

FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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APRIL 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

I hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing spring break with your families. I am sure enjoying these warm spring days. It is proof that summer is on its way.

Attendance:

The Fruitdale community was hit hard with many illnesses. While our students and families were suffering with body aches, high fevers, and sore throats, our attendance was suffering as well. Now that the flu is behind us, please make every effort to have your children here every day. April is a great month for consistency and rigor in the classroom. Let's make April the best attendance month of the year.

Checking-in:

In efforts to make our campus as secure as possible, we have visitor procedures. Thank you for being so understanding and respecting our policies as you visit our cam-

pus. 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, but please remember, if you pass the office doors for any reason, check-in first.

PBIS:

Every Friday, our students participate in school-wide Pride activities. Our activities range from recognition assemblies to school-wide lessons. Our lessons cover a variety of concepts ranging from reviewing our procedures to lessons on bullying and internet safety.

Our third trimester began on March 18th. We are looking forward to an end of the year PRIDE activity. Please reiterate our expectations with your students. We

will hold students accountable for the following expectations:

1. Students must have 4's or above on the behavior portion of the report card for the third trimester.
2. Students may have no more than 5 absences per trimester (4 tardies will equal 1 absence). Kindergarteners will be allowed three absences.
3. Student 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 3rd trimester.
5. Students may have no suspension off the bus for the trimester.

Thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions or concerns

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

APRIL 11: Oregon Coast Aquarium Assembly @ 9:00

APRIL 14: Rural/Metro Fire Department Lunch Visit

APRIL 16: District Spelling Bee

APRIL 17: Site Council Meeting @ 2:00

APRIL 20: Easter Sunday

APRIL 28: Progress Reports Out

APRIL 26: Battle of the Books

LOOKING AHEAD:

MAY 5 - 9: Teacher Appreciation Week



FROM THE OFFICE

The school doors open at 7:15 AM each morning. Students may go to the cafeteria for a free breakfast until recess time at 7:30 AM. The first bell rings at 7:35 AM and school starts promptly at 7:40 AM. School is dismissed at 1:55 PM. There is no supervision before 7:15 AM or after 2:00 PM. Parents, we need your help in making sure your child arrives to school and gets picked up on time.

If your child will be going home with another student, we need a note from you as well as the parent of the other child. Notes must include students full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. Please make sure all transportation notes are set to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made before 1:00 PM. See pages 4 & 5 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Arrival & Departure Procedures.

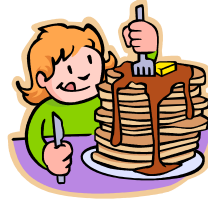
It is a State Law that all medicine to be taken at school is to be brought to school by an adult in the original container. We need written instructions from the parent to administer the medication. Please see page 18 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Medication.

Thank you.



FREE BREAKFAST AT FRUITDALE

Remember, every student who attends Fruitdale Elementary School receives a free breakfast. Even if your child eats breakfast at home, they can come and get a "Grab & Go" for a morning snack.

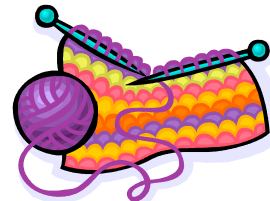


LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found is growing. Please check to see if something we found belongs to you.

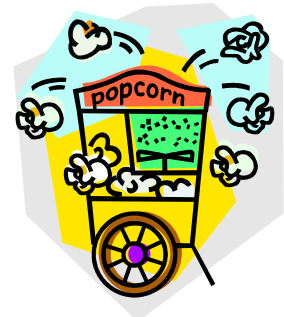
YARN NEEDED

Thank you so much Glenda, the "Hat Lady" for supplying every student who attends Fruitdale School with a hat! We are asking families for donations of yarn to help with next years' hats. Donations may be dropped off at Fruitdale School office. Thank you!



WANTED!

Parents, we need YOU for our PTO! Fruitdale School is in need of parents to help with our Panther PACK, (PTO). If you can help, please let your child's teacher or the office know. Thank you!



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Many of you drop off your student at the beginning of the day and/or pick-up your student at the end of the day. I am sure you are well aware our parking lot is a very busy place. As a staff, we are making extra effort to try and have it flow as smoothly as possible. We continue to need your help to make this happen.

DROP OFF

When dropping off your student in the morning, please use extra precaution. Our student drop off area is located in the front of the building. Please pull all the way forward. We have several parents who stop right at the curve in the front of the office. This causes cars to have to pull around to navigate past the curve. If you pull all the way forward towards the fifth grade hallway, we are able to allow more students to be dropped off at one time.

If you need to escort your child in for any reason or you would like to drop something off in the office, please remember to park inside a parking spot. Our student drop off area is not for parked cars. This will enable the smooth flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. Thank you for being extra cautious regarding this rule.

PICK UP

Please understand we are trying to release students as safely and quickly as possible. With over 350 students, many of which are picked up, our parking lot at the end of the day is going to take some patience.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, we have several parking spaces available as well as a waiting area for cars in our pick-up zone in the front of our building. These places fill up quickly. If there are no available places inside our parking lot, please pull over on Bill Baker Way, this will enable us to maintain a flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. When picking up your student, please pull over to the curb and pull forward as far as you can. This will enable a lane for cars to still get by.

Above all, I am asking that we are all patient in the parking lot. Our goal is for pick-up and drop-off to run as smoothly and safely as possible.

As always, thank you for all of your support.

TITLE 1 FUNDS

Title 1 funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title 1 funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title 1 funding received at Fruitdale.

EDUCATION OF ALL DISABLED CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

Public Law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults age 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is (541) 862-3111.





Fruitdale Library News
April 2014

Thank you, Fruitdale families for making our February Scholastic Book Fair a great success!! We raised over \$2700.00. I was able to get nearly \$1,500.00 worth of brand new books for our library with the profit. Through your generous donations we were able to give \$150.00 to All For Books which provides books to literacy programs and also matches your gift in books for our library.

There are several ways that you can help our library:

*Sign up for e-scrip @ www.e-scrip.com and register your Safeway or credit card to donate to the Fruitdale Library.

*Use Good Search as your browser. Sign up at goodsearch.com and choose Fruitdale Library.

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*Please collect those Box Tops for Education! This fundraiser helps us buy new books. If your student fills up the collection sheet sent home by her or his teacher (s)he is eligible to win a drawing for a book or poster.

*Donate your used ink cartridges, cell phones etc. I will recycle them and earn money for books.

I need help in the perennial garden outside the fifth grade classroom. I have plans to continue to make it a butterfly garden with milkweed and other plants that are attractive to butterflies. The perennials need to be cut back, the weeds need to be pulled, the soil needs to be cultivated and amended. If you are inclined to help please see me in the library. I have tools and seeds!

Thanks so much for helping your students to be respectful and responsible with their books. Our circulating is up and our students are reading more nonfiction than ever!!