

Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

Our year is off to a great start. Our staff is working tirelessly on meeting the emotional, educational and social needs of each and every student. The students are the pride of Fruitdale and we are doing our best to support each and every one in order to maximize their greatest potential.

Fruitdale receives federal funds for Title One programs. Our Title One program predominately focuses on reading, writing, and math. All Fruitdale students receive 60 minutes of at grade level instruction in math. In addition, our students receive an additional 30 minutes of math instruction aimed to remediate, intervene, or enrich based on the individual's needs. Fruitdale students have similar opportunities in reading. We are excited about the individual progress each and every student is making and will continue to make individual student growth our school-wide goal.

Fruitdale is a PBIS school, focusing on positive reinforcement and teaching expectations. All students and staff will follow basic expectations for the school: Be safe, Be responsible,

Be respectful, and Be positive. Not only can parents support us by reinforcing our PBIS guidelines at home, you can also support us in making sure your child is eligible for our 1st trimester PBIS reward activity. In order for students to meet eligibility requirements they must accomplish the following:

1. Students must have 3's or above on the behavior portion of the report card for the current trimester (This includes homework).
2. Students must maintain a 92% attendance average. Students in grades 1st through 5th may have no more than 5 absences per trimester. This will equate to approximately 3 days for Kindergarten due to the part time schedule. (4 tardies will equal 1 absence).
3. Students must be in good standing at the library. Mrs. Marr will check for lost books and unpaid fines.
4. Students may have **no** office

referrals for the trimester.

5. Students may have **no** suspensions off the bus for the trimester.
6. 3rd-5th grades only must have at least 80% of their AR goal for the trimester.

Please understand that attendance is a crucial component to academic and school success. Simply put, if they aren't here, we can't teach them! We have several students missing each and every day. We also have a significant amount of students who are tardy. Many of our reading and math instructional classes as well as double dose opportunities begin first thing in the morning. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in class ready to learn by 7:45.

I look forward to working with each of you to provide the best educational experience possible for your students. I hope to see you at the Harvest Festival on October 11th.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

October 4th - 15th: Scholastic Book Fair - Library

October 8th: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten

October 8th & 9th: Fall in the Field Overnight Trip - Mrs. Pugsley's class.

October 11th: Harvest Festival 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

October 12th: Statewide In-service Day - No School

October 16th & 17th: Fall in the Field Overnight Trip - Mr. Haynes' class

October 17th: PM Conferences - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

October 18th: Conferences - 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

October 19th: No School

October 23rd & 24th: Fall in the Field Overnight Trip - Mrs. Sheehan's class

October 25th: Hearing Screening for Kindergarten, 1st & 3rd grades

October 25th: Site Council Meeting 2:10 in the Conference Room

October 25th & 26th: Fall in the Field Overnight Trip - Mrs. Ross' Class

October 26th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Fort Vannoy Farms 8:00 to 12:00

October 31st: Halloween Parties & Parade 1:00 PM (Remember, regular school dress code applies. No masks, weapons, gore; i.e. blood, etc.)

November 5th: PTO Meeting @ 7:00 in the Library

FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS

Don't miss our Fall Scholastic Book Fair!



Dates: October 4 – October 15. We will also be open during our Harvest Festival October 11 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

This year, we have the opportunity to bring more books to our students and classrooms. We call it All for Books™! By donating \$1 or loose change to All for Books, you can help connect more kids with books they want to read. Helping out is simple. Just send your loose change, bills or checks to school with your child. The class that collects the most donations will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to buy classroom books. All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing new books for our library.

You can also donate to this program by buying a raffle ticket to win **A One Night Stay for Two in a River Front or Spa Tub Room at the MOTEL DEL ROGUE** (www.moteldelrogue.com) valued @ \$100.00 - \$125.00. Raffle tickets are available in the library and cost \$1.00 each. You may send money with your student. Make certain that a name and phone number are included.

The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation of up to **one million books** to two non-profit organizations dedicated to helping children, families, and teachers acquire books and educational resources — Kids In Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

Please visit us online @ scholastic.com/fair. On this site you can **SHOP ONLINE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP, PREVIEW BOOKS, CREATE WISH LIST** and more.

On behalf of the students and teachers of our school,
THANK YOU!

PTO News:

Hi Everyone,

Thanks so much for completing the volunteer form for Fruitdale's Panther Pack! We are desperately looking for parents to join us as several of our parents had students move onto middle school or moved out of the area. We've had the same members for years now, and we LOVE Them, but are hoping to add some new volunteers to help share the many duties that have been shouldered by just a few of us for so long.

We had our first meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd. We formed committees for the different projects we do during the year. We welcome you to attend our next meeting and to bring your ideas for a Fall Fundraiser that will enable the Panther Pack to continue to bring some amazing opportunities to our students!! Also, keep in mind we're looking for someone to lead the Fall Fundraiser as well.

Thanks so much,
Heather Richter
Fruitdale Panther Pack

FROM THE OFFICE

Each of you should have received a copy of the 2012/13 Parent/Student Handbook. If you have not, please let the office know and we will send on home with your student. Some important reminders:

The school doors open at 7:15 AM each morning. Students may go to the cafeteria for a free breakfast until recess time at 7:30 AM. The first bell rings at 7:40 AM and school starts promptly at 7:45 AM. School is dismissed at 1:55 PM. There is no supervision before 7:15 AM or after 2:00 PM. Parents, we need your help in making sure your child arrives to school and gets picked up on time.

If your child will be going home with another student, we need a note from you as well as the parent of the other child. Please make sure all transportation notes are set to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made before 1:00 PM. See pages 4 & 5 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Arrival & Departure Procedures.

It is a State Law that all medicine to be taken at school is to be brought to school by an adult in the original container. We need written instructions from the parent to administer the medication. Please see page 18 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Medication.



Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

A note from your LUNCH LADIES

Breakfast is FREE for all students! Lunch prices are now \$2.10 for students. Reduced price lunches are still 40¢. If a student would like to purchase a milk, the cost is 50¢.

When turning in a free/reduced meal application, please remember that it could take a week to 10 days for your application to be processed. You are responsible for paying for your student's lunches until your application has been approved.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's lunch account please feel free to come in and talk to me. I will do my best to answer any questions you might have.

Have a fantastic year!
Janet Schenhoff
F.S. Manager
Fruitdale Elementary

