



PANTHER PRIDE NEWS

April 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

I hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing spring break with your families. We have had a few warm days in the past few weeks. Summer will be here before we know it.

Attendance:

The most important component of your child’s education is attendance. It is vitally important to have your child to school and on time every single day. Our most intensive reading intervention begins at the first bell. In grades kindergarten through second their entire reading block is the first thing they do in the morning. When your child is coming in late consistently, they are missing hours of reading instruction every month.

Checking-in:

In efforts to make our campus as secure as possible, I would like to remind you of our visitor procedures. Thank you for being so understanding and respecting our policies as you visit our campus. Many of you have already mastered our yellow visitor sticker procedure when you check into the office. If you are on campus for any reason, please stop by the office to check-in and pick up a visitor sticker. We have some parents who are heading out back to morning recess with their students. We love for you to visit our campus. Remember, if you go past the office doors for any reason please remember to check-in first.

Thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 541-476-2276.

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Dates to Remember

- Play a Joke April Fools Day.....April 01
- Clerical Day (no school).....April 14
- Evening conferences.....April 20
- Conferences (no school).....April 21

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Congratulations to our Fruitdale Battle of the Books team: Weston Berg, Grant Cynor-Ford, Chase Huffaker, Jaidyn Tighe and Emma Huffaker!

They competed at North Medford High School in the regional Oregon Battle of the Books on Saturday, March 18th.

This was the first time our school has participated in this regional competition with schools from all around Southern Oregon. Our team made it to the Sweet 16 round beating out 11 other teams

We are very proud of all of their hard work! (See picture on last page.)

Science Fair

Congratulations to the following students for doing so well with their science projects.

Jacob Monteith - Gold Award on Scientific Process

Emily Kolkow & Emma Huffaker - Silver Award on Scientific Process

Catie Bailey - Silver Award on Scientific Process



Library News

Our Spring **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** was a great success. We sold books totaling \$2700.00 which translates to \$1600.00 in books for our library. The next book fair is scheduled for May. It will be a *Buy-One-Get-One-Free* fair. It is my gift to you to help you stock up on books for summer reading. I do not get a return for your purchases and I hope that you will buy a lot of books for your families to read during the break.

Please take advantage of the resources offered through the **Library** tab on our school webpage. You can search our collection at the **Destiny** icon; find an AR level; access the **World Book** and **National Geographic Online** and explore everything from basic computer skill tutorials to practice tests for AP courses, the GRE and the SAT at the **Learning Express Library**. **Learn 360** offers a multitude of resources for project-based learning and research. Access it at www.learn360.com –
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Your **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** donations are very important. Each box top is 10¢ and they can really add up. Please keep them coming. The class that donates the most will have a party at the end of the year. It is easier for me to count them if they are trimmed and not past their expiration date.

The Josephine Community Libraries offers lots of activities for students. You may have your own library card and participate in *Young Master Gardeners*, *K9 Reading Buddies* and *Storytime and Crafts*. Visit them @ <https://josephinelibrary.org>.

I want your students to be able to check out books. Please make sure that books are returned and fines are paid for lost or damaged items. I am happy to take payments.

• **If you are a gardener and have the time and inclination please see me. I need help weeding our perennial/ butterfly garden. Thanks!**

Read Across America

Fruitdale celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having a spirit week. We wore silly socks, stripes, dressed like a friend and brought stuffed animals so the students could read to them. Kindergarten even ate "Green Eggs & Ham".



