

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**January 2025**

## **Winter Weather**

The new year brings an increased chance of 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. We believed these days 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.

## **Reminder: Free Breakfast and Lunch Available to All Students**

Good Nutrition helps students show up at school prepared to learn. Because improvements in nutrition make students healthier, students are likely to have fewer absences and attend class more frequently. As a result, Flora CUSD #35 is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to ALL students in the district again for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. The district has been approved to participate in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) which allows the district to make free meals available to all students. We are excited to be able to offer this assistance and opportunity to our students and families and encourage our students to take advantage of the free breakfast and lunch that is offered.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**-Teacher Institute Day-No school for students

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**-Students return for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**-Grade Cards/Grade Slips Issued

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**-District Technology Committee Meeting-2:30-Unit Office

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting-5:30 p.m.

**January 17<sup>th</sup>**-School Improvement Day-12:30 Dismissal for students

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**-Martin Luther King's Birthday-No School

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**-Mid-term for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter