

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

December 2024

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. The third full week of October was School Bus Safety Week. 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 15th 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!!

Winter Weather Updates

With the changing of the calendar to December also comes the continued changing to winter weather. As in the past, we will make decisions on school closings as quick as possible and communicate the closing through our all call system, the district website, the district Facebook page, and WNOI.

This is the first year our district has an approved e-learning plan that can be utilized in the event of school closings. Our initial thought was that e-learning days could be used in the same manner as emergency days in the past. That they would count for instruction and take the place of needing to use emergency days once we have reached five e-learning days. However, we have since been informed that while e-learning days do count as instructional days and do not have to be made up, once you reach five e-learning days you still have to use all five emergency days before you can use Act of God days that don't have to be made up. In a year with more than five days taken off for inclement weather, we would be extending the number of attendance/instructional days for students and staff. As a result, we will not plan to use e-learning days the first semester and will base the use of e-learning days versus a traditional emergency day in the second semester on the number of emergency days already used, the predicted forecast for weather, and how far we are into the second semester. When the announcement for the school closing is made, we will indicate at that time whether it is an e-learning day or a traditional emergency day.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 3rd-Pre-K and ECE Christmas Program at FES-9:00

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

December 6th-Flora Elementary Christmas Program (Grades 1-2)

December 10th-5th Grade/Junior High School Band/Chorus Christmas Concert at FHJHS-7:00 p.m.

December 13th-Flora Elementary Christmas Program (Grades 3-5) 1:00

December 15th-High School Band Christmas Concert-2:00 p.m.

December 18th-Board of Education Meeting-6:30 p.m.

December 20th-End of Second Quarter-12:30 Dismissal

December 21st-January 5th-Christmas Break-No School