
Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Fruitdale, I would like to officially welcome you to another year.

It is exciting to be part of this outstanding Fruitdale Staff. Our staff is experienced and compassionate about education. The collaboration of this staff is next to none and we have been working hard to prepare for another exceptional year. We have a few staff changes. Mrs. Gilbert moved into our Title One teaching position. We also welcomed Rhonda Pugsley, teaching fourth grade.

I want to thank all of our parents and community members for the tremendous support and continued dedication to the children of our community. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know both you and your child and will do everything to help make this a great educational experience.

I would like to remind you of our school-wide PBIS expectations. We will be celebrating student success with our first PRIDE activity in December. Please remember we have the following requirements for student participation in this event:

1. Students must have 3's or above on the behavior portion of the report card for the current trimester (This includes homework).
2. Students must maintain a 92% attendance average. Students in grades 1st through 5th may have no more than 5 absences per trimester. This will equate to approximately 3 days for Kindergarteners due to the part time schedule. (4 tardies will equal 1 absence).
3. Students must be in good standing at the library. Mrs. Marr will check for lost

books and unpaid fines.

4. Students may have **no** office referrals for the trimester.
5. Students may have **no** suspensions off the bus for the trimester.
6. 3rd-5th grades only must have at least 80% of their AR goal for the trimester.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

September 21st: Staff Development Day - No School

September 25th: Back to School Night - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

October 12th: Statewide In-service Day - No School

October 17th: PM Conferences - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

October 18th: Conferences - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

October 19th: No School



FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back Fruitdale families!
Thank you to those who used our library during the summer. We were open for seven days, had 94 people visit and circulated 854 books. I saw some great summer readers! I am looking forward to our Box Tops contest and to a Scholastic Book Fair in October. We have many new books this year. There is a lot of great new non-fiction that is geared toward the Common Core standards. Below you will find some free resources provided to you by our Three Rivers School District. Please feel free to ask me for help at any time. That is why I am here.

Ms. Marr



<http://destiny.soesd.k12.or.us/common/welcome.jsp?context=threerivers>

Click this program to search our school library catalog. Search by AR level, book title, subject or author.



World Book Online:
<http://destiny.soesd.k12.or.us/common/welcome.jsp?context=threerivers>

Encyclopedia, maps, pictures, videos, dictionary
Spanish encyclopedia
Web links to EBSCO resources and others.



Kids InfoBits
<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/home> This database is for beginning researchers K-5, covering geography, current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, sports and more.



OSLIS Gale Research Center:
http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/KidsInfoBits?locID=oslis_threerivers

Kids InfoBits, magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias & dictionary, animal encyclopedias, pictures, and more.



Oregon School Libraries: <http://elementary.oslis.org/learn-to-research>

How to cite sources
How to do research
Web site evaluation worksheets

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on Tuesday, September 25th & Wednesday, September 26th. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer / order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.



IN THE GARDEN

The Fruitdale garden that our students planted last spring flourished this summer. Sue Calvert and her dedicated Master Gardeners were here every Wednesday to weed, harvest and re-plant. Lots of students came to help and reap the rewards of their hard work. We were able to donate lots of food to the Josephine County Food Bank. The garden is in great shape and we can always use volunteers! There are still many vegetables to harvest and winter planting to be done.

We are so fortunate to have been granted enough money to make our solar pump operational and sustainable. A huge THANK YOU to the Josephine County Education Fund for a \$1500.00 matching grant, to the Grants Pass Rotary Club for \$900.00, to the Kiwanis Club of Grants Pass for \$100.00, to the Grants Pass Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for \$109.00 and to the Fruitdale Jog A Thon for \$391.00. We met our match!