

Fruitdale Elementary School

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PANTHER PAWS NEWS

October 2009

Dear Parents:

It is such a joy to walk through the halls of Fruitdale Elementary School and greet the kids and staff for another great year! There is so much excitement and such a desire to learn and grow. There are many new programs we are implementing this year that will help maintain our exceptional status at Fruitdale. From the community garden to PBS (Positive Behavior System), and to new math standards, we are committed to enrich each child's experience.

As always, the expectations of students and their families are high. I encourage you to read together, do homework together and cultivate a positive attitude towards learning. The four rules of our school are: be positive, be respectful, be safe, and be responsible. Please discuss with your children the importance of these rules and how they affect all of us. All students will be held accountable to these four rules.

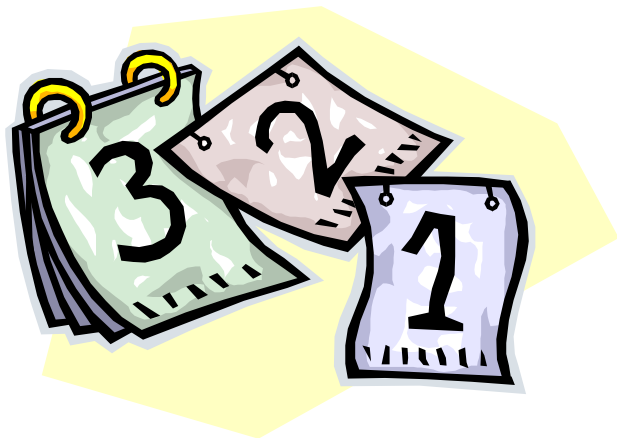
Please know my door is always open to the students and each of you. I am here to serve and my goal for the year is to make Fruitdale a safe place where students can come and gain the skills and knowledge needed to be successful individuals. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Kelly Christensen
Principal

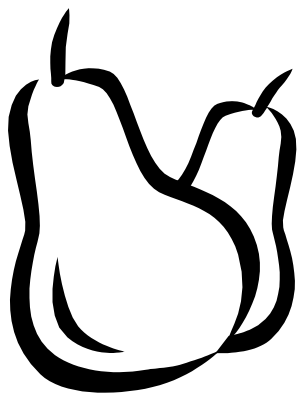


The best bridge between
despair and hope is a good
night's sleep.



October Calendar

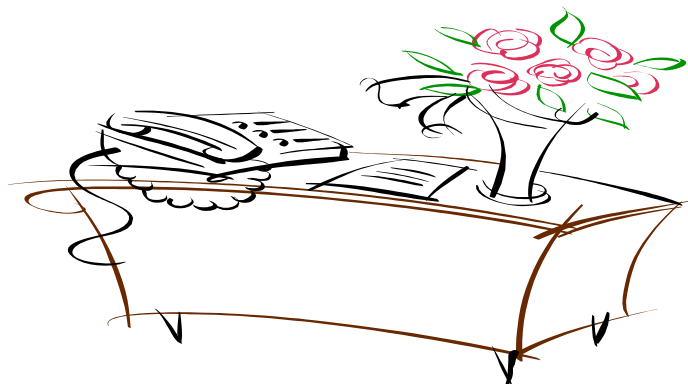
Oct. 2- Progress report go home
Oct. 7th- Good News Starts 12:30pm-1:30pm
Oct. 8th- Parent Pack Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm
Oct. 9th- State-Wide Inservice day (No School)
Oct. 12th- Columbus day (Regular School Day)
Oct. 15th- Kidzone Family Night @ ClubNorthwest
 5:30pm-7:30pm
Oct. 20th- Site Council Meeting 2:10pm (conference room)
Oct. 21st- 26th- Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
Oct. 22nd- Harvest Fair 5:00pm-6:30pm (Info to follow)
Oct. 28th- Lifetouch Picture re-takes 8am-11am
Oct. 30th- Two Hour Late Start (Staff Development)
 Doors open at 9:15am
Oct. 31st- Halloween (Be Safe)



From the Kitchen

The cost for Elementary lunch is \$1.85. Please keep your child's account current. If you haven't already done so please fill out and return a free and reduced lunch application attached in this newsletter.

