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# Fruitdale Elementary School

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## JANUARY 2012

### Message from the Principal



Dear Fruitdale Families,  
We are approaching the middle of our second trimester. Our next round of conferences will be occurring on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking forward to communicating with you regarding the progress of your student. Please look for information about scheduling as February approaches.

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 ensure that your student is at school every day.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent volunteers. There has been a tremendous support from our parents and community. We have several volunteers helping in classroom. This has had a positive impact on the educational experience of our students. I believe that we have made even stronger connections between the students, staff, and families of Fruitdale.

Our PTO has also done a tremendous job supporting both the staff and students. Many adults have worked tirelessly on the Pizza Card Fundraiser. Our PTO is also putting

together an amazing Family Science Night. Fruitdale families are invited to an exciting night of hands-on science activities on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please look forward to getting more information on this family event.

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.

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Principal  
Fruitdale Elementary School  
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### Important Dates

**January 9th:** Vision Screening for grades K, 2nd & 5th

**January 10th:** Vision Screening for Kindergarten.  
PTO Meeting @ 2:00 in the Library

**January 11th:** PTO Pizza Card Fund Raiser ends

**January 12th:** Site Council Meeting  
2:00 Conference Room

**January 13th:** No School-Staff Development Day

**January 16th:** No School-Martin Luther King Day

**January 17th:** DIBELS Testing

**January 24th:** KidSmile Screening

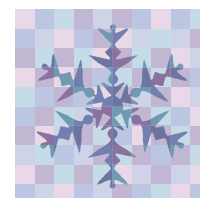
**January 27th:** Pride Assembly 1:20

**January 31st:** KidSmile Screening & Sealants

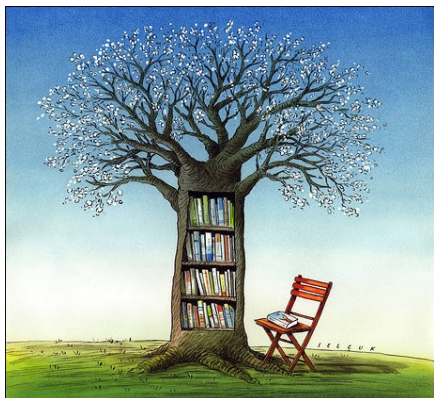
**February 1st:** Evening Conferences

**February 2nd:** No School-Conferences

**February 3rd:** No School



## Library News



There are still some outstanding books and fines. Please help your student to learn RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY by returning books and paying fines. It is very hard for me to deny a child access to library books because of a few dollars. I am happy to create a payment plan and will take as little as a few cents at a time toward fines.

The BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION program is an important fundraiser for our library. Check out how your child's class is doing by counting the birds on a wire in the library window. Thank you to our Box Tops coordinator Mrs. Corley! We received a check for \$619.00 for the first half of this year.

Congratulations to our dedicated Battle of the Books students who are reading ten Newberry Award books in order to participate in the District wide contest in April!

The student store is open on Fridays during lunch! This year we have wonderful Japanese erasers and Smencils. Smencils are \$1.00 and erasers range from \$1.00 - \$5.00.

Consider helping your student to participate in **Reading is an Investment**. This literacy and financial education program is offered by our Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler. Readers keep track of the minutes that they read, are required to read at least three books from a recommended list and are able to enter up to 10 times before the March 31, 2012 deadline. There will be a drawing for an opportunity to win a \$500.00 Oregon College Saving Plan account and the winner's school will also receive \$500.00. Look for information @ [www.ost.state.or.us/read](http://www.ost.state.or.us/read) or visit the library for reading lists and forms.

I am looking for donations of American Girl dolls and accessories. I would like to be able to check out the dolls to readers who read and take AR tests on the AG stories about the dolls. Thanks.

Mrs. Marr  
Library Manager

## Yearbooks

We have lots of 2010 Yearbooks for sale. They are \$10.00 each. We will sell them until all are gone on a first come, first serve basis.

## PTO News

Please plan to join us for our 2nd Annual Family Science Night on Thursday, February 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. We plan to have Science Works Museum, Bugs R Us, Wildlife Images, Grants Pass Astronomers and more! This event is free for Fruitdale families!

## SOUTHERN OREGON HIGH-TECH CRIMES TASK FORCE

Southern Oregon High Tech Cyber Task Force is working hard to keep kids in Southern Oregon Safe from harm on the internet. Their work is mentioned in the local papers almost weekly, arresting people who have committed crimes against children. Come learn what the Task Force and FBI have to say about these subtle High Tech Cyber Crimes. They will be in Grants Pass teaching a class that includes: chat rooms, social networking, online games, v virtual worlds, parental involvement and internet sexual predators. The class is free. No children under 12 years of age. Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Grants Pass High School Commons. This community education event is brought to you by Grants Pass Council.

