

District Newsletter



APPLEKNOCKER 2010

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The Flora Academic Foundation once again sponsored Appleknocker on Saturday, September 25, 2010. 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.

Curriculum Advisory Council

First Quarter Ends

- After a busy, but positive start, the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year officially concludes on Friday, October 15. Grade cards will be distributed on Friday, October 22. On the day that grade cards are distributed throughout the year, there will be a 2:00 p.m. dismissal for collaboration time.

The Curriculum Advisory Council had its first meeting on September 29th and will continue to meet quarterly to discuss a variety of topics related to curriculum and activities provided throughout the district. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th.

The Curriculum Advisory Committee is comprised of the following members: H.S Student Body President, Tad Thompson, Building Representatives-Emily Putbrese, Sherry Phillips, Stephanie Rinehart, Hayley Kohn, Reava Warren, Beth Hilliard, Special Education- Terri Kautz,

Technology- Heather Durre, Counselors- Mary Jane Dodge, Bryan Ridge, Bobby McNeely, Parents- Diane Briscoe, Whitney Gocey, Jeanie Moses and Administrators- Darrell Gummert, Julie Pearce, Janette Schade, Leslie Carder and Bob Pierson.

If you have any suggestions or ways to improve our district, please contact your building representative.

Food Service Advisory Committee

The Food Service Advisory Committee held its first meeting at Xenia on September 13th. 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 Terri Kautz, John Winters, Sharla Todd, Kristen Duke, Brandon Warren, Crystal Luttrell, Jeanne Moses, Jeana Johnson, Bob

Pierson and Stacy Smith.



Enrollment 2010-11

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	72 + (80 in Pre-K)
Xenia	149
Lincoln	170
McEndree	251 + (40 in Pre-K in October)
Junior High	268
High School	381
Out of District	15

The largest class in the district is the current Kindergarten class with 111. The smallest class of 78 is in the 3rd grade.

Radiothon

The Flora Academic Foundation Radiothon will be held on Thursday, November 4th 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!

“The world really isn’t much worse than it ever was. It’s just that the news coverage is so much better”

School Improvement

An early dismissal (12:30 p.m.) has been scheduled for Friday, 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 Wednesday, October 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (12:30 p.m. dismissal for students) Conferences will conclude on Friday, October 29 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.

Flora CUSD #35 and the Health Department Planning Vaccinations

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 19th for your flu and pneumonia vaccinations. The flu vaccine price is the same at \$25.00 with the pneumonia vaccine price being increased to \$60.00.

Clinic nurses will be at each of the schools listed below providing that there are at least 5 employees signed up at each location. Employees must complete the vaccine form at the time of signing up so that the health department can plan for the clinic.

The vaccinations will begin at Flora High School at 7:45 a.m., with Floyd Henson Jr. High School and McEndree School to follow. The vaccinations will continue at Lincoln School and Xenia School. Employees from the Bus Barn, Unit Office, and Washington School are asked to be at the high school as soon as possible beginning at 7:45. If needed, employees from the Bus Barn can meet clinic nurses at any of the schools mentioned. On October 19, if there are questions about the location of the clinic nurses, please call the Nurse's Office.

Employees can check for more information on the sign up sheets that will be posted on October 5th. A count will be turned into the health department on October 12.



ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT

Flora CUSD #35 is proposing a new Pre-K through 5th grade elementary building in which we can move our 4 elementary buildings into one state of the art facility to educate our children! The site is located just north of the Football Field.

We feel this facility will be something that your child, teachers and the community will be extremely proud of along with providing better learning tools and services to the children of Flora CUSD #35.

We will have:

1. Access to newest technology along with 2 Computer Labs.
2. Library for students to explore a wide variety of books and utilize resources to help them prepare for their futures.
3. Security Cameras along with immediate access to police officers and emergency personnel
4. Transportation will become more efficient and reduce the amount of time our students are on the bus.
5. Savings on utilities, maintenance along with better utilization of staff not having to travel from one building to another

Flora CUSD #35 has been on a waiting list since 2003 for the state to help fund this project. We received our letter of entitlement from the state in June 2010 letting us know that the money is available. The state has sold construction bonds through the state that can only be used to fund school construction throughout the state to help stimulate the economy. They are providing us with about 18 million dollars for this project with our district having to raise around 9 million dollars through the Bond Referendum in November.

On average a property owner can expect to pay around \$6.55 per month or less than \$80 a year on a home valued at \$75,000 to provide a first rate education for our young people. I also feel that in the long run this opportunity will save our taxpayers money in savings on maintenance, utilities, transportation along with better utilization of staff.

We need to educate our community about the benefits and opportunity that our students, district, and community can benefit from this project. We have a PowerPoint presentation on our webpage: flora-schools.com along with the formation of an Action Committee by concerned citizens to promote and educate the community about this project up to election day on November 2nd. Thank you and remember to vote on November 2nd!