

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**August 2017**

Mark Twain once said, “the secret to getting ahead is getting started.” Below are some ideas on how to prepare for the upcoming school year to help make it a great start.

*Re-establish routines.* With all of the summer activities and spending time outside enjoying the summer weather, I know my children are not in the routine for the start of the school year. Beginning to re-establish these routines at least a week prior to the first day of school can help with the transition back to school. Some important routines are bedtimes, meal times, and morning schedules.

*Talk about returning to school.* When talking to your child about the upcoming school year, focus on the fun and excitement of a new year. If there is any lingering anxiety, making your child’s new teacher or teachers aware of this at the beginning of the year can help address this and again get the year off to a good start.

*Visit with your child’s new teacher or teachers.* Regardless of the age or grade of your child, meeting your child’s new teacher or teachers allows for an opportunity to get acquainted with the schedule, classroom, expectations, etc. It also allows an opportunity for you to provide information to the teacher about your child. Each building will be hosting open houses or orientation nights which provide a great opportunity to visit your child’s school and meet his or her teacher. The open house and orientation dates are listed below.

With the start of the school year, we are excited to welcome the following new staff members:

***Paige Earlywine-District Nurse***

***Kali Carroll-FHS Special Education***

***Kaley Himelick-FHJHS Special Education***

***Jena Ferguson-FES Band***

***Jordan Tipsword-Kindergarten***

***Meredith Wagley-1<sup>st</sup> Grade***

***Monica Grove-4<sup>th</sup> Grade***

***Stephanie Slankard-4<sup>th</sup> Grade***

***Mandy Thompson-FES PE***

***Terry Branch-FHS Ag***

***Deidre Klein-FES Paraprofessional***

We are looking forward to a great school year!! Thank you for all of the support for our schools in the past and we look forward to continuing to work together to make our schools the best they can possibly be.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**-FHJHS Baseball Tryouts #1-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Must attend both)  
FHJHS Softball Tryouts #1-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must attend both)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**-FHJHS Baseball Tryouts #2-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Must attend both)  
FHJHS Softball Tryouts #2-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must attend both)  
Athletic Policy Meeting for Athletes/Parents Flora High School-7:00 p.m.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Central Registration at Flora High School-9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Central Registration at Flora High School- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**-Freshman Orientation-Flora High School-6:00 p.m.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation-FHJHS-6:00 p.m.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting-Administration Office-5:30 p.m.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**-Teacher's Institute Day-No School for Students  
K-5 Open House-FES-6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**-First Official Day of School for Students (Full Day)

**August 17<sup>th</sup>**-Flora High School Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
FHJHS Open House-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**-FHS Student Pictures