

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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SPRINGING AHEAD WITH ACTIVITIES AND CLOCKS

As usual, spring indicates many school activities, the end of the third quarter, state testing, athletic awards and student recognition.

The third quarter will end on March 12 with grade cards going home on March 19. State testing will run between March 1-12. The high school will hold the winter Athletic Award Program on March 4th. The Junior High will recognize their athletes on March 25 with an all Sports Awards Program at 6:00 p.m.

Also, please be reminded that Daylight Savings Time will begin on March 14, 2010.



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SCIENCE FAIR

Flora High School will once again host a Science Fair on Thursday, March 9th. Students in various classes will prepare scientific research projects that combine many aspects of their curriculum. Judges will have the opportunity

to evaluate the projects from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The science projects will be displayed for public viewing from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The displays will be left in the gym overnight and some junior high

students will be afforded the opportunity to see the projects.

Besides the students always producing outstanding projects, many of state standards are addressed through this endeavor.



GEARING UP FOR FAF ACTIVITIES

The Flora Academic Foundation has been making preparations for two upcoming activities. On Saturday, March 6, the annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held at Flora High School. Information has been posted throughout the schools and community. This event has registered several teams and serves as a great fund raising activity.



The Spring Awards Banquet has

been scheduled for Saturday, April 24. Invitations will be sent to high school students who will be recognized for their academic performance. Families will be asked to respond to the invitations so adequate preparations can be made.

The Flora Academic Foundation annually budgets funds for various projects submitted by teachers in the district. They have approved approximately \$20,000 for the 2009-10 school year. Their financial support continues to provide a wealth of opportunities beyond those included in

the district budget.

FAF continues to meet on the first Friday of each month and conduct a great deal of business that pertains to projects, activities, scholarships, and memorials. If you have any project that may need funding, please submit your request as soon as possible.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The district's annual Needs Assessment will be sent home with the students on March 19, 2010.

The staff members of each building have designed a needs assessment instrument that seeks input on programs and services provided in each attendance center. Please take a few mo-

ments to complete the questionnaire and encourage your students to also complete these forms with their parents and return to the school by March 26th.

The information is then reviewed by the Curriculum Advisory Council and will provide

information needed to meet student needs, obtain grants, and design the School Improvement Plan for the upcoming year.



HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTING

Mrs. Westjohn took 59 of her Accounting students to the 12th Annual Accounting Competition at SIU-Carbondale on Friday, February 5th. Approximately 375 students registered for the event which set a record for attendance. A total of five scholarships were given with Flora

receiving three of those scholarships. Tad Thompson won the Accounting I with James Rinehart finishing second and Matt Wooley finished first place in the Advanced Accounting. All three students received Scholarship money to assist with their college expenses.

Congratulations to Mrs. Westjohn and her students for their efforts and success.

Mrs. Westjohn and her students will be traveling to Charleston on March 10th to compete in another Accounting contest. We wish them the best of luck!

QUOTES



Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. People grow old only by deserting their ideals and by outgrowing the consciousness of youth. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. You are as old as your doubts, your fears and your despair. The way to keep young is to keep your faith young, your self-confidence young, and your hope young.

-Dr. L.F. Phelan

You can't do much about the length of your life, but you can do a lot about its depth and width.

Enthusiasm makes ordinary people extraordinary.

Anyone who is well adjusted these days just isn't paying attention.

Tact is the ability to raise your eyebrows instead of the roof.

Ours seems to be the only nation on earth that ask its teenagers what to do about world affairs and tells its golden-agers to go out and play.

If people only realized that life is hard, things would be so much easier!
-Julian Gerwow

The one thing that most of us do better than anyone else, is read our own writing.

All the great things are simple and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.

-Winston Churchill

PRE-K- 5TH GRADE ELEMENTARY BUILDING

The Capital Development Board has received 1.5 billion dollars in stimulus money from the federal government to use for School Construction. Back in 2002, the state suspended their funding for construction of new school buildings due to the lack of funding. At that time our district had applied for grant funds to build an Elementary Building to house our Pre K- 5th grade students.

We were put on the list in 2003 in case the funding ever returned.

The state has reviewed all of the 2002 applicants and distributed Letters of Entitlement with funding for those schools that were on the 2002 list. They are currently reviewing the 2003 applicants which is Flora and will hopefully approve our application and provide us with the funding.

This is a great opportunity for our district and community in which the state will pay around 70% of the project with the school district picking up the remaining 30%.

We feel there are huge benefits in having all of our elementary students housed in one building along with the savings on the maintenance in all of the older buildings in the district.

FHS SPRING MUSICAL

Ashley (Emily Burkett), a freshman sprite, makes her first visit to Mt. Olympus to meet the powerful pantheon of gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece. She is overwhelmed by the way the Great Olympians live and the power that they wield, and wants to grab a little of the glory for herself. She becomes friends with Persephone (Moriah Ord), the goddess of spring who is running away from her brooding husband, Hades (Dalton Thompson). Together the women set off on an ambitious odyssey to steal Zeus' (Matt Wooley) lightning bolts, Poseidon's (Levi Egbert) trident, and

Hades' helmet of invisibility and take over Mt. Olympus! They are pursued by the vengeful goddess, Hera (Tyra Reeves), and eventually learn an important lesson about the balance of power. This musical rocks with mirth, mayhem and myth-adventure!

Please come out and support our students and the High School Musical! This is great opportunity to enjoy an evening with great entertainment and support our local talent!



