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Flory Academy Newsletter

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Flory Academy

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Flory School Hours

Monday – Thursday

Grades 4-5

8:30am – 2:50 pm

Grades TK-3

8:45am – 2:50 pm

Friday

Grades TK-5



Message From The Principal:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Flory Academy of Sciences and Technology (FAST)! I hope you all had a “cawesome” summer and I look forward to a terrific school year as we look to build on the many successes we had last year.

The goal of FAST is to work together to empower all individuals to learn and grow and to continue challenging and providing a rigorous curriculum rich in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiences. Thanks to our FAST Booster Club and PTA, Flory will be able to continue to offer students the opportunity to have weekly lessons with science, math and technology specialists. We look forward to some new opportunities with STEM related curriculum and some exciting hands on experiences. I am proud to announce that we will be continuing our professional development (PDS) partnership with California Lutheran University. As a PDS school, we will welcome about **8** co-teachers working with Flory students throughout the year.

On the staffing front, please join me in welcoming Nicole Cheek who is our new TK Teacher and Ms. Kandy Franco who will be our Speech and Language Pathologist. We are also excited to announce that TK will continue at Flory.

PTA has been working extremely hard to help us kick off the new school year. I encourage you to come by before school starts to say hello or join us on August 21st as PTA helps to welcome TK and Kindergarten families. TK/Kinder welcome night is on the Aug. 21st at 3 pm. PTA will sponsor and shaved ice truck and will hold its first PTA general meeting. Class lists will be posted on the 21st at 4 pm for PTA members that attend the PTA meeting. Back to school night will be on September 13th. Thanks to an extremely dedicated group of teachers, staff, parents, PTA and FAST Boosters we have some wonderful events lined up and are gearing up to make this an exciting year for the students.

As we continue this journey together, I encourage you to approach school and life with curiosity, excitement, enthusiasm and wonderment. Don't forget to follow our facebook page (www.facebook.com/floryacademy) and to download our Flory App for smartphones, and check out our new webpage which should be completed by the start of school. Find the joy in every moment and I look forward to learning and growing together this year.

Warm Regards,

Rosalinda Silva
Principal



Bus Schedules

Information on transportation will be posted on the district's web site at www.mrpk.org. All teachers will be at the bus lines after school the first week to assist students. Please talk to your child about major landmarks near your bus stop. This helps us identify the correct bus for your child.



Success Express

AM Care is available from 6:30-8am

Limited Participation 1 class is available from 2:50-3:40pm

Full Participation 3 classes available from 2:50-5:20 pm

PM Care is available from 5:20-6pm.

For prices and more information please contact Jenny Murry Lead Teacher @ (805)517-1734.

Back To School Night

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night on September 13th. Teachers will be speaking about the standards and benchmarks that students will need to attain in order to be promoted to the next grade level. This evening is for **ADULTS ONLY** in order for the teachers to provide you with class policies and an overview of the exciting year ahead. There is no supervision for students to play safely on the playground. We sincerely hope to see all families represented at this important event.

FAST Booster Club

This club was formed by a group of parents and community members who are anxious to sustain and enhance educational programs at Flory Academy for years to come. The Booster Club has assisted us in providing funding for math and science specialist positions and purchasing supplemental math programs. They are not affiliated with PTA although both groups work together as a team.

Emergency Forms

Completion of the emergency form is **VERY IMPORTANT** to your child's health and safety. Parents, please take the time to update your student's annual emergency and contact information on Q Parent Connect. It is an important and necessary task which needs to be updated annually. It is imperative that we are provided current contact information for your student, in the event of an emergency. The instructions on how to do this is on the www.mrpk.org website for parents tab. If you have any questions in how to do so please don't hesitate to call our office.

Campus Security

Wouldn't it be nice to return to the days when schools did not have to worry about this issue? Unfortunately, those days are gone, and Flory is secured with fencing to close off the school during school hours. While we hate to do this, in light of recent events throughout our country, it has become a necessity at all MUSD schools. All visitors must enter through the school office. All volunteers and visitors must sign in and wear badges when on campus. Student and parent safety is our most important concern.

Student Drop-Off and Pick Up Please read carefully:

Student Safety is our Primary Concern! Please help!! **NO** students may be dropped off prior to 8:00 am unless they are enrolled in the Success Express morning program. Gates will not be open prior to 8:00 am, as there is no student supervision before this time. Please be patient with each other. The first few weeks will be very congested and busy until everyone gets into the routine or sends their children on the bus.

We ask that anybody entering or exiting campus from Flory Ave., cross the parking lot at the designated crosswalk only. The parking lot has a lot of automobile traffic and this ensures the safest path for all of our students and families.

Drop off areas:

TK & K students are to be dropped off in the drive through at the front of the school and enter through the Kinder gate to the left of the office.

1st-5th grade students should be dropped off at the front of the school and enter through the gate by the lunch benches.

