

# Fruitdale Elementary School

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Dear Board,

The first 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:

## **PBIS**

Fruitdale's PBIS program is continuing to grow! Here is what we have been working on:

- We have participated in a Panther Rodeo teaching all behavioral expectations. Students received classroom lessons school-wide reinforcing the expectations. We then followed up the classroom instruction with on-site lessons integrating both our certified and classified staff.
- We have continued Friday's PRIDE Class in which we have 40 minutes of protected time to teach school-wide lessons. This trimester's lessons have been PRIDE Soup, Stripes, Happy Faces, and Playing Fair.
- We have continued to implement a structured discipline system. We have analyzed discipline data to provide a focus for our school-wide system.
- Once a month we have a Panther Pride Assembly in which we recognize outstanding students who are safe, respectful, responsible, and positive.

## **Staff Development**

Staff development is a common thread woven throughout Fruitdale's School Improvement Plan. The staff has participated in several development opportunities. We have several teachers attending a math common core workshop in early November. A couple members of the Fruitdale Staff are also participating in the Oregon Data Project. Another grade level team has collaborated with other teachers to focus on the Daily Five Reading Program. This is a team that has already experienced great results that can translate straight into improving classroom instruction. The collaboration of the Fruitdale Staff is next to none! These opportunities give us a focus to not only improve on instructional techniques but also a way to professionally collaborate.

We have also focused on Staff Development with our classified staff as well. Ranging from researching Kagan techniques to exploring our new Renaissance Learning Programs, our classified have had development opportunities. We will continue to provide Classified Staff Development throughout the year.

## **Academics**

We have a strong system for Double Dosing our students in both reading and math. This year we have integrated enrichment opportunities as well. Every student at Fruitdale receives grade level instruction in both reading and math. We then have a system to remediate, enrich, or intervene in an extra half hour math and reading blocks. Progress monitoring is occurring at identified times throughout the trimester, with several opportunities for those students who are at the greatest risk. This is a true collaborative effort from all teachers including our specialists in Title One and Special Education. I can say with confidence that every student's progress at Fruitdale has not only been monitored but also analyzed by a team of teachers.

**Family and Community Support**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Fruitdale hosted our annual Harvest Festival. This event was organized by collaboration between our community garden volunteers, our PTO, and a group of teachers. We invited parents for an evening of fun with their children. We offered pumpkin decorating, crafts, garden tours, and other fun for all families. Our turn-out was astonishing and we have received so much positive feedback from our school community.

These are just a few things to demonstrate what an outstanding school community Fruitdale Elementary School is. Our students, staff, and parents make this an exceptional school.

Sincerely,

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