

FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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 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.

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary

Important Dates

May 2nd & 3rd: No School - Furlough Days

May 7th: Smokey the Bear Visit @ 1:00

May 7th - 13th: Scholastic Book Fair (Buy One Get One Free)

May 8th: 4th Grade Field Trip to Crater Lake

May 10th: 5th Grade Field Trip to Table Rock

May 14th: Kindergarten Round-Up 12:00 in the Kindergarten Classroom

May 17th: 5th Grade Talent Show 1:00

May 21st: Oregon Coast Aquarium Outreach 8:00 in the Gym

May 23rd: 1st Grade Field Trip to Wildlife Safari
Site Council Meeting @ 2:00 in the Conference Room

May 27th: No School - Memorial Day Holiday



PTO NEWS

Hi Fruitdale Families,

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Spring Jog-A-Thon. To be a success, we need lots of volunteers. We are really needing someone to step up and be the point person and work closely with the teachers in the planning process or ideally, willing to be in charge of the planning and implementing the Jog-A-Thon. If you have experience in this area or are willing to roll your sleeves up and help, please let us know ASAP. The teachers and school depend greatly on a successful Jog-A-Thon in providing some exciting opportunities for your students.

Thanking you in advance,
Fruitdale PTO

LIBRARY NEWS



GET READY FOR SUMMER READING!

I will be hosting a final Scholastic Book Fair from May 7 – May 13. This fair is a *THANK YOU* to Fruitdale families for helping to make our previous book fairs a success. It is a **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE** fair. I redeem no profit from this type of fair but you can stock up on books for the summer.

I am able to obtain some books for the library during this fair with your contributions to the **ALL FOR BOOKS** program. I am able to purchase dollar for dollar and Scholastic donates books to charities and literacy organizations.

Please fill out the attached form and return to your child's classroom by May 10. The classroom that collects the most money will receive \$25.00 to buy books. This means the classroom will actually get \$50.00 worth of books.

Come visit the book fair from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on May 7th.

Mrs. Marr

FROM THE OFFICE

We have new visitor passes for all visitors and parents who come to our school. For the safety of our students and staff, you must check in at the school office and get a yellow sticker to wear while you are on campus. Thank you for helping to keep our school safe.



YEARBOOK SALES

The Fruitdale Elementary 2012-2013 Yearbooks are on sale now! They are only \$15.00 each. You may order them online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code: 1861813 or you may send in a check with your order form. Order your yearbook today!

We also have several Fruitdale Yearbooks from past school years. They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. All books are only \$5.00 each while supplies last! Stop by the office for more information.

SITE COUNCIL

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

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Please have your children check for lost clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. If you put your child's name on these items we can return them to you. Thank you.

YARN NEEDED

We have a lady who generously donates hats every year to our students. If you are willing to donate yarn for this special cause, it would be greatly appreciated! Just bring it in to the Fruitdale office. Thank you!

