

PANTHER PRIDE NEWS

February 2018

NEWS FROM MRS. YOUNT

Dear Families,

February is here.

As with all other areas of your child's education, we will continue to ask you for your support in making this year a success. Attendance plays a significant role in academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. It is also important for students to arrive to school on time. Please remember, our bell rings at 7:35am. If you are having difficulties getting your students to school, please call our office. We might be able to help. We were hit hard by the flu in January. Just as a reminder, if your child is ill, please keep them home. Fevers over 100, vomiting or diarrhea are all reasons to keep your children at home.

At the end of March, we begin our assessment season. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will begin taking their reading, math and science tests. Please know that at Fruitdale the focus of these tests is growth. We really work hard to make sure that students are improving from one year to the next on these assessments. At the end of the testing season, we celebrate students' growth and effort with ice cream sundaes for all who participate.

An event we are looking forward to is our annual Science Night. Fruitdale families are invited to an exciting night full of hands-on science activities. Please mark your calendars for February 15, 2018. So far, we have OMSI, Science Works, the Bug Guy, the Oregon Caves, and so many more who are scheduled to be at Fruitdale. This is an exciting family night. Please mark your calendars so you do not miss it!

On behalf of the staff of Fruitdale Elementary School, thank you for all of your efforts. We are looking forward to continuing a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School



When Plans Change....

If you need to change plans on how your child is getting home please make sure to contact the office before 1:25pm. Passes go out to students at 1:30 this will guarantee that your child will get the message.

Lice Information

Parents, We have had some incidences of head lice throughout our building. Below are some guide lines that you can help us reinforce with your child.

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes.
- Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfect combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5–10 minutes.
- Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.
- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks.
- Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities are not necessary to avoid re-infestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing.
- Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

We recommend checking your child's hair/head regularly. Head lice are easier to control when found early.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent Meeting—After School.....	02/01
Clerical Day—No School.....	02/02
Valentines Day parties.....	02/14
Science Night(6pm).....	02/15
President's Day.—No School.....	02/19

IMMUNIZATIONS

It's that time of year that students must be up-to-date with their immunizations. The exclusion date is fast approaching. If your child is not up-to-date we will notify you. If your child is in need of a vaccine please take care of it as soon as possible.

FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS FEBRUARY 2018

Our Spring **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be open February 15 - 23 during school days until 3:00 pm and Thursday night February 15 coinciding with our **Science Night** event. The book fairs are the primary way that I obtain books for the library. You can find out more at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/fruitdaleelementaryschool>. You can shop online at www.scholastic.com/fair February 3- 23. There is a larger selection online.

Did you know that we now offer **ebooks** through **OverDrive**? You can check out books at home using your school username and password. Just go to *Library Resources on the district homepage* - <https://sites.google.com/a/threerivers.k12.or.us/three-rivers-school-district>. Please take advantage of the resources offered there. You can search our collection at the **Destiny** icon; find an AR level; access the *World Book* and *National Geographic Online* and explore everything from basic computer skill tutorials to practice test for AP courses, the GRE and the SAT at the **Learning Express Library**. **Learn 360** offers a multitude of resources for project-based learning and research. Access it at www.learn360.com - **username: Fruitdale password: soesd.**

Your **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** donations are very important. Each box top is 10¢ and they can really add up. Please keep them coming. The next submission date is March 1st and I will be mailing them in by February 23.

I want your students to be able to check out books. Please make sure that books are returned and fines are paid for lost or damaged items. I am happy to take payments.

If you are a gardener and have the time and inclination please see me. I need help weeding our perennial/butterfly garden. Thanks!

Science Night

Fruitdale's Family Science night is February 15, 2018. We will have OMSI, Siskiyou Institute, Bugs R Us, Science Works and several other activities from our surrounding areas. So save the date: February 15th from 6:00pm. to 7:30pm. Please plan on attending! It's going to be FUN!

Student of the Month for January



Joke of the Month

What do you call a green plant that sings?

Elvis Parsley

By Ava McLean

