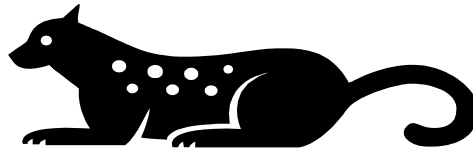


# Fruitdale Elementary School

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## PANTHER PAWS NEWS

November 2009

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am very thankful to write this letter to you in November, the month of Thanksgiving. I am thankful because of the wonderful things I see here at school that make me grateful for your kids and all they do to improve their lives socially, academically, and mentally. As I walk into classes or just down the hall, I see evidence of kids who are engaged in learning and who are doing their best to meet the challenges they face each day. Your children are artists, PBS experts, mathematicians, writers, and strong readers. They are making advancement daily in their search for success. You should be so proud, and you are invited, as always, to see the remarkable things your kids do at anytime.

As we are approaching vacation times this winter by a longer Thanksgiving break and of course the Christmas break, it is my hope you will encourage your students to continue with exercises in reading at home. It is so important not to break the habit and so much can be gained by continuity with reading. It is also a great way to connect as a family if you have the chance to do so.

As always, I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you as principal of this great school. I thank you for your beautiful children—they make my life great every day. Please know you are always welcome in my office. I am here to serve. If I don't see many of you before, please have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the opportunities you can have with your families.

Sincerely,

Kelly Christensen





## **November calendar**

**Nov. 10th-** Mix up Lunch Day

**Nov. 11th-** Veteran's Day Holiday (No School)

**Nov.17 th-** Parent Pack Meeting  
6:00pm-7:00pm

**Nov.17 th-** Site Council Meeting  
2:10pm (Conference Room)

**Nov.18th-** Sword in the Stone Play  
(Gym)

**Nov.19 th-** Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch

**Nov.19 th-** KidZone @ Club Northwest  
5:30-7:30pm

**Nov. 20 th-** End of first Trimester

**Nov.20 th-** Two Hour Late Start

**Nov. 23rd-** Clerical Day (No School)

**Nov. 24th-** Clerical Day (No School)

**Nov.25th-** Budget Reduction Day (No School)

**Nov. 26th-**Thanksgiving Day (No School)

**Nov. 27th-**Vacation Day (No School)

**Nov.30th-** School Resumes



## **Looking Ahead**

**December 2nd-** Pm Conferences-  
Regular School Day

**December 3rd-** Parent Teacher  
Conferences- No School

**December 4th-** No School

**December 11th-** Hearing Screening

**December 14th -**Holiday Christmas  
Program (k-2nd grade 6:30pm-7:00pm)

**December 15th** Holiday Christmas  
Program (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30pm-7:00pm)

**December 15th-** Site Council Meeting  
2:10pm (Conference Room)

**December 15th-**Parent Pack Meeting  
6:00pm-7:00pm

**December 17 th-** KidZone @ Club  
Northwest 5:30pm-7:30pm

**December 17th -**Holiday Christmas  
Lunch

**December 18th-** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to  
the RRRink

**December 21, 2009-Jan1, 2010-** Winter  
Break – No School

**January 1, 2010-** New Years Day- No  
School

**January 4, 2010-** Classes Resume from  
Winter Break/New Years

**Achievement is .....The  
success students attain  
when  
parents/guardians and  
teachers work together.**



**HOLIDAY THANKSGIVING  
LUNCH IS ON THURSDAY  
NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2009.**

Thanksgiving meal is as follows:  
Turkey Gravy and Mashed Potatoes  
Sub Sand or Pizza for non turkey lovers  
Corn  
Dinner Rolls  
Pumpkin Cake  
Variety Salad Bar  
Lunch times will be the same as everyday!  
**\*\*Look for the reservation flyer  
coming your way soon!\*\***

**FUNDRAISER@ KIDZONE**

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES EVERY THIRD THURSDAY FOR FAMILY NIGHT AT THE KIDZONE IN CLUB NORTHWEST. THIS IS AN ALL YEAR FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL. THE COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON WITH \$2.00 OF THAT MONEY GOING DIRECTLY BACK TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS WHO SUPERVISES THAT NIGHT. CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD MUST HAVE A GUARDIAN STAY WITH THEM. OUR NEXT KIDZONE NIGHT FOR THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE ON THURSDAY NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup> MRS. DUEWEL AND MRS. COUGLE WILL BE THERE AS WELL. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD IN BEFORE YOU MAY LEAVE. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR FRUITDALE AND A FUN WAY TO BE WITH FRIENDS . HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



**Kids are Funny (hahahaha)**

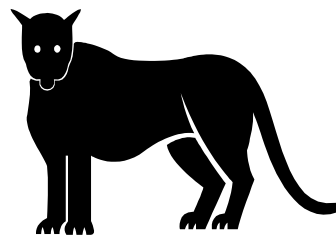
**\*\*Why is a cake like a baseball team?  
\*\*\*They both need a good batter!**

**\*\*Why did the chicken lay an egg?  
\*\*\*Because if she dropped it, it would break!**

**\*\*What day do chickens hate the most?  
\*\*\*Fry-day!**

**\*\*Why were all the baby strawberries crying?  
\*\*\*Because their mommy was in a jam!**

**\*\*Why did the football coach go to the bank?  
\*\*\*To get his quarter back!**



**A special Thank You goes out to Lu Lu Frye! (She is the mom of Stonewolf from bus route B-18). She donated a "Black Panther" to our school. You may see "him" in the main hallway inside the glass trophy case. Thank you so much Lu Lu!**



## LIBRARY NEWS NOVEMBER 2009

Thank you, families, for making our Book Fair a big success. We receive 1/2 a book for each book that you buy. Scholastic donates a dollar in books to us for each dollar raised in our "One for Books" box and donates that amount of books to non profits to promote reading. You can add your spare change to our box at any time! Thanks so much Regina Corley, Robin Haynes, Raechel Roberts, Robin Taylor-Davenport, Stacy Adams and many others for your help in the library.

**Don't forget there are various ways to help raise money for our school and for our library:**

**-Sign up for e-scrip at e-scrip.com, a percentage of your expenditure is given back to Fruitdale.**

**-Keep those Box Tops coming! Regina Corley is our new Box Tops coordinator. Sign up by visiting [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).**

**We receive lots of perks with your participation.**

**-Oregon Books donates 5% of the purchase to us when you mention Fruitdale. Support our local bookstore! They support us.**

**-Try Good Search.com. The Fruitdale library receives money every time you search. I use this search engine and it works as well as any other.**

**- I'll be selling books in the lobby and library. The books will sell for \$2.00 - \$10.00. These are donated books and great for home libraries. Look for the cart.**

**Don't forget to check out our family resource library. We have lots of help for you and your family.**

**Please help your student to learn responsibility by returning or paying for missing books.**

**Fruitdale students have checked out nearly 6,000 books since the start of school. I am impressed!**

**Mrs. Marr**