

The Falcon Flyer



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

TK- 3

8:45am – 2:50 pm

Friday

TK-5

8:30 am– 1:05 pm



Message From The Principal

The 2017-2018 School year is off and running. Literally. This year PTA is organizing our fall fundraiser as our own fun run/field day. The field day is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22. Grades K-2 will run from 8:45-9:30 and grades 3-5 from 9:30-10:15. We will need volunteers to help on race day. Keep those pledges coming in as our goal is to raise \$15,000 to support our programs at Flory. We are also hoping to upgrade our sound system in the MPR, and would eventually like to get a digital marquee for the school.

Our spirit gear store is only open until September 18th. You can order online <https://www.bsnteamssports.com> with the code Flory2017 or through the Flory App. Also we have very cool, environmentally friendly Flory water bottles for sale in the front office. Water bottles are \$10, but only \$8 if you combine it with your PTA membership.

Remember, you can stay up to date through our website at www.mrpk.org/flory and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/floryacademy), Twitter (@floryacademy) and you can download our very own Flory App available for iPhones and Android devices. Go to your app store and search Flory Academy.

Thank you to former Flory parent Kim DiCecco for designing our new mural which emphasizes our mission of working together to empower all individuals to learn and grow. Please stop by to check out the mural, along with our mission, values, and traits we want to instill in our kiddos. You can help by reinforcing these attributes at home.

Finally we would love to have at least 3-5 parents to join our school site council team. School site council (SSC) meets about 4 times per year and is designed to help advocate and monitor our schoolwide goals. In addition to academic gains in English, Language Arts, and Math, our big goal is to have EVERY student master their grade level math facts. There are lots of ways you can help your child achieve this goal. Check with your teacher for more ideas, and please let the office know if you are interested in joining school site council.

As we continue this journey together, I encourage you to approach school and life with curiosity, excitement, enthusiasm and wonderment. Find the joy in every moment and I hope you look forward to learning and growing together this year. Caw Caw!

With gratitude,
Scott Mastroianni, Principal



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Academy!*

*If you own a business
please sponsor this
newsletter.*

*Contact Heather Brown
at 818.325.5336 for
more information.*

Sponsorship Opportunity

Picture Day

Thursday, September 14th you can pre-order at: www.cornerstonephotography.net
Order forms were sent home with your student. It is important that students who are purchasing come to picture day prepared with their order/payment at the time the photo is taken.

Flory School Agenda Books



Students in 2nd -5th grade will receive a Flory School Agenda Book the first week of school. This book has become an effective communication tool for teachers, students, and parents. It is also extremely effective in assuring that homework is completed on time. The middle schools also use

these books, and they have reported to us that our students meet with greater success when they attend middle school after using the agenda book at Flory School. PTA has generously offered to cover the cost of the agenda books for our students this year.

Thank you PTA!

Parent Information Folders

All students will receive a Flory School folder from our PTA. These will be sent home every Thursday with pertinent information. Please look for the folder every Thursday and carefully read the information that comes home. These folders should be signed and returned on Friday. This is our primary method of letting you know what is happening at Flory.



Classroom Interruptions

Classroom interruptions distract all students and stop the flow of teaching and learning. For this reason we ask that messages for students be kept to emergencies only and, if at all possible, to be prior to recess or lunch so that they may be placed in teachers' mailboxes. Lunches, homework, etc. need to be dropped off IN THE OFFICE. They will be placed in teacher's boxes if they arrive prior to recess. If they come in after recess, your child will need to be responsible for coming to the office to retrieve the forgotten schoolwork or lunch. Please help us protect your child's valuable learning time by following this request.

Volunteers



Flory School welcomes all volunteers. We hope that you will join us this year. This wonderful experience will allow you to be a part of the learning process at our school, get to know our staff, and, most importantly, share the learning experience with your son or daughter. It is a very easy process to become a volunteer. Simply fill out the volunteer form available at the office and return it with a copy of your driver's license

(due to Megan's Law) and come to our orientation on Sept. 13th. A name tag will be made for you, and we ask that you wear it at all times on campus. Volunteering is a great experience. You are needed in classrooms, for special projects, in the library, for PTA events, for field trips, as art docents, etc. Even if you work during the day, there are things to do at home. Come one, come all! We would love to have you join our Flory volunteer family.

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). We still have a lot of parents that have not done this, 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.

Student Drop-Off And Pickup

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.

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



Community Contributions

Please re register with your local grocery store by going online or calling them. A percentage of the sales come back to Flory.

Moorpark Elementary String Orchestra

Come join the Moorpark Elementary String Orchestras hosted by the Arroyo West Active Learning Academy!



Again this year, Moorpark elementary students are given the unique opportunity to join the Moorpark Elementary String Orchestras! All elementary students in Grades 3 - 5 are welcome, no previous musical experience is necessary!

- Beginning orchestra students: Wed. & Fri. 7-8am
- 2nd and 3rd year orchestra students: Tues. & Th. 7-8am
- Program begins the first week of October

Look for a registration form in your child's weekly packet or ask for one in the office.

