veterans and their families. The breakfast will be followed by a short program beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Flora High School gymnasium that will be open to anyone in the community that would like to attend.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 2nd-Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting-Unit Office-8:45 a.m.
Athletic Committee Meeting-3:30 p.m.

November 3rd-Radiothon Sponsored by Flora Academic Foundation-6:00 p.m-9:30 p.m.

November 9th-FHS Blood Drive

November 10th-District Veterans Day Breakfast-8:15 a.m.

District Veterans Day Program-9:15 a.m.

Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

November 11th-Veteran's Day-No School

November 15th-Elementary School Picture Retakes

FHJHS Picture Retakes

November 16th-Board of Education Meeting at Unit Office-5:30 p.m.

November 18th-Mid-Term for 2nd Quarter

November 23rd-Mid-Term Progress Reports sent home

Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

November 24th-Thanksgiving Day-No School

November 25th-Day after Thanksgiving-No School