

# **Flora CUSD #35 Newsletter**

*Children are our most precious possession.*

**September 2014**

*New Faces at Flora School District*

It is great to have staff and students back after what was hopefully a relaxing summer break. Another great school year is off and running and we are pleased to introduce some new staff at the Flora School District.

**Ethan Keyser**-FHS Ag/Industrial Arts  
**Lynsie Hoffman**-Elementary Special Education  
**Jana Smith**-Paraprofessional  
**Tiffany Hostettler**-Paraprofessional  
**Jenny Ayers**-Paraprofessional  
**Stacy Smith**-Elementary Secretary  
**Mike Persinger**-Custodian  
**John Zimmerman**-Custodian  
**Diane Chapman**-Custodian  
**Sue Tolliver**-Bus Aide

We are excited about the start of the school year and our new staff. Please make them feel welcome!!

*Thank You to the Community!!*

I am constantly reminded of how great our community is and how blessed we are to have the community support of our school district. From the large number of people that completed surveys and attended focus groups, the countless hours of volunteering from community members, the donation of resources and money, the attendance at district and athletic events, and most recently large number of people that participated in the local Miracle Treat event; it is easy to see what makes our community great. Recently, I was once again overwhelmed with the community giving through Wal-Mart's "Fill the Bus" program. Through this program, community members purchase school supplies and place them in a container at Wal-Mart to be donated to our local school buildings. Due to your generosity, we received 4 large totes full of school supplies that can be shared with our students and staff for the upcoming school year.

Once again, thank you for your generosity, your support, and for all you do for our school district and students!! Please feel free to contact me at 618-662-2412 or by e-mail at [jhackney@floraschools.com](mailto:jhackney@floraschools.com) as we work together to continually improve and provide the best education possible to our students!!

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**-Labor Day-No School

**September 4<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 5<sup>th</sup>**-Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**-Board of Education Meeting at Administration Office-5:30 p.m.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**-Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting-Unit Office-8:45 a.m.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**-Mid-Term for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Early Dismissal-2:00 p.m.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**-Mid-Term Progress Reports go home  
FHS Picture Retake Day

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**-Appleknocker Festival Sponsored by Flora Academic Foundation