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# FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## FEBRUARY 2014

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

I can't believe it is almost March! This is a great month for academics. Students have been working extremely hard. We have just finished our first round of OAKS testing for our third, fourth and fifth graders. We are excited about the early results. Students who did not meet the proficiency level will be given one more opportunity during late April and early May.

Our second trimester will come to a close on March 13<sup>th</sup>. On March 17 we will be having conferences. Please look for information coming home with your child. We were very disappointed to have canceled our conferences for the first trimester and are really looking forward to meeting with each and every one of you. We have a lot of good news to report as far as the

progress your child has been making this year.

We will be having a PRIDE activity just prior to spring break. We are looking forward to rewarding our students for all of their hard work with attendance, behavior, and academics. Please look for more information regarding this activity.

There are some other changes regarding this year's school calendar. Some changes are as follows:

March 10<sup>th</sup> is now a school day for students.

March 14<sup>th</sup> is a Clerical Day, no school for students.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is a Conference Day. This will be a no school day for students.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> are now school days.

If you have any questions regarding the changes to the calendar, please contact us in the Fruitdale Office. We have also attached an updated District Calendar as well as an updated kindergarten schedule to this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do in helping Fruitdale be a great place for kids. This is an amazing school with great students, talented teachers, and supportive parents.

Heather Yount  
Principal  
Fruitdale Elementary School

### Important Dates

**February 26th:** Science Fair  
Judging at the District Office

**February 28th:** Science Fair  
Open House at the District  
Office

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 3rd - 7th:** Classified  
Employee Recognition Week

**March 3rd-** Sprit Pictures

**March 4th -** Spring Pictures  
for Tuesday/Thursday Kinders

**March 13th -** End of the 2nd  
Trimester

**March 14th -** Clerical Day-  
No School



**March 17th -** Elementary School  
Conferences - No School

**March 20th -** Site Council Mtg 2:00

**March 21st -** Spirit Day

**March 24th - 28th -** Spring Break -  
No School

## **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. Notes must include students full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. 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.

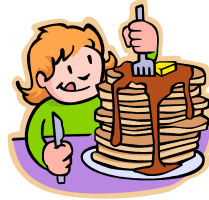
It is a State Law that all medicine to be taken at school is to be brought to school by an adult in the original container. We need written instructions from the parent to administer the medication. Please see page 18 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Medication.

Thank you.



## **FREE BREAKFAST AT FRUITDALE**

Remember, every student who attends Fruitdale Elementary School receives a free breakfast. Even if your child eats breakfast at home, they can come and get a "Grab & Go" for a morning snack.

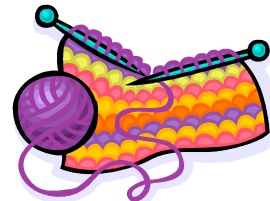


## **LOST & FOUND**

The Lost & Found is growing. Please check to see if something we found belongs to you.

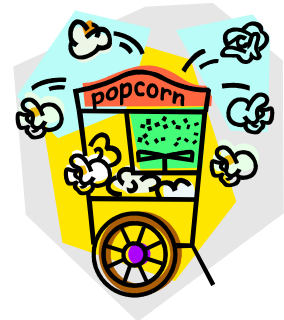
## **YARN NEEDED**

Thank you so much Glenda, the "Hat Lady" for supplying every student who attends Fruitdale School with a hat! We are asking families for donations of yarn to help with next years' hats. Donations may be dropped off at Fruitdale School office. Thank you!



## **WANTED!**

Parents, we need YOU for our PTO! Fruitdale School is in need of parents to help with our Panther PACK, (PTO). If you can help, please let your child's teacher or the office know. Thank you!



## **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.

## **TITLE 1 FUNDS**

Title 1 funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title 1 funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title 1 funding received at Fruitdale.

## **EDUCATION OF ALL DISABLED CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS**

Public Law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults age 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is (541) 862-3111.



