

Educational Choices and INNOVATION



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Let's go!



CHOICE FAIR 2021

Family engagement looks different for everyone. Some families are able to volunteer at their child's school, some are able to help with homework and read with their child every night while some families must juggle work to attend open house, parent conferences, and attend performances. Whatever your scenario, we know that as a parent you want what is best for your child. You want your child to be happy, to be nurtured in a safe and loving environment where they feel safe, and are engaged and challenged beyond the classroom.

For all the reasons above, the Educational Choices and Innovation Department is delighted to invite your family to the **CHOICE FAIR** on **November 18th**, for an evening of innovative choices **at Osceola Heritage Park**, 1875 Bill Beck Blvd, starting at **4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** . Elementary schools, multi-level schools, middle schools, high schools, Osceola's Virtual School and Post-secondary Schools, as well as Osceola School District departments will be onsite to answer any questions you might have about the innovative programs available for your child. Jump over to Osceola County and experience:

- MORE** parental choice so you decide what school your child will attend.
- MORE** programs and offerings to fit your child's needs and interests.
- MORE** extracurricular activities for your child to be a well-rounded student.
- MORE** teachers who are certified to provide the best instruction to your child.
- MORE** arts and athletic programs to best engage your child.
- MORE** of the state-of-the-art technology you want for your child.

Our schools are offering **MORE** of all the programs parents have been asking for and are busy building pathways that lead to careers. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the FAIR! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us at 407-847-4847. We are happy to serve you.

"Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly." - Unknown

NEW THIS MONTH:

CHOICE FAIR 2021

- Ready, Set, Get into Gear!

School Spotlight-
Flora Ridge Elementary
Gifted, Talented and Global
Leadership Magnet Program

Important Dates

Family Literacy
Reading Opens the Door to Imagination



Ever wonder where the next book will take you?

Will it transport you to a foreign land or a magical place? Research shows that reading sparks imagination and creativity, strengthens the mind and helps to develop the part of the brain that is responsible for mental images, deciphering and comprehending verbal cues.

There are many benefits to reading such as language development, learning, discovery, and comprehension to list a few.

Taking time to read aloud with your child will nurture their love of reading. Don't know where to begin? Visit your local library to check out a book or go online to learn when the School District's READ Bus will be at a library near you.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." - Dr. Seuss

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

FLORA RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Home of the Phoenix



This school year the focus at Flora Ridge is relationships, collaboration, and talent development. Flora Ridge provides an environment that promotes positive relationships in which staff, students, and families can feel safe, and are ready to learn. The school is committed to providing ALL students a high level of education that motivates them to learn in a creative and positive environment, and recognizes that students who possess exceptional gifts and talents should be granted the direction, time, encouragement, and resources to maximize their potential.

Innovative Programs:

- **Gifted, Talented and Global Leadership Magnet Program**

Flora Ridge Elementary's Gifted, Talented and Global Leadership Magnet Program is focused on global studies, leadership, talent development and gifted studies which inspires students to experience the best of ALL worlds. The goal is to create and develop a community of global learners who embrace cultural diversity and make real world connections to their learning - while acquiring a unique global perspective. Students will learn about the world, become active participants in the world they live in, learn about empathy and compassion, and be inspired to take action to build a better future for everyone. This accelerated and dynamic program cultures higher level thinking, problem solving skills and promotes talent development for fast paced learners.

- AVID
- STEM

Gifted Parent Night at Flora Ridge

Parent night at Flora Ridge was a huge success! Gifted teachers engaged families in fun trivia activities about giftedness and advanced students.

They provided families information on characteristics of gifted and talented children, and reviewed student and parent expectations all in one night.

Families in attendance gained a better understanding that the term "gifted" does not mean good or better but that it is a term that allows students to be identified for services that meet their unique learning needs. Gifted in a school setting means that a child has an advanced capacity to learn and apply what is learned in one or more subject areas, or in the performing or fine arts, when compared to other students their age or grade level.

The night also covered project-based learning and how it engages students in complex, real-world problem solving that is academically rigorous, empowers students as active learners as they use their knowledge and research skills to collaborate with their peers and find solutions to real-world problems based on projects that interest them.

Flora Ridge is committed to developing your child's talent and inspiring them to become leaders.

For more information, visit our website at www.osceolaschools.net/FRES



Did You Know...

Myth: Students who are gifted get all A's.

Fact is that students who are gifted have strengths and weaknesses just like everyone else.

Myth: Students who are gifted don't need help.

Fact is students who are gifted need guidance from well-trained teachers who can identify, challenge and support them in order to fully develop their abilities.

Myth: Students who are gifted are focused.

Fact is students who are gifted can seem distracted. Some may have a long attention span, but only if they are interested in the topic.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st - National Family Literacy Day

November 7th - Daylight Savings End (turn back your clocks 1 hr)

November 11th - Veterans Day - No School

November 18th - CHOICE FAIR - Osceola Heritage Park

November 22 - 26 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

November 29th - Students return to school