



FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Board Briefing

Dear Board,

Technology Upgrades – As you know Fleming has been working to finish upgrading our classrooms with digital projectors that are mounted from the ceiling. We have 5 classrooms and the gymnasium left to be upgraded with mounted LCD projectors and professional wiring installed. We have ordered 5 more LCD projectors using funds from our supportive PTO. ESD has come by to make a bid for installing the mounts and wiring – we don't have these funds yet but we are working on this.

We have started to use MyAccess! – An online essay grading software program for students. We have 300 subscriptions that cover all of our 6th and 7th graders as well as 30 8th graders and 5 Merlin Alternative School students. So far this program appears to be performing as promised. Our students seem to love it and are writing online at school and at home. The best news is the number of rewrites these students are making without being asked! I am certain that Fleming's Writing Assessment this year and next will be climbing higher. This really is a "Must-See" software program.

State Report Card – Fleming has been Rated Outstanding. We are so proud that we have been able to sustain our school improvement continuously over the past 6 years. Our faculty, students and parents deserve as much recognition as we can give them. Our teachers are already looking ahead at what we can do better to keep our growth moving in a positive direction.

Parent Teacher Organization – Our PTO has made many improvements within their organization to better serve our parents – First and foremost their recruitment of parent membership has been higher this year than recent years. Mrs. Davey - President, Mrs. Wade - Vice President, Mrs. Wytcherly - Secretary and Mr. Davey - Treasurer are all very supportive parents with a positive outlook toward education and just want to help us help students. They have supported our efforts to bring OMSI to Fleming last year, purchased roses and bulbs for our students to plant around school, installed a professional sprinkler system to the front of the school and most importantly they have purchased much of the technology upgrades to our classrooms.

Fleming Athletics - Our Football, Volleyball and Cross Country seasons are underway. We would like to thank our volunteer football coaches, Steve Brown (TRSD Soastic), Cliff Woodruff, Matt Hillis, Todd DeChenne, Jeff Brazille (TRSD Support Services), and Eric Webb. Our volunteer volleyball coaches are Kathy Mathews (7th grade social studies) and Maria Caruncho (front office receptionist). Our cross county team is led by Steven Stuckey (7th grade language arts) is trying to keep their repeat of a District Championship alive.

Fleming Activities - Our Builders Club led by Chris Jelderks (8th grade language arts) and Julie Barnes (6th grade language arts) are planning to build upon last year's work with our bulbs. They intend to plant somewhere between 1000 and 2000 bulbs around the front of the building this year.

Guiding Lights Mentoring Program - Our mentoring program, under the guidance of Heather Saeman (librarian) she is working with upwards of 20 mentors and their students. Mrs. Saeman has done a wonderful job keeping the program thriving.

Fleming Discipline - Our discipline referrals are on a par with last year. So far we have had 29 referrals and last year at this time we had 28 referrals. We ended last year with the lowest total referrals in 6 years and hopefully we will continue with this pace.

Gear Up Grant - We are excited to announce that between our Title X funds and Gear Up Grant funds we now have started After School Tutoring two nights a week with 3 teachers. We have upwards of 30 students receiving special attention to fill in gaps in their learning, reteaching lessons and offering help on homework assignments. This is a great tool that really helps Fleming students excel.

Thank you,

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