

# Fruitdale Elementary School

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## PANTHER PAWS NEWS

January 2009



### Principal's Message Season's Greetings

It seems we are all excited about the holidays and the joy this season brings. Many look forward to the break and the few days spent with family and friends. Some eagerly await the many activities available; some anticipate the gifts they will receive and give; some will enjoy reading a book, writing in a journal, or prioritizing their New Year's resolutions. I hope whatever you choose to do, you will take some time to reflect on this past year. I hope parents, grandparents, and guardians will take the opportunity to spend time with students and evaluate the growth made during this amazing year. And, I hope time will be spent in setting new goals that lead to success and growth in the coming year.

We are all faced with challenges and obstacles that seem to sometimes devastate us, but we can take hope in every moment we live. It is so important to forgive and forget the sometimes regrettable past, and it is equally important not to live in a future tainted with oppression and pessimism. What truly matters is the worthy experiences of the past and the important goals of the future and how those things impact the very moments we live. I challenge each of us to live each second to its fullest and despite the diversities we face, relish the fact we are alive, there are people who care about us, and we have an opportunity to care for others.

I want you to know what a blessing it is to serve at Fruitdale Elementary School. Your children inspire me each day to strive to be a better person, teacher, and role model. As I watch them learn to read and write and create, I realize more and more the importance of quality education and a healthy environment. I better understand the necessary relationships that create the generations who are our future. The choices we make and the time we spend to that end are of great consequence. Please know I am bent on making good, solid choices and trusting relationships.

It is certainly my hope and prayer that this season brings you peace and happiness and prosperity, and the New Year that approaches will be filled with many successes.  
Sincerely,

Kelly Christensen  
Principal





## Planning Ahead February Calendar

### January Calendar

**Jan. 1st**-Holiday New Years Day  
(No School)

**Jan. 2nd**-No school

**Jan. 5th**- Classes Resume from  
Christmas Break

**Jan. 13th**- Parent Pack Meeting  
5:30pm-6:30pm

**Jan. 15th**- Kidzone Night  
5:30pm-7:30pm

**Jan. 19th**- Martin Luther King  
Day- No School

**Jan. 20th**-Site Council Meeting  
2:00pm

**Jan. 23rd**- Progress Reports Out

**Jan. 23**- Otis Fundraiser  
Smucker/Entertainment kickoff



**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, -Dental  
Screening (1st-3rd)

**Feb. 3rd**-Dental  
Screening  
(1st-3rd)

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**- Rogue Opera

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**- Fundraiser  
ends

**Feb. 10th**-Dental  
Sealants

**Feb. 10th**-Parent Pack  
Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Feb. 11th**-Dental  
Sealants

**Feb. 11th**-Science Fair

**Feb. 14th**-Valentines Day

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**-President's  
Day

(No School)

**Feb. 17th**-Site Council  
Meeting 2:00pm

**Feb. 19th**-Kidzone night  
5:30pm-7:30pm

**Feb. 23rd**-Dental  
Sealants

**Feb. 23rd**-Breakfast with  
the principal

Be kind. Every person you  
meet is fighting a hard  
battle!



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to replace an empty  
mind with an open one.



**What to do if it's snowing outside...or ice on the roads.....**

**Adverse Weather Conditions**

In the event of adverse weather conditions (snow, ice etc...) parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJO, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOBI(5), KDRV(12), KTVL(10) or the 3 Rivers School District Web Page for information on school times(two hour delay or no school) and bus schedules. Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. This is when the bus company will drive the straight route (main road traveled). This will also be the stop for that afternoon.



**Fruitdale Fundraiser**  
that goes all year long!  
Join us for fun at  
**KidZone** at  
**ClubNorthwest** every  
third Thursday of the  
month. The cost is \$5.00  
per child with \$2.00 of  
that going back to the  
school. The teachers  
chaperoning for the  
month of January are  
Mrs. Gilbert and Mr.  
Haynes. Please come join  
them on January 15<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

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\*\*\*HAPPY NEWYEAR\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* 2009\*\*\*\*\*  
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**Parent Teacher  
Conferences in December  
were a great success! Thank  
you to all the parents that  
came in. Communication  
with your teacher is so very  
important to your child's  
education.**



**It is cold cold cold  
outside!  
Please remind your  
child to bring their  
jacket to school each  
morning.**



**Our parking lot**  
is a very busy  
place before and  
after school.  
Please keep the  
flow of traffic  
moving. If you  
are dropping off  
or picking up  
your child,  
please have them  
use the crosswalk  
to get to school  
or their car.  
Honking for your  
child at the end  
of the day and  
having them run  
across the  
parking lot is a  
safety issue we  
need to be aware  
of.