Email: stringsatschool@yahoo.com with questions

*scholarships available

Important Dates

September

- 4 **No School- Labor Day**
- 8 Peacemaker Assembly- Respect/Peacemakers 8:30am
- 10 Food Truck Event @ MHS
- 12 School Board Mtg. @ DO 6pm
- 13 Volunteer Orientation 9:00am
- 14 Picture Day
- 15 Field Day Fundraiser
- Chess Club rm. 16 begin 1:10pm
- Sandbox Computers rm. 25 begin 1:10pm
- 18 Fire Drill
- 19 Hoop it up Assembly 11:30am
- 21 **No School-Recess Day**
- 22 Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers
- 29 Student of the Month 8:45am
- Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers

October

- 2 Custodian's Day
- 6 1st Trimester Progress Reports
- Peacemaker Assembly-Integrity 8:30am
- Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers
- 9-13 Conference Week(Min. Days) 8:30-1:05
- 10 6pm School Board Mtg.
- 13 Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers
- 16-20 Book Fair Week
- 17 Picture Retake
- 18 Fire Drill
- 19 The Great ShakeOut @10:19
- ELAC/DELAC Mtg. 5:30pm
- 20 Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers
- 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 27 Terrific Kids Assembly 8:45am
- Chess Club
- Sandbox Computers
- 6-9 pm Halloween Carnival

KIDS AT FLORY ACADEMY?



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PTA President's Message



Greetings! I hope that everyone had a smooth beginning to the school year. I'm looking forward to what this year will bring!

CALLING ALL NUMBER-CRUNCHERS! (Or super-organized/motivated people...)

Our PTA is in IMMEDIATE need of a treasurer. The time commitment is usually 5-10 hours a week. If you are interested, please email floryptapresident@gmail.com ASAP. We are unable to operate as a PTA without a treasurer. If you are a bit

intimidated, know that we will be able to provide training materials and assistance to help you be as successful as possible in the position. Thank you!

Not interested in Treasurer? You can still volunteer!

Even if you're not interested in a board position, there are many opportunities for you to volunteer! We will be having a volunteer orientation on Wednesday, September 13. Even if you can only devote a few hours here and there, we can use your help. Please feel free to contact us at floryacademypta@gmail.com for more information!

Flory Field Day (Fall Fundraiser)

Our big FALL FUNDRAISER is coming up! We will be doing a Field Day/Jogathon to raise annual funds for PTA. "But wait - what do those PTA dollars do?" you say? Glad you asked! This year's fall fundraising efforts will go towards all PTA programs and contributions, including assemblies, classroom supplies, art docents, Sci-Fi Dance, agenda books and Flory folders, etc. In addition, we are hoping to replace our auditorium's outdated speakers with ones that allow you to actually hear and understand your student's assemblies in the MPR.

We will need lots of volunteers on Field Day, as well as donations of popsicles, ice, and cups. We will be sending out a flyer soon to let you know how you can help. 100% of all cash and check donations will go to the school and a large percentage of online donations. Every little bit helps!

Keep an eye out for more information!

Moorpark Education Foundation (MEF) Food Truck Meetup

The Moorpark Education Foundation is holding their annual Food Truck Meetup on Sunday, September 10 from 3-7pm at the main quad of Moorpark High School. This community event will have booths from all the local PTAs and vendors, and an assortment of food trucks. Money raised at the event benefits all Moorpark schools. We will be there with a paper airplane activity! Come on down and say "hello!"

Earthquake Kits

Earthquake kits are due in October. We will be placing an order for Earthquake kits soon - please email floryacademypta@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing one through PTA. Costs are usually around \$12 per kit.

Reflections Art Competition

PTA sponsors a national arts contest called Reflections. This year's theme is "Within Reach." Students of all grades can enter in a work of art based on this theme. Entry forms will be in the office. Entries are due Friday, October 20. Please be sure to read all the rules and guidelines before submitting your entry! We wouldn't want to have anyone's hard work disqualified.

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Book Fair

Our book fair will be October 16 - 20. We will need volunteers to help out at our book fair! You can sign up for an hour long shift, or stay for the whole morning. Contact us at floryacademypta@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for October 23 - 27. This year's theme is "Your future is KEY - so stay DRUG FREE." We will be encouraging healthy habits and staying drug-free! If you would like to help with Red Ribbon activities, please email us at floryacademypta@gmail.com. Thank you!

Important Dates

9/1 - Peacemaker Assembly

9/4 - NO SCHOOL

9/10 - MEF Food Truck Meet-up

9/13 - Volunteer Orientation

9/14 - Picture Day

9/15 - Flory Field Day

9/21 - NO SCHOOL

10/6 - Peacemaker Assembly

10/9 - 10/13 - Conference Week (Minimum Day Schedule)

10/16 - 10/20 - Book Fair

10/17 - Picture Retakes

10/20 - Reflections entries due in the office

10/22 - 10/27 - Red Ribbon Week

10/27 - FAST Boosters Halloween Carnival