



Fruitdale Elementary School

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Dear Board Members,

The 2014-2015 is off to a great start. We had approximately 330 students show up for their very first day of school. There were many new faces to Fruitdale. We are excited to get to know our new families. We are also excited to welcome back our returning families. It is going to be an outstanding year.

We have several new employees on our campus. We have welcomed a new first grade teacher. Cindy Lomica is coming to us from the Eugene School District and she is an excellent addition to our primary team. We have also welcomed a new office manager. Sheri Larson is coming to us from Lincoln Savage Middle School. She is doing an excellent job getting to know our Fruitdale community. We have hired two new instructional assistants and are in the process of hiring a third. Justine Simons will be helping us in our primary reading and math blocks. She did a lot of subbing here on our campus last year and we are excited to have her here on a permanent basis. We also welcomed back Julie Moran. She will be supporting us in a third grade classroom. Julie had spent several years working at Fruitdale as an instructional assistant and we are very excited to have her back.

We have made a few changes to our schedule this year. With the introduction of RTI we just had to adjust a few things. We combined our literacy times into 90 minute blocks. We will also continue to provide intervention or enrichment to all Fruitdale Students in both math and reading for an extra 30 minutes. In addition, we have a Tier3 intervention time in which we will provide intensive support to students in need.

Open House is just a few weeks away. We are looking forward to spending some time with parents and let them see what excitement occurs during a typical school day.

As always, I would just like to recognize the Fruitdale Staff for all of their hard work. They spent a lot of time this summer preparing for a new year. They have embraced the changes of a new textbook adoption and RTI model with enthusiasm. Our classified staff has come back today, so excited to get started with another year with students.

It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community.

Thank You,

Heather Yount
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School