

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

December 2017

Gratitude

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." The signs of the upcoming Christmas season seemed to have shown up even earlier this year-the Hallmark Christmas movies starting at the end of October, the Christmas decorations in stores, the advertisements for Christmas sales in the mail, and the lights and decorations going up. With the signs that Christmas is near, I want to again pause to give thanks as we approach Thanksgiving for the opportunities I have here at Flora CUSD #35.

- I am thankful for the Flora students. I was recently asked how we could possibly have all 1400 students in the gym for a Veterans' Day program and it not become a disaster and my response was you have obviously not met our students. Our students' willingness to help out at school and in the community, the respect shown at assemblies and programs-most recently the Veterans' Day program, and their talents and abilities point to the amazing student body we have in our district.
- I am thankful to work with teachers and staff that truly care about our students; go out of their way to help our students learn; and invest their time and energy in helping our students succeed.
- I am thankful for the Flora parents and community. Whether it is cheering on our athletic teams at sporting events, providing input through our school or district committees, volunteering in various buildings, or giving graciously of time and money to our district, it is the support and dedication of the parents and community members that truly makes our schools great.
- I am thankful for our school board members. It is the hard work, dedication, and time spent by these individuals that helps pave the way for the success of our schools and our students.
- I am truly thankful to be the superintendent of Flora CUSD #35. Each day I get the opportunity to work together with the community, parents, staff, and students, I am more and more grateful for the opportunity.

Jeff Dixon was once quoted as saying, "Sometimes we focus so much on what we don't have that we fail to see, appreciate, and use what we do have!" With that in mind, as we approach Thanksgiving, thank you for all you do for our school district and our students and for your continued support!

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 3rd-High School Band Christmas Concert-2:00 p.m.

December 5th -Pre-K and Kindergarten Christmas program-Flora Elementary School-
9:00/1:00

December 8th -1st/2nd grade Christmas program-Flora Elementary School-1:00 p.m.

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

December 13th-Board of Education Meeting-Unit Office-6:30 p.m.

December 20th-End of Second Quarter/Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

December 21st-Beginning of Christmas Break