Thank you,
Trish Marsh (Kitchen Manager)



OFFICE MEMO

**Please notify the office with a note or phone call if your child is going to be absent from school (Sick, vacation etc..) Attendance is very important to your child's education. Please make appointments before or after school hours when possible

If your child needs to take **medicine at school it **MUST** be in its original container with the Doctor's directions how to dispense on it. A form is available in the office and must be filled out by the parent/guardian before any medicine can be given to your child. No child will be allowed to bring or take medicine home from school it must be given back to the parent. This is for the safety of your child as well as the other students and is state law.

If you need your child to go home a different way then stated on your transportation form please call the office in the morning we will no longer be able to take changes after 1:00pm unless of an emergency. Please remember you may also send a note with your student. If your child is going to go home with another student we **MUST ALSO have a note from that parent to allow this to happen. The office staff is very busy and does not have the time to call and make the arrangements, that is why we **MUST** have a call or note from both families.

** Phone calls to teachers during the day is very difficult, it interrupts class time which is learning time. You will be transferred to their voice mail and your teacher will then call you back. Thank you for your understanding. **



School Hours.....

Doors Open-7:15am (Free
Breakfast Served to students)

First Bell-7:40am

School Starts (Tardy Bell)-
7:45am

Kinders Dismissed- 1:40pm

School Ends-1:55pm



Planning Ahead **November calendar**

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

Nov. 12th- Parent Pack Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

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

Nov. 20th- Two Hour Late Start (Staff Development)
Doors open at 9:15am

Nov. 20th- End of first Trimester

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)



Panther Pack Needs YOU

Panther Pack is the name of our parent group
here at Fruitdale.

We are in need of new members to come help
us and to give us ideas and suggestions.

Some of the things we do are: Fundraising,
Teacher Appreciation Week, Bank Day, Jog a
Thon, Student Store etc... The next meeting is
on October 8th, 6-7pm.



YEAR ROUND 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 OCT. 15TH WITH
MRS. WOODRUFF AND MS. ELLIS. 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!

September 15, 2009
Dear Parents/Guardians,
In compliance with the
requirements of the *No
Child Left Behind* statute
the

Three Rivers School District informs parents
that you may request information about the
professional qualifications of your student's
teacher(s). The following information may be
requested:

- whether the teacher has met the Oregon Department of Education's requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Oregon qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- the college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning
your child's teacher's qualifications, please
contact your child's principal:

Sincerely,

Peter Maluk
Director of Elementary Education and Federal
Programs.



LIBRARY NEWS

Our Summer Library program was a great success!
We had 247 individual visits and circulated 662 books.
Mrs. "B" was a wonderful librarian.
There were so many children and families
participating in activities here that the Fruitdale
campus felt more than ever like an integral and vibrant
part of the community.

The Book Fair is coming! October 21 – 26. Check
out our homepage to volunteer or create a wish
list –
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fruitdale>

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. We owe a huge
Thank you to Erin Gericke for winning 1000 Box
Tops for our school. That's \$100.00 for books!**

**-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.**

**Don't forget to check out our family resource
library. We have new books to help you with
Attention Deficit and Behavior concerns.**

**Please, please help your student to return or pay
for missing books.**

**We are starting a great year. Your students are
becoming avid readers. I am impressed!**

Mrs. Marr

SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of Fruitdale School will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year **2009-2010**.

School Responsibilities

Fruitdale School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.

Quality instruction and programs in reading and mathematics

Appropriate and effective remedial programs in basic skills

Individualized assessment and instruction as necessary

A staff committed to meeting the needs of the whole child

2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:

December 2 and 3, 2009

March 17 and 18, 2010

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

Progress Reports.

