



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October 2016

Dear Fruitdale Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Fruitdale, I would like to officially welcome you to another school year. September has flown by with the blink of an eye and the crisp October days are approaching fast.

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 start off 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 am excited to announce that Fruitdale students had another year of substantial growth.

We have a few staff changes. Mrs. Kennon has joined our primary team. She is teaching a first and second grade blend. Mr. Blanchard has joined our fifth grade team. Both educators have been an excellent addition to the Fruitdale Staff.

Please notice the following information:

1. Fruitdale will continue to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all students
2. Our bell rings at 7:35 on Monday through Thursday, please have your students dropped off by this time. If your child is planning on having breakfast at Fruitdale, please arrive by 7:30.
3. Every **Friday** our staff participates in professional development. School will begin one hour later. Please have your students here by 8:35am, when our first bell rings.
4. Fruitdale's Jog-A-thon is October 27th. Look for information in your student's backpacks.
5. Harvest Festival is October 27th. This is a great night of family fun in which we have an evening of pumpkin decorating, harvest themed crafts and a celebration of our garden. Please join us.

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.

Sincerely,

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FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

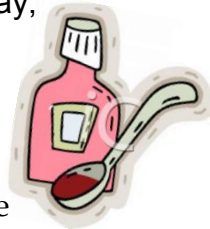
All students enrolled at Fruitdale Elementary are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to you each day this school year! Please check out the menu on our school website.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

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 student's full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. Please make sure all transportation notes are sent to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made prior to 1:00 PM.

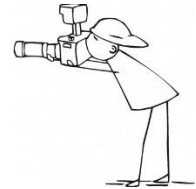
MEDICATION

If your child needs to take medication at school 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.



Conference Day

Parent teacher conferences are coming up. They are the evening of Thursday, November 17 and all day Friday, November 18. Information will be coming home with your child for a date and time that works best for you.



Picture Retake's

If you would like your child to re-take their school picture or they were not at school on picture day, Life Touch Photography will be here again on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

FROM THE FAMILY ADVOCATE

We are in desperate need of pants for small children. If you have pants or shorts that are gently used and you would like to get rid of them please send them to the front office. Thank you!!

PTO NEWS

The Panther Pack (PTO) needs a new leader, if you would be interested in joining please contact Sheri at 541.476.2276. We also need help with our upcoming jog a thon. Please contact the office if you are able to help.



DATES TO REMEMBER

5 th grade to McGregor Park.....	Oct. 05
In~service No school.....	Oct. 14
School board meeting 6pm.....	Oct. 18
5 th grade field trip.....	Oct.19 & 20
Kindergarten field trip.....	Oct. 27
Jog~a~thon.....	Oct. 27
Harvest Festival.....	Oct. 27
Clerical Day (no school).....	Nov. 10
Veteran's Day (no school).....	Nov. 11
Evening Conferences. (no school).....	Nov. 17
Conference Day (no school).....	Nov 18
District Closure Day (no school).....	Nov. 21-23
Thanksgiving Day (no school).....	Nov. 24
Vacation Day (no school).....	Nov. 25

MCGREGOR PARK 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

5th graders will be going to McGregor Park in Shady Cove on Wednesday, October 5th. We will be studying the lifecycle of salmon and the history of Native Americans of the Rogue Valley. When we get back, ask us why salmon are considered a "Keystone Species".

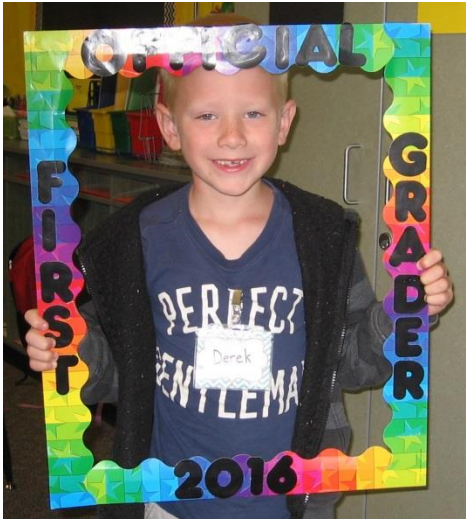
5th Grade Overnight Trip

5th graders will get another hands-on outdoor science opportunity when we go on our annual overnight trip to the Deer Creek Center in Selma in mid-October. Students will become biologists studying macroinvertebrates in Deer Creek, learning all about Darlingtonia, and "Uncovering the Wild Within" in the forests of Deer Creek!

PUMPKIN PATCH

Our kindergarten class will be going to the pumpkin patch on Thursday, October 27, 2016. The cost is \$6.00. Please check with your child's teacher if you would like to be a chaperone.





First day of school in 1st grade!



5th grade students doing a science project.

