

**Fruitdale Elementary School
School Board Briefing
November 3, 2009**

Fruitdale Elementary School has begun and the first trimester is almost over. We have already had some great successes and look forward to a very productive and educational year. Despite the high rate of absences from the flu for staff and students alike, we have still done our very best. Some of the things worth noting are:

- Jog-a-thon (whole school event raising money for school projects)
- Fire prevention week (Fire department came to school and presented assemblies)
- Back to School Night (A great turnout of parents/grandparents/guardians to get to know teachers and administrators, etc.)
- Harvest Festival (Festival designed to further introduce our community garden project to the community and have them participate in games and receive pumpkins from our own garden)
- Bus Safety (Assembly on how we should act on the bus and how PBS works there)
- PBS (We are almost a fully functioning PBS school. Our team meets biweekly and we are just now getting the rewards system into place)
- Pumpkin patch (Kindergarten went to the patch at Fort Vannoy Farms and had a wonderful experience locally.)
- Overnighter at Deer Creek (Fourth graders went on this overnighter and stayed in Yurts at the campground. They had classes the next day on the environment, etc. It was a great experience)
- Jack in the Beanstalk (First graders went to the performance at Grants Pass Performing Art Center and had an excellent experience)

These are just a few of the activities we have been involved in. As always, our teachers are ready and willing to engage our students in learning. We are excited and motivated and using new skills that have been researched to aid us in our calling. We have been rated as Excellent from ODE for this past year, and again it is because of the dedication of our staff at Fruitdale.

Thank you for your time,

Kelly Christensen
Principal