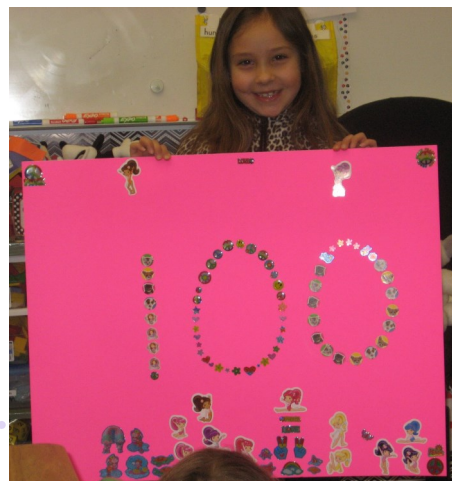
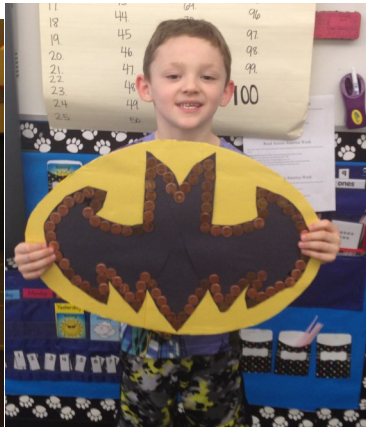
March student of the month winners....

Chancey Small, Terrain Struyck, Dereck Huffaker, Benny Quezada, Hailey Saunders, Donovan Gilliland, Kathryn Stone, Grant Cynor-Ford, Kiara Cuchiara, Ean Hope, Madison Quezada, Juanalisia Camacho-Wallace, Alex Rodriguez and Jessica Antonio. Good Job!



100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

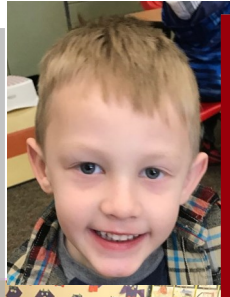
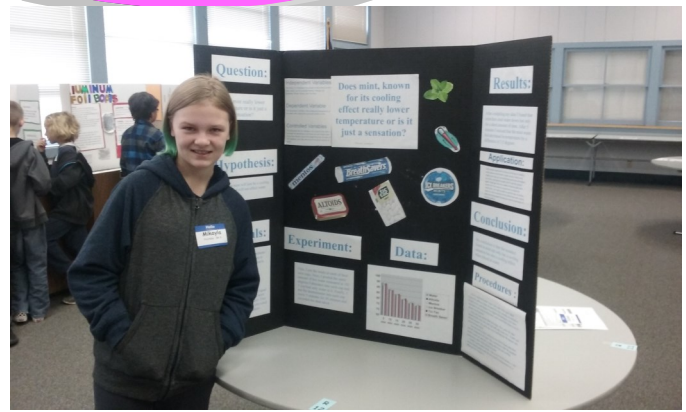
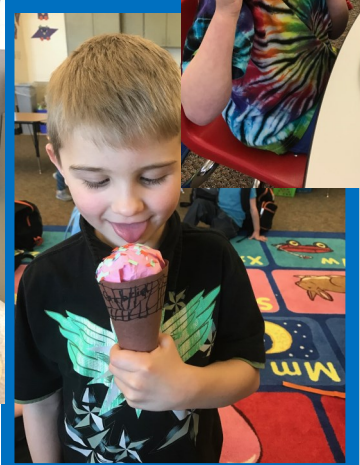
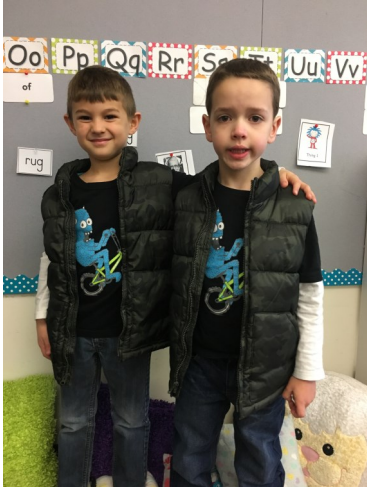
First Grade celebrated the 100th day in school!! Students participated in activities around the number 100 including: sharing collections, writing what we would do with \$100 and math activities around the number 100. First grade spent the afternoon choosing different center activities in the gym such as making crowns, playing games, having a 100's day snack, doing 100 exercises, etc. All students had a great time!



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PBIS winners



Fun activities at

Fruitdale

Battle of the Books! Weston Berg, Grant Cynor-Ford, Chase Huffaker, Jaidyn Tighe & Emma Huffaker.