Monthly School Newsletters

Classroom Newsletters

Classroom Progress Reports

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

Parents may call to schedule appointments at any time. Voice mail is available for all teachers who will return your calls promptly. Class hours are from 7:50 AM until 2:10 PM daily.

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be active members of the school community. Please call your child's teacher to find out about how you may best offer your time and services.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

PACTO: ESCUELA-PADRES DE FAMILIA

Este pacto indica como los padres, el personal de escuela y los alumnos de la Primaria **Fruitdale** compartirán la responsabilidad de mejorar los logros académicos, y medios bajo los cuales escuela-padres de familia, desarrollarán una sociedad que permitirá que los niños obtengan los niveles estatales más altos.

Este pacto escuela-padres de familia será efectivo por el año escolar 2009-2010.

Responsabilidades de La Escuela

La escuela:

1. Proporcionará plan de estudio e instrucción de calidad en un ambiente de apoyo efectivo, que permitirá a los niños alcanzar logros académicos requeridos por el estado.
 - Instrucciones y programas de calidad en lectura y matemáticas
 - Apoyo apropiado y efectivo para el programa correctivo de habilidad básica
 - Evaluaciones individuales e instrucción necesaria
 - Personal comedido a alcanzar las necesidades del alumno
2. Mantener conferencias de maestro-padre de familia (mínimo una vez por año en las primarias) durante los cuales el pacto será discutido, relacionado con cada niño individualmente. Las conferencias se llevarán a cabo:
 - Diciembre 2 y 3 de 2009
 - Marzo 17 y 18 de 2010
3. Proporcionará a padres de familia con frecuentes reportes de los progresos de sus niños, especialmente la escuela proporcionará los reportes de la siguiente manera:
 - Reporte de progresos
 - Noticias escolares informativas (cada mes)
 - Noticias de clases informativas
 - Reporte de progreso a nivel grado o clase

4. Proporcionará a los padres con un acceso razonable al personal.
 - Padres de familia pueden hablar a cualquier hora y solicitar una cita. Hay un buzón de voz para cada maestro que devolverá la llamada en corta tiempo. Horario de clases diario es de 7:50 **a.m.** a 2:10 p.m.
5. Proporcionará a padres con trabajo voluntario y participativo en las clases de sus hijos, y observar las actividades de la clase de la siguiente manera:
 - Padres de familia están invitados a ser voluntarios y miembros activos de la comunidad escolar. Por favor hable al maestro/a de su hijo/a para saber cual es la mejor manera de ofrecer su tiempo y servicios.

Responsabilidades de Los Padres de Familia

Nosotros los padres apoyaremos el aprendizaje de nuestros hijos de la siguiente manera:

- Monitoreando asistencia
- Asegurándonos que las tareas estén completas
- Manteniéndonos informados acerca de la educación de nuestros hijos, y comunicándonos con la escuela al leer noticias o información enviada por la escuela o el distrito escolar, ya sea mandada por correo o por medio del alumno y respondiendo apropiadamente.

Responsabilidad del Alumno

Nosotros los estudiantes compartiremos la responsabilidad de mejorar el nivel académico y llegar a los niveles más altos del estado.

Especialmente:

- Haré mi tarea cada día y pediré ayuda de ser necesario
- Entregar todo tipo de información que haya recibido de la escuela para mis padres o tutores.

Wanted! Parent Volunteers!!!!!!!

Fruitdale Elementary Site Council is seeking nominations for 3 parent representatives. Site council meets once a month after school for approximately one hour. School improvement is the focus of most meetings. Representatives must be elected. If you have one or two parents in mind, please fill out this form and return it to the school office by Friday, October 9th. Feel free to nominate yourself.

Thank you for your consideration,
Fruitdale Site Council

I would like to
nominate _____ for a parent
representative position on Site Council.

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