

November 2017

Panther Pride News

Dear Fruitdale Families,

We have been busy at school. We saw many of you at our annual Harvest Festival. It was a night full of harvest activities and family fun. We were excited that so many of you participated in this event.

We are also gearing up for our 1st quarter conferences. Conferences are scheduled on November 20th and November 21st. Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. This is a great time for us to communicate with you regarding your child's academic and behavioral progress.

Creating and fostering emotionally healthy and resilient students is vital. At Fruitdale Elementary School, we have approached this in our Positive Behavior Support Intervention System (PBIS) lessons. Teaching to the whole child through literature, and having on-going conversations in every classroom positively contributes to the climate of our building. We consistently uphold the expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible and positive and work to reinforce these expectations during our PBIS class on Friday. All students are exposed to our lessons in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

While there are many ways that teachers and schools can create a positive learning climate, these are just a few of the ways that Fruitdale is working to support positive social behavior with our students. Feel free to ask your student about their PBIS lesson on Fridays.

I would like to thank all families for your support of our Fruitdale Panthers. I appreciate all you do. It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Heather Yount
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School
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Dates to Remember

November 01.....	Picture Re-take Day
November 02.....	Panther Pack Meeting (PTO) 2:05
November 03.....	Clerical Day No School
November 05.....	Daylight Savings time
November 08.....	Last Day for Book Fair
November 10	Veteran's Day No School
November 14.....	Portland Opera
November 17.....	4th & 5th Grade to the Movies
November 17.....	Civil War Day wear Duck or Beaver Gear
November 20.....	Evening Conference Day No School
November 21.....	Conference Day No School
November 22.....	District Closure Day No School
November 23.....	Thanksgiving Day No School
November 24.....	Vacation Day No School
November 28.....	1st Grade to Science Works

Conferences

Conferences will be held Monday, November 20th in the evening and all day on Tuesday, November 21st. Your child should have already brought home a form to request a time to meet with teachers. There will not be school for students on both days. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Holiday Lunch

You are welcome to come enjoy a Holiday Lunch with your child on November 15th. The cost is \$4.00 for adults, Fruitdale students eat free and siblings are \$2.50. Please have order form (in this news letter) turned in no later than Friday, November 8th.

Late Start Friday's

Please remember that EVERY Friday is a late start day. School starts at 8:35am and busses will pick students up exactly 1 hour later than regular scheduled times! Please do not send students to school before 8:15am; all staff are in meetings so there is no supervision. School still ends at 1:55. Thank you

Panther Pack Information

We have a new leader of our Panther Pack (TPO). David Jordan is a new addition to our Fruitdale Community and is excited to lead our group. If you are interested in being involved please contact him at fruitdale@jordan.to or come to our next meeting on November 2nd @ 2:05 in the Fruitdale Library.

Fruitdale Students Compete @ Readapalooza

Three Fruitdale students spent their Sunday, October 22, sharing their read-aloud skills with Josephine Community Libraries. Kaden Bowman, from Mrs. Duewel's 3rd grade class, read from *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina. Annabelle Grubbs, also in Mrs. Duewel's class, *Judy Moody Goes to College* by Megan MacDonald. Eva Wyant from Ms. Fazio's 2nd grade class read a story about Helen Keller from *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Tales of Extraordinary Women*. They all performed beautifully and it was fun to hear their stories. Thank you for representing Fruitdale!



5th Grade News

Thank you to our wonderful Fruitdale families for supporting our 3rd - 5th grade fundraiser this fall! The students raised approximately \$10,000 toward their field trips and other events for this year. What an amazing job!

There are still a few boxes of chocolate left if any families know of people who can't get enough. Please see Ms. McKee or your child's teacher if you need more.



**Just for Laughs,
Jokes from Kids!**

**What do you call an alligator
in a vest?**

An "investigator"

September Students of the Month



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