



Panther Pride News

Thoughts from the Principal . . .

October 2014

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, math as well as other school-wide programs. 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 4's or above on the behavior portion of the report card for the current quarter (This includes homework).
2. Students must maintain a 92% attendance average. Students in grades 1st through 5th may have no more than 3 absences per quarter. This will equate to approximately 1.5 days for Kindergarteners 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 quarter.
5. Students may have **no** suspensions off the bus for the quarter.
6. 3rd-5th grades only must have 100% of their AR goal for the quarter. Students must also maintain an 80% average on comprehension tests.

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 7:35 (8:35 on Fridays).

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 30th.

Heather Yount
Principal

DISTRICT WEBSITE

Want to hear what's happening in your school district? Check out the NEW monthly Three Rivers School District newsletter—the Three Rivers Tidings—at threerivers.k12.or.us. Find it under “Quick Links” then “District News.”

School Website

If you want to know what is going on at Fruitdale please check out our school website at threerivers.k12.or.us under schools.



CHANGES & ADDITIONS

We have a few staff changes. Mrs. Lomica has joined our primary team will be teaching first grade. We also welcomed Mrs. Larson, who is an excellent addition to the Fruitdale office. We hired Justine Simons as an Educational Assistant and Nettie Kuhlman is helping us out as well.

Please notice the following information as we begin a brand new year:

1. Fruitdale will continue to provide a free breakfast to all students. This year, Fruitdale will also be providing a free lunch to all students as well.
2. Our bell rings at 7:35 on Monday through Thursday, please have your students dropped off by this time. If your child is planning on having breakfast at Fruitdale, please allow extra time when planning your morning drop off routine.
3. The Three Rivers School District has moved to a Late Start Friday Staff Development Model this year. Every **Friday**, school will begin one hour later. Please have your students here by 8:35am, when our first bell rings.

Parking Lot Safety at Fruitdale

Many of you drop off your student at the beginning of the day and/or pick-up your student at the end of the day. I am sure you are well aware our parking lot is a very busy place. As a staff, we are making extra effort to try and have it flow as smoothly as possible. We continue to need your help to make this happen.

Drop Off:

When dropping off your student in the morning, please use extra precautions. Our student drop off area is located in the front of the building. Please pull all the way forward. We have several parents who stop right at the curve in the front of the office. This causes cars to have to pull around to navigate past the curve. If you pull all the way forward towards the fifth grade hallway, we are able to allow more students to be dropped off at one time.

If you need to escort your child in for any reason or you would like to drop something off in the office, please remember to park inside a parking spot. Our student drop off area is not for parked cars. This will enable the smooth flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. Thank you for being extra cautious regarding this rule.

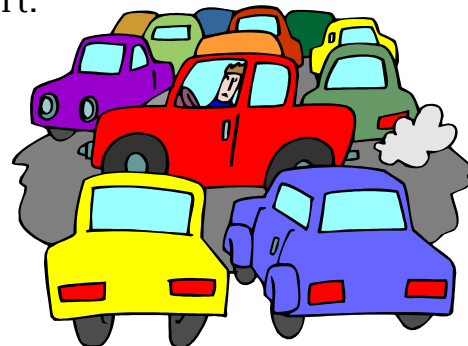
Pick-up:

Please understand we are trying to release students as safely and quickly as possible. With over 365 students, many of which are picked up, our parking lot at the end of the day is going to take some patience.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, we have several parking spaces available as well as a waiting area for cars in our pick-up zone in the front of our building. These places fill up quickly. If there are no available places inside our parking lot, please pull over on Bill Baker Way, this will enable us to maintain a flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. When picking up your student, please pull over to the curb and pull forward as far as you can. This will enable a lane for cars to still get by.

Above all, I am asking that we are all patient in the parking lot. Our goal is for pick-up and drop-off to run as smoothly and safely as possible.

As always, thank you for all of your support.



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Great News for you and your student! All students enrolled at Fruitdale Elementary are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to you each day this school year! Please check out the menu on our school website.



Transportation Changes

If you child will be going home with another student, we need a note from you as well as the parent of the other child. Notes must include student's full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. Please make sure all transportation notes are sent to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made prior to 1:00 PM.



Student Medication

If your child needs to take medication at school 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.

Conference Day

Parent teacher conferences are coming up. They are the evening of Wednesday, November 5 and all day Thursday, November 6. Information will be coming home with your child for a date and time that works best for you.

Picture Retake

If you would like your child to re-take their school picture or they were not at school on picture day, Life Touch Photography will be here again on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.



Fruitdale Library and Garden News

We had a very successful Library program this summer. There were 136 individual visits, 732 books checked out, and 131,760 minutes of reading were logged! Summer readers read for at least ½ hour per day and also chose another activity like: *reading to a pet; working in the garden; doing a craft project; writing a poem or painting a picture.* We had a raffle for two Android tablets capable of accessing the **Library2Go** through Josephine Community Libraries. **Raffle winners were Cole Christian and Summer Joulsohn. Congratulations!**

I have been working very hard for the last two years to buy books and materials that will complement the new **Common Core State Standards**. During the past year, I weeded 899 obsolete books – many dating from the 1980s and 1990s. I added 1,713 books. Right now 4,507 of the 16,148 are non-fiction. I was able to donate my obsolete books to Better World Books. They donate millions of books to literacy programs all over the world. I am happy that our books will be used in that manner!

Our new high quality library bound books are very expensive. They average a cost of \$20.00 per book. You, our Fruitdale families, have helped a tremendous amount to enable these purchases. Your patronage at our **Scholastic Book Fairs**, your participation in **eScrip**, the money your students spend at the student store on **Smencils**, Japanese erasers, and your **Box Top** donations all help to fund the library.

A great big thank you, Fruitdale Community, for helping to make our library the best that it can be!



From the Family Advocate

We are in desperate need of pants for young children. If you have pants or shorts that are gently used and you would like to get rid of them please send them to the front office. Thank you!!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is over flowing. If your child is missing anything please ask them to look or you are welcome to come by and look also!!

Dates to remember

- Mr. Haynes class field trip.....Sept. 30
- Mrs. Graves class field trip.....Oct 02
- Mrs. Sheehan field trip.....Oct 21 & 22
- 4th Grade to Crater Lake.....Oct 23
- Mrs. Ross field trip.....Oct 28 & 29
- Picture Re-take Day.....Oct 29
- Harvest Festival.....Oct. 30
- Evening Conferences.....Nov 05
- Conference Day (no school).....Nov 06
- No School.....Nov 07
- Veteran's Day (no school).....Nov 11
- District Closure Day(no school).....Nov 24-26
- Thanksgiving Day (no school).....Nov 27
- Vacation Day (no school).....Nov 28

