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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 K-3

8:45am – 2:50 pm

Friday

Grades K-5

8:30 am– 1:05 pm



Message From The Principal

Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 Mrs. Adrianna Ocegueda who is returning to Flory to teach 1st grade. Also many of you know Mr. Steven Roche as a former CLU teacher candidate and our relief teacher last year. Mr. Roche will be teaching 5th grade. Finally with the retirements of Mrs. Chavez and Mrs. Block, Mrs. Melanie Brower will be moving to 4th grade. We are also excited to announce the return of TK 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 at one of the events prior to school starting on August 23rd. Kindergarten welcome night is on the Aug. 21st at 6 pm. On August 22nd at 4:00 pm we will have our first PTA general meeting and then our annual welcome back rally at 5pm which guarantees to be a lot of fun. Class lists will be posted on the 22nd (4 pm for PTA members that attend the PTA meeting). Back to school night will be on August 31st. 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. Caw Caw!

With gratitude,
Scott Mastroianni, Principal

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Back To School Night

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night on

- August 21 Grade TK & K 6:00 -6:45pm
- August 31 Grade 1-5 6:00 -7:30pm

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.

Labor Day

In honor of Labor Day, there will be **no school** on **Monday, September 4th**.

A 2017-2018 school year holiday calendar will be sent home on the first day of school.

PTA



Please join the Flory PTA. Your registration fee will help defray the cost of many important programs sponsored by this wonderful organization. PTA is Flory School's support system. Many wonderful things happen at Flory through the diligent efforts and financial support of this important group. PTA helps to sponsor assemblies, family activity nights, dances, ice cream socials, and many other wonderful opportunities for students. They also have provided major financial support in helping with such projects as getting technology into the classrooms and supporting the programs with our specialists. Welcome to our new PTA Board.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have every family join this year?

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. This year you will be able to make changes on Q parent Connect (more details to come).

Please look over the information and make any changes necessary. It is very important that we have the updated information

immediately. Under emergency contacts that are allowed to pick up your child if they become ill, please try to put the names of people who live in Moorpark. If there are any changes during the year, please update immediately.



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.

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.

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 extended day program. Gates will not be open prior to 8:00 am.

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



- K students are to be dropped off in the drive through at the front of the school and enter through the gate to the left of the office. Siblings of K students may also be dropped off at the front but should enter through the gate by the lunch benches to the right 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.
- 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 Rainbow 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 this year.

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

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

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 Educational Code 49423.5. Any questions regarding this law please call the school and ask to speak with Nurse Marcie (as students call her).

Notify the school as soon as possible for any changes in contact information. Double check all information on the emergency form for accuracy. There is nothing more disheartening than to tell an ill student that they must stay in the health office, for the duration of their day, due to the inability to reach a parent.

Health history information form. Please read carefully and let us know of any concerns related to the student's health. This form also needs to be signed and returned to school.

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

School Shopping



As you do your school shopping, please keep several things in mind. We encourage 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 were planning on donating disinfecting wipes to your classroom these are the ones that are allowed at school and can be found at Target, Walmart or Amazon:

- Boardwalk Green Wipes
- Waxie Hand Cleaner and All Purpose Wipes
- Clorox Greenworks Compostable Cleaning Wipes

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 2017-2018 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. Thanks!

Cafeteria

New prices for cafeteria purchases 2017/18

Breakfast \$2.00

Lunch \$3.00

Milk \$0.50



Important Dates

August

21	6-7:00pm –TK & Kinder Back to School Night
21&22	Teacher In-service
22	4pm PTA Meeting
5pm	Welcome back Rally/ Class Lists Posted
23	First Day of School
28	No School-Teacher In-Service
31 6:00- 7:30 PM	Back to School Night Grades 1-5

September

1	8:30am Peacemaker Assembly- Integrity Spirit Day- Red, White, and Blue
4	No School- Labor Day
10	Food Truck Event @ MHS
13	9:00am Volunteer Orientation
14	Picture Day
21	No School-Recess Day

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