

# Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**September 2013**

## *The Power of Parental Involvement*

Studies have shown that when parents are involved, students do better in school. Here are some of the major findings on parental involvement from the National Education Association.

- When parents are involved in their children's education at home they do better in school and when parents are involved in their children's education in school they go farther in school.
- A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level, or cultural background.
- Reading aloud to children is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success.
- When children and parents talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.
- The earlier that parent involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects.
- Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior, and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling.

How can parents get involved? Below are some steps you can take to become a more active part of your child's education.

- Reading to your child
- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Labor Day-No School

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**-McEndree (Grades 1-3) and ECE Open House-6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Xenia School Open House-6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting at Administration Office-5:30 p.m.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**-Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.  
Mid-Term for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**-Mid-Term Progress Reports go home  
FHS Picture Retake Day

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**-Appelknocker Festival Sponsored by Flora Academic Foundation