Please have students ready to exit your car quickly as you arrive at the drop off.

ONLY have them exit on the curb side and **NEVER** walk between cars.

Do not allow students to exit your car prior to arriving in the drop off area.

NEVER leave your car. This backs up traffic and creates an unsafe situation for all students.

School Shopping:

As you do your school shopping, please keep several things in mind. We recommend your child to come to school in tennis shoes or closed flat shoes. Sandals, flip-flops and platform soles are unsafe. We also ask that students come in proper school attire. Bare midriffs, short shorts, etc. are wonderful for summer fun, but are inappropriate for playground activities. Sayings and pictures on shirts should be appropriate for all K-5 students to see. If you shop for school supplies at Office Depot, Staples, etc. be sure to mention Flory Academy. A percentage of the sales come back to Flory.



If you need to speak to a teacher or come in to the office, please park in a spot or on Flory Avenue or Third Street, across from the school – do not block the bus area. Do not park in the preschool lot across the street.

Please stop by the office and get a visitor badge if you must come on campus in the morning to speak with a teacher. For the safety of our children, all adults on campus must sign in and have visitor badges at all times.

Make a right turn only when leaving Flory drop off areas. It may also be easier to turn right on Third Street and go through the side streets to exit the area.

Please respect our neighbors at **Rainbow Preschool** by **not parking** in their parking lot. They will be towing vehicles.



From the Health Office:

Does your child have any medical concerns? Allowing Flory to be alerted to even the most minor conditions helps us promote a safe, learning environment. During growth and development years, a child's seemingly minor condition can escalate into more serious circumstances. Prevention is the key and being aware helps us monitor and deter any emergencies.

State, Federal, and insurance guidelines prohibit students from being at school with any type of stitches, splints, wraps, crutches, etc. without a doctor's note stating the nature of the injury, any and all restrictions to activity, and a specific date when students are released back to the classroom and playground.

If your child should need medication during the school year, a completed School Medication Form must be filled out by both the parent and physician. Even over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and polysporin cannot be given without this form per California Education Code 49423.5. Medications dropped off must be given to our health tech so she can verify forms are filled out correctly. Any questions regarding this law please call the school and ask to speak with Nurse Marcie (as students call her).

Please let us know of any concerns related to your student's health on the Health History information form, please print, sign and bring in. It is found on the update through Q Parent Connect.

Sexual Harassment Policy:

The State and local Board of Education has a policy, which prohibits sexual harassment of students. The purpose of this policy is to communicate clearly that Moorpark Unified School District will not condone or tolerate sexual harassment and will take appropriate disciplinary action against employees or students found to have engaged in sexual harassment. Complaints should be reported to the school principal or designee. Copies of the policy are available in the District Office and school office, and are printed in the 2018-2019 MUSD Parent Handbook that you will be receiving shortly or you can download from the district's web site, www.mrpk.org. A copy is also attached to your Thursday student folders. Parents should know that an amendment to the California Education code effective January 1, 1993, adds commission of sexual harassment by a pupil in grades 4 through 12 as a cause for suspension or expulsion. We will also discuss this issue at our first assemblies. Many children simply do not understand the importance of this issue. Please spend a few minutes to explain the meaning of sexual harassment to your child in order to avoid any misunderstandings.



Cafeteria

Prices for cafeteria purchases 2018/19
 Breakfast \$2.00
 Lunch \$3.00
 Milk \$0.50
 Menus available online.

Student Absences:

School no longer simply relies on a textbook driven curriculum. Throughout the day you will find that teachers are providing the majority of our children's education through discussion, hands-on activities and teacher guided projects. Missing a day of school is now not just a matter of reading a textbook or completing homework. It is nearly impossible to make up all that is missed during a school day. Research shows a strong correlation between attendance and academic performance. Naturally students who have fevers, undiagnosed rashes, communicable diseases, or who need to remain close to a bathroom should not be at school. Please carefully review the school year calendar and plan your vacations accordingly. A Health Technician is available during the day to help with minor problems or to contact you

if your child becomes ill.

Please note: Attendance 24 hr. Message Line (805)378-6303 ext. 7685

Important Dates

August

- 20 Teacher In-service**
- 21 Teacher & SYC In-Service**
3pm – TK/Kinder Meet and Greet
4pm PTA Meeting
Welcome back Rally/ Class Lists Posted
- 22 First Day of School**
- 24 Welcome Back Assembly**



September

- 3 No School- Labor Day**
- 7 8:30am Peacemaker Assembly**
- 10 No School- Recess Day**
- 12 9:00am Volunteer Orientation**
- 13 6:00- 7:30 PM Back to School Night Grades Tk - 5**
- 16 Food Truck Event @ MHS 3pm**
- 19 No School-Recess Day**
- 27 Picture Day**

KIDS AT FLORY ACADEMY?



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