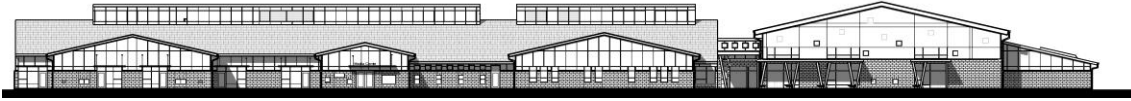


# Fruitdale Elementary School

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Dear Board,

The second trimester at Fruitdale Elementary School has been excellent. I am proud of the hard work from the students, staff and parents of Fruitdale. Below are some of the reasons Fruitdale is full of Panther Pride:

## Family and Community Support

On February 9, 2012 our PTO sponsored Fruitdale's Family Science Night. We invited several outside community organizations to provide hands-on science learning to the students of Fruitdale. The following activities occurred on campus:

- Science Works provided several hands-on engineering stations in gym.
- There was an Oobleck Station in which students made their very own Oobleck.
- Wildlife Images brought a Bald Eagle as well as some other predatory birds.
- Bugs R Us came and provided a hands-on look at several creatures found in our County.
- Grants Pass Astronomers Club came with a hands-on activity relating to meteorites as well as a giant telescope for our students to take a look into.
- A parent volunteered their time in creating a Navigation Station. Students were given compasses and sent on a scavenger hunt throughout the building. HVHS students also volunteered in this station.
- Another community member brought their rock/fossils/minerals collection and set up an interactive station for our families.
- There were several other activities including snacks, raffles, as well as craft projects.

Our turn-out was astonishing. I would like to thank Heather Richter, our PTO President for providing such an outstanding family night at Fruitdale Elementary School.

## PBIS

Fruitdale's PBIS program has continued to progress.

- We have participated in a second Panther Rodeo reteach behavioral expectations.
- We have implemented Friday's PRIDE Class in which we have 40 minutes of protected time to teach school-wide lessons. Our lessons range from reviewing behavioral reinforcements to lessons to educating students about bullying and tolerance.
- Once a month we have a Panther Pride Assembly in which we recognize outstanding students who are safe, respectful, responsible, and positive. We have also recognized an outstanding class once a month for attendance.

## Academics

We have a strong system for Double Dosing our students in both reading and math. We are continuing to monitor the process of Double Dose groups in both reading and math. Our "Intensive" students are being monitored every two weeks to ensure our interventions are resulting in positive growth. Our teachers are doing an incredible job identifying students with serious academic needs and working closely with our Special Education and Title One Specialist. The team work and professional collaboration on this campus is resulting in positive academic gains for all students.

These are just a few things to demonstrate what an outstanding school community Fruitdale Elementary School is. I am proud to be a Fruitdale Panther.

I am looking forward to the continuation of the school year.

Sincerely,

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