

Fruitdale Elementary School

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Heather Yount, Principal

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Office Hours Rotary Student of the Year

8:00am to 3:00pm

District Science Fair



Kaitylyn Coulter

Fruitdale Elementary was well represented at the District Science Fair. Many of them came home with ribbons. The 1st place winners were:

Chemistry & Earth

1st Place **Abi Post, Addison Allen, Felicita Herrera** 5th grade
Fruitdale Salt Melting Ice

Plant Biology

1st Place **Christopher Jordan** 5th grade *Fruitdale Soil Showdown*



Online registration for all students will be open for the 20/21 school year on June 1, 2020.

It is important to enroll all your students, including any incoming kindergartners, at the same time. All paperwork, ie birth certificates, immunization records, can be brought to the school.

You will find a link for the registration at the Three Rivers School District website. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 541-476-2276.



3rd-5th grade
Spelling Champion
Christopher Jordan

Volunteers needed!

We have the following positions available for the 20/21 school year:

- ◇ yearbook Advisor
- ◇ Leader of our parent group, The Panther Pac
- ◇ Garden Supervisor

Please call the school at 541-476-2276 if you are interested.

What's the Deal with the 4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Update:

On March 11th the Board of Directors for the Three Rivers School District took historic action that will impact all TRSD students, staff and families. In a 5-0 unanimous vote, the decision to move to a 4-day school week was made. This 4-day model will begin September 2020 for all TRSD schools.

The discussion last night was focused on financial sustainability for the district. Three Rivers School District is a "large-rural" school district, and while we value our small-school approach to education, it comes at a cost. Operating 3 comprehensive high schools along with all of the associated feeder schools is expensive. But what is the alternative? We can't close a local area high school and put students on busses for an even longer commute than they have now. Transportation is another rural cost we experience to a greater degree than other districts in our region or around the state. We bus students nearly 10,000 miles every day that school is in session at a cost of over \$25,000 per day.

For over a decade, this school district has worked tirelessly to create a balanced budget while maintaining the highest educational standards possible. We have proposed cut instructional days, reduced teaching and support staff, cut programs and delayed the adoption of current curriculum in every subject area. Last night's vote was a step toward financial stability and sustainability for our school district.

In addition to the financial benefits, we anticipate the 4-day model will yield other positive impacts to our students, staff and families. The most definitive positive impact will be a consistent educational calendar for our students. Our current calendar is often riddled with interruptions from clerical days, conference days, professional development for staff and Friday late-start days. Now that the decision to move to a 4-day model has been made we will try to limit disruptions to the instructional week. This will mean that students can count on consistent blocks of uninterrupted instructional time and fewer instances where a substitute is needed.

Three Rivers School District will be working hard over the next few weeks to answer your questions and provide ongoing communication on what this change will mean to you. We will develop actual schedules at each level so you can see what the day will look like for our students. On behalf of the school board, I want to thank all of the people who came out to the board meeting last night and to everyone who engaged in our feedback strategies over the past several months. The TRSD Board of Directors is resolutely committed to ensuring the very best educational opportunities for our students.

All the best,
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent TRSD

This year the Battle of the Books competition was held at Madrona Elementary. The Fruitdale Team 2 won the competition!!! The winning team consisted of:

- Yariann Torres Rodriguez
- Riley Cornell
- Mackenzie Anderson
- Caleb Anderson

Way to go Fruitdale!!

