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# FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## SEPTEMBER 2013

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at Fruitdale, I would like to officially welcome you to another school 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. Our last years' results are becoming "official" by the State of Oregon, and I am excited to share more detailed information as it

becomes available. At this time, I can tell you that Fruitdale students made substantial growth in all areas.

We have a few staff changes. Ms. McKee has joined our primary team and is teaching a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade blend. We also welcomed Mrs. Lowe, who will be helping us in our school-wide title one program.

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.

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

Sincerely,  
Heather Yount  
Principal  
Fruitdale Elementary  
School

### Important Dates

**September 19** - Site Council Meeting @ 2:00 Conference Room

**September 24th** - Picture Day

**September 24th - 27th** - Scholastic Book Fair Library

**September 25th** - Make up Picture Day

**September 26th** - Open House 6:30 to 7:30 PM

**October 10th** - Progress Reports out

**October 11th** - No School - Statewide In-service Day



## **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on Tuesday, September 24th & Wednesday, September 25th. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer / order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.

## **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. 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.

## **SITE COUNCIL**

Parents, we have one opening on our Site Council. If you are interested, please contact the office.

### **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.