

# **Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter**

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**December 2023**

Over the past couple of months, there have been days/months set aside to recognize groups of very special people. We are blessed with the best staff and extremely thankful for all they do.

## **School Bus Driver Appreciation**

For many students, school bus drivers often are the first school staff members they see each day. In addition to ensuring safe travel to and from school, bus drivers set the tone for the day, share encouraging words, and provide consistent and positive connections with our students. October 20<sup>th</sup> was School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, and we share our gratitude with this group of professionals for all they do for students, families and communities. Thank You!!

## **Principal Appreciation**

Courageous leadership by our principals is essential to effectively educating students and to work to provide resources and support. October was principal appreciation month and we are blessed to have principals that live up to the challenge. Principal appreciation month provides us an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment, and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. Thank you to our principals, assistant principals, and deans for all you do and for your work and leadership!!

## **Thank You to Our School Board Members**

It is time to thank our school board members for their hard work and dedication. November 15<sup>th</sup> was School Board Members Day and we joined with others throughout the district and state to thank the men and women who provide service to our schools as school board members.

School board members routinely make personal sacrifices and their role in assuring local control over our public schools is often forgotten. School Board members often times face criticism even though the decisions that went into a given decision are not known. The school board works closely with parents, educators, and community members to help create the educational vision for our students and our schools. It assists in formulating goals, defining results, and setting the course for our students' educational program.

Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work is noticed and very much appreciated!!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**-Pre-K and ECE Christmas Program at FES-9:00

Pre-K, ECE, and Kindergarten Christmas Program FES-1:00

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**-Flora Elementary Christmas Program (Grades 1-2)

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**-High School Band Christmas Concert-2:00 p.m.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**-5th Grade/Junior High School Band/Chorus Christmas Concert at FHJHS-7:00 p.m.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting-6:30 p.m.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**-Flora Elementary Christmas Program (Grades 3-5) 1:00

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**-End of Second Quarter-12:30 Dismissal

**December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Christmas Break-No School