

Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

Our long summer days have turned into early darkness. The green tree leaves are shades of orange, yellow and red. We have celebrated fall with our harvest festival and are spending those last few days of sunshine in our Fruitdale Garden.

We have completed our first round of parent-teacher conferences. Hopefully you all had the opportunity come in and meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress of your student. Your child's teacher had the opportunity to go over classroom expectations as well as many of the results from several preliminary assessments. We will use these results as we progress throughout the year to analyze the academic growth of each child.

As your student may have mentioned, we have spent some time reinforcing Fruitdale's PBiS pro-

gram. PBiS is a school-wide system to teach our students positive, personal and social skills. We have celebrated behavioral and academic success. We have spent time during Friday's PRIDE class and have school-wide lessons focusing on social education as well as reinforcing behavioral expectations. These activities will continue through the remainder of the school year.

As a reminder, I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of your child's attendance. Attendance is directly linked to solid academic achievement in school. It is required by the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act for schools to average 92% attendance or higher each year. For students to reach this goal, they must miss no more than 14 days of school for the entire year. Our Tardy bell rings at 7:45. Students who are not in their

classrooms at this time will be marked tardy. Vital instruction begins in all classes at 7:45am.

Finally, thank you for your support at Fruitdale. We have an amazing PTA who has been working hard to plan many enriching activities for the students of Fruitdale. We also have many other volunteers who spend countless hours working with our students.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

November 5th - PTO Meeting @ 7:00 in the Library

November 12th - Veteran's Day Holiday - No School

November 14th - School Board Meeting - District Office 7:00 PM

November 15th - Thanksgiving Lunch

November 16th - Rural Metro Fire Department Visit during lunch

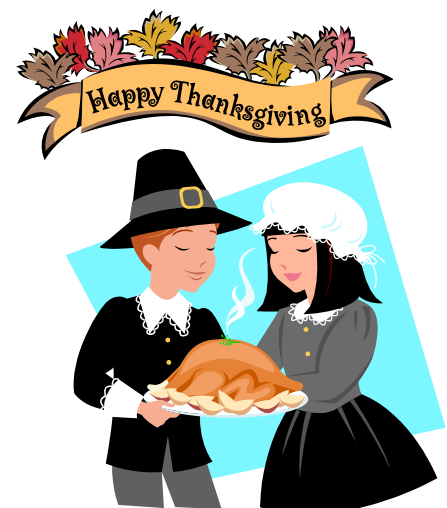
November 19th - 23rd - No School - Furlough Days & Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29th - Site Council Meeting 2:00 PM Conference Room

December 3rd - Clerical Day - No School

December 24th - January 4th - Winter Break

January 7th - School Resumes



FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you, Fruitdale families for making our Book Fair a great success!!



We raised \$2,000. I was able to purchase nearly \$1,000 in brand new books for our library with the profit. Through your generous donations, donations from patrons of the Why Not? Market, and the money raised from our raffle for a one night stay at the Motel Del Rogue we raised another \$180. This money goes to All For Books, a Scholastic program that provides book profit for us and gives a million dollars in books to literacy and children's charities.

Congratulations to the Hatchman family. They are the winners of our raffle. Many thanks to Christina O'Sullivan, Sally and Amy Berg, and Sylvia Marr for their help with the Book Fair.

Be on the look-out for information from our Oregon State Treasurer's Reading is an Investment Program. Your student can enroll online @www.ost.state.or.us. Students will keep a reading log and read at least three books from a recommended reading list for financial education. When twenty squares on the log are completed the student will be entered into the College Savings Plan scholarship drawing. I will be sending home bookmarks with more information. I also have logs and reading lists available in the library.

Please collect those Boxtops 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 will be eligible to win a drawing for a book or poster.

PTO News:

Dear Parents,

Plans are being made for our 1st Annual Art Night and Silent Auction for early December. It's going to be an incredible night and wonderful opportunity for our students and families. And raise much needed money to fund our Family Science Night.

We need volunteers for this big endeavor in hopes of it turning out to be a big success!!

We are seeking donations for the silent auction. Do you work somewhere, know someone or maybe even own a business you think would donate to this great cause? Please let me know ASAP so I can get a donation request letter to you AND so that we don't duplicate requests to businesses.

We are also seeking people to coordinate some areas of this event. If you're available, WE NEED YOU!!!

Some areas we're looking for volunteers to coordinate:

- ~Help in class with the students are projects
- ~Raffle and/or Silent Auction
- ~Dinner & Event Setup
- ~Advertising & Marketing
- ~Cleanup

Please contact Shandel Gauthier directly at shandelgauthier@yahoo.com or Panther Pack at pantherpackpto@yahoo.com or Call Heather Richter at 541-956-1352 for more information.

Thanking you in advance,
Fruitdale Panther Pack

FROM THE OFFICE

Please have your child arrive to school and be picked up from school on time. We are still having a lot of tardies. The school doors open at 7:15 each morning. Students may go to the cafeteria for a free breakfast until recess time at 7:30. The first bell rings at 7:40 and school starts promptly at 7:45. We are also having several students being picked up late after school. School is dismissed at 1:55 PM. There is no supervision after 2:00. Please be on time picking up your children.

Please make sure all transportation messages are sent to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, please call the school office before 1:00 PM.

If you need to pay for field trips, lunches, t-shirts, etc., please remember that we do not keep change at the school. You need to bring exact change or send a check.

Please remind your children of parking lot safety. We had a report of children running in front of cars in the parking lot. Please remind them to use the sidewalks & cross walks.

Thank you,
Fruitdale Office

