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Dear Board Members,

The 2014-2015 is off and rolling. Staff and students are working hard. Our new reading program is integrated throughout all of our grade levels. Our intervention systems are in place, students are being monitored on their progress, and we have already moved students out of intervention all together.

I would like to congratulate the Fruitdale Staff and students on a successful year last year. On October 9th, it was announced that Fruitdale was named an Oregon Model School for the second year in a row. Models schools are high poverty schools that are rated within the top 5% of all Title One Schools in the state.

We added a third 3rd grade classroom this month. Our class sizes were at 34 students and we were able to create three classes of 22 students each. Mr. Christensen from our Camp Sunrise Classroom became our 3rd grade teacher and students and families welcomed him with open arms. He is doing an excellent job of adjusting to a new job assignment.

Our annual Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away. We are looking forward to spending some time with families and celebrate the garden connection we have on our campus. There will be several harvest related craft projects, an obstacle course, a pumpkin decorating contest, as well as tours of our garden. This is a great night to celebrate with families. We hope to see you on October 30th at 5:30pm.

As always, I would just like to recognize the Fruitdale Staff for all of their hard work. They have embraced the changes of a new textbook adoption and RTI model with enthusiasm.   They are moving through another school year supporting all of the needs of our students. This staff is next to none. I feel lucky to be a part of it.

It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community.

Thank You,

Heather Yount
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