

Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

Children are our most precious possession.

June 2014

A Year in Review

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. I would like to personally thank the parents, community, Board, staff, and students for making this a great school year. The community support for our school district is fantastic and second to none. As many of you know, our school district recently began the strategic planning process and established several goals and objectives to be accomplished over the next three years. Below are some of the initiatives we are working towards through the hard work of our staff and administration.

- Continuing the process of aligning curriculum to the new Illinois learning standards. Through the use of increased 2:00 dismissals, in-service days, and summer training, we will facilitate meetings between different grade levels to ensure that the curriculum is aligned from one grade level to the next.
- Increasing the vocational offerings at the junior high and high school offerings. We have added a vocational staff member at the high school for next year and have added 5 electives at the junior high level. These initiatives will allow for more vocational offerings, strengthen our vocational programs, and greatly reduce the number of students at junior high taking 2 study halls.
- Through a security grant we will be enhancing the security of our junior high and high school facilities. We have received approximately \$23,000 for security enhancements and will be installing door entry systems, panic button systems, window coating, and additional security cameras. Additionally, we have been working with law enforcement, the fire department, and emergency responders to update and revise our crisis procedures.
- Began construction of our new elementary school with a hopeful completion date of August 1, 2015.
- Continue focus on maintaining and improving existing facilities and grounds.
- We have implemented quarterly technology meetings and will continue to utilize this committee for long range technology planning.
- Development of a new website to serve as a dynamic source of information about the school district and upcoming events.
- Use of e-mail database as another mode of communication to staff, parents, and community.
- Used various grants to purchase additional technology/mobile devices for the buildings for the 2014-2015 school year.

The progress that has been made this year couldn't have occurred without the input and support of the community along with the hard work of the Board, staff, and building administrators. We will continue to take strides towards meeting our goals and continually improve to make our school district the best it can possibly be.

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 16th-Board of Education Meeting at Unit Office-5:30 p.m.