

District Newsletter



APPLEKNOCKER 2009

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The Flora Academic Foundation once again sponsored Appleknocker on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Many organizations and clubs participated in this annual full day event carefully planned by the Flora Academic Foundation. A project of this magnitude could not take place without the support of so many staff members, parents, community members and children.

Appleknocker was originally supported by the Flora Academic Foundation as a way to provide educational science/cultural experiences for children in our community. However, many organizations and clubs, as well as the Foundation itself, prosper financially and return those gains in the form of monies that provide even more enrichment opportunities for students.

Thanks to all the people that supported and attended the Appleknocker. It is great to see a community come together and support an activity of this magnitude. We would like to thank the Foundation for their continual support of our students and activities throughout the year.

Teacher Institute

First Quarter Ends

- After a busy, but positive start, the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year officially concludes on Friday, October 16. Grade cards will be distributed on Friday, October 23. On the day that grade cards are distributed throughout the year, there will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal for collaboration time.

We will be hosting our 3rd Teacher Institute for the year. The focus will be on Implementation of RTI and training staff on CPR/ AED. The Institute will be held at Flora High School on Friday, October 9th with a modified schedule of running from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In order to provide staff with their 6 CPDU's we will have a working lunch with sack lunches available. We must have six contact hours of professional development. This is the same format that we have used for our October Institutes in the past.

The institute will feature Terry Burgener with AimsWeb, Lynn Burdick

with Thinklink, Kevin McConnell, principal at Robinson, Phil Lieb and Scott Warren, certified CPR/ AED trainers for the Red Cross.

I have attached the agenda and the Evaluations/Evidence of Completions will be distributed at the end of the day.



Food Service Advisory Committee

The Food Service Advisory Committee held its first meeting at Xenia on September 22nd. They will visit the other buildings throughout the school year.

As this small group dines with students, many suggestions are offered and viable changes occur that update services. As student populations change, so do their wishes. Stacy Smith, who

serves as Food Service Director, works with administration and the Food Service Advisory Committee to provide the best possible food service programs throughout the district.

Current members of this committee include Kellie Massie, Mike Plumlee, Sharla Todd, Dale Henson, Brandon Warren, Crystal Luttrell, Jeanie Moses,

Jeana Johnson, Bob Pierson and Stacy Smith.



Enrollment 2009-10

Our sixth day enrollment data shows 1,306 students enrolled in grades K - 12 in Flora CUSD #35. Our enrollment has increased 32 students compared to the same date last year.

Enrollment by attendance centers:

Washington	93 + (80 in Pre-K)
Xenia	153
Lincoln	174
McEndree	212 + (40 in Pre-K)
Junior High	248
High School	418
Out of District	11

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.”

-William James

The largest class in the district is the current Kindergarten class with 117. The smallest class of 79 is in 6th grade.

Radiothon

The Flora Academic Foundation Radiothon will be held on Thursday, November 5th at Flora High School. The Radiothon is the major fund-raiser for the FAF each year.

While listeners pledge money to support the funding of special projects, many of our students and community members contribute their talents throughout the eve-

ning. We encourage everyone to attend, support and participate in this fun filled evening!

School Improvement

An early dismissal (12:30 p.m.) has been scheduled for Thursday, October 8th. Building principals will direct School Improvement activities along with developing their School Improvement Plans for this year.

This time allows our staff to collaborate, review test data and look for ways to improve our schools.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

As an on-going effort to provide communication between home and school, Flora CUSD #35 will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (12:30 p.m. dismissal for students) Conferences will conclude on Friday, October 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Communication and working with the parents is the key to the success of our students. Please encourage your students to have their parents attend.

H1N1

Flora CUSD #35 and the Health Department are working together in planning for the possible H1N1 flu. The Health Department sent informational brochures out in September for parents to become more familiar with the H1N1 flu and precautions to follow for their family.

Susan Schroeder is coordinating with the Health Department and working on a plan if the H1N1 flu becomes an issue in our area. The Health Department is also trying to coordinate a vaccination for our students when the vaccination becomes available. More information will follow when it becomes available. The Health Department hopes that the vaccination will be available by the middle of October.



For more information, please contact Susan Schroeder at the Nurse's office at 662- 4820.

Curriculum Advisory Committee

The Curriculum Advisory Committee is comprised of community members, administrators, guidance counselors, building representatives, and the Student Body President, Elizabeth Moore.

This group had its first meeting on September 23rd and will continue to meet quarterly to discuss a variety of topics related to curriculum and activities provided throughout the district. If you have any suggestions or ways to improve our district, please contact your building representative.

QUOTES

There's never anything new in the newspaper. All the same old things are happening— only to different people.

Most of us were taught that a preposition is not a good word with which to end a sentence. A small boy, home sick with a cold, managed to come up with a sentence that ends with five of them in a row :

“Mom, what did you bring that book I didn't want to read to out of up for?”

The desire to do something good doesn't get it done.

Trust your hopes, not your fears.

Everything we have is really loaned to us: we can't take anything with us when we depart. If we have no use for a thing, we should pass it on to someone else who can use it— now.

-Norma Scholl

The next time you're feeling sorry for yourself, do something nice for somebody. It will make you feel better.

Experience is the name everyone should give to their mistakes.

One outstanding success can often cover a multitude of blunders.