



# Fruitdale Elementary School

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Dear Board Members,

I can't believe it is November already. The first quarter ended on Friday. We have been busy collecting and analyzing student data in several areas including reading and math. With this analysis, we will ensure that all students are making growth with our core curriculum. For those students who are not making growth, we will be looking at some adjustments as needed. This is an exciting time for us in celebrating the growth that students are making.

Our annual Harvest Festival went off with great success. Our families snacked on homemade salsa straight from our veggies grown by students in the Fruitdale Garden. We also had several craft projects including a scare crow, spider on a web, and a pumpkin weaving activity. Families also participated in pumpkin decorating contest where the winning families took home a large pumpkin pie. It was a great family event.

Our fifth grade students also upheld Fruitdale tradition this month. They participated in an overnight field trip to the Deer Creek Science Center in Selma Oregon. During this 24 hour period our students participated in several hands-on science activities. The students came back exhausted, but it will prove to be a time they never forget. I would like to send a special thanks to our two fifth grade teachers Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Sheehan. These teachers provided an amazing experience for our students.

For the month of November, we are looking forward to inviting families back to Fruitdale for conferences. All parents have been notified of a set conference time and we have a lot of information to share. We will also be inviting families to our annual Holiday Lunch to take place on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for students to share in their school experience with their parents.

As always, I would just like to recognize the Fruitdale Staff for all of their hard work. They are moving through another school year supporting all of the needs of our students. This staff is next to none. I feel lucky to be a part of it.

It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community.

Thank You,

Heather Yount  
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