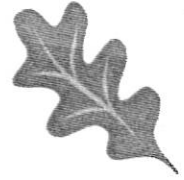


September 2017 Newsletter

Flora Elementary
Grades 3-5



Dear Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start at Flora Elementary. The beginning of the school year is always an adjustment for students. It was wonderful to see each of you at Open House and the excitement on the student's faces. It is very important that your children know that you value their education. Thank you for all your support and encouragement at home. It truly makes a difference!

One of our goals at Flora Elementary is to encourage positive character traits within our school community. Students will earn tokens for such things as: extra recess, custodian assistant, eating lunch with a teacher or sit by a friend, shoot hoops with Mr. Cox, free admission to a game, monthly lunch out and visit the PBIS store. We greatly appreciate any contributions made to the PBIS store. Our school will be showing our Pup Pride by wearing orange & blue each Friday!

You will be receiving a monthly newsletter with a list of upcoming events to add to your district calendar. There may be additions or changes to the calendar as the month progresses. We will keep you informed of any updates. Also, check our school web page for announcements.

Students have been provided with an agenda/assignment book. Students should be completing these books daily. Our goal is to help your child with organization of daily work and to keep you informed about lessons and upcoming tests.

Our 5th grade Enrichment students are gearing up for a fun-filled trip to Archeology Camp on September 7-8. Some of the exciting things that our students have done in the past include: basket weaving, flint knapping, making pottery and visiting a real excavation site.

We are having a General Mills "Box Tops for Education" challenge throughout the month of September. Students may bring in Box Tops and give them to their classroom teacher. Each class will have a goal of 400 Box Tops. The class with the most Box Tops will be rewarded!! We will be redeeming Box Tops to purchase items for our PBIS program, Chromebooks and new books for the children to enjoy.

The Flora Academic Foundation will, once again, be sponsoring the Appleknocker Festival on September 30. This year, the festival will be held at the elementary school. Please make plans to attend and enjoy the festivities. The Academic Foundation provides funding for such trips as the Science Center, St. Louis City Museum and Lincoln Museum. We are very grateful for the Foundation's continued support of our schools.

Thank you for making sure your child is at school each day. **Attendance is very important to your child's education.** Please be sure to call the office by 10:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. Please note that a physician's note is required after **six days** of total absences. Any absence that is not due to a doctor's appointment or illness (vacation, hunting, etc.) needs to be prearranged.

Truancy 3-6-9 policy: The Right Track Truancy Program is implementing a new policy on truancy. Chad Loudermilk is the truancy officer for the Regional Office of Education #12. His office is fast tracking truants to a potential truancy review meeting. The new policy requires area schools to send a letter to parents if a student has three unexcused absences from school. If a student reaches six unexcused absences the school is again instructed to send a letter to parents and refer that student to the truancy office. If a student reaches nine unexcused absences the office will require parents to attend a truancy meeting with their student. These meetings are held at city hall here in Flora.

Have a great September!

Mrs. Carder
Principal, Grades 3-5



September Calendar

September 1	2:00 Dismissal
September 4	No School – Labor Day
September 1-8	Star 360 Testing
September 7-8	Archeology Camp for 5 th Grade Enrichment Book Fair
September 7	3 rd Grade Ag in the Classroom
September 8	4 th Grade Ag in the Classroom
September 12	Corey the Dribbler Lyceum Beginner Band Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room
September 13	4 th Grade Enrichment Beginner Band Appointments 1:00 p.m. – 5:30p.m.
September 15	Midterm for 1 st Quarter
September 19	DARE for 4 th Grade
September 20	Midterm Grades for 1 st Quarter Sent Home 5 th Grade Enrichment
September 21	3 rd Grade Farm Safety Day
September 22	Bring a \$1.00 Wear a Hat for the Day to help Ag in the Classroom 2:00 Dismissal
September 30	Appleknocker Festival

*School pictures are scheduled to be taken on October 18.

**For additional District information, please visit www.floraschools.com.

Appleknocker September 30th

