Fruitdale Elementary School

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Message from the Principal

Dear Fruitdale Families,

Fall is in the air. Our long summer days have turned into early darkness. The green tree leaves are shades of orange, yellow and red if present at all.

What does fall time mean at Fruitdale? We have completed our first round of parentteacher conferences. Hopefully you all had the opportunity come in and meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress of your student. Your child's teacher had the opportunity to go over classroom expectations as well as many of the results from several preliminary assessments. We will use these results as we progress throughout the year to analyze the academic growth of each child.

As your student may have mentioned, we have spent some time reinforcing Fruitdale's PBiS program. PBiS is a school-wide

system to teach our students positive, personal and social skills. We have spent time celebrating behavioral and academic success during several school assemblies. As a new addition to our PBiS program we have integrated a PRIDE Class involving all Fruitdale students on Friday afternoons. During PRIDE, we have taught school-wide lessons focusing on social education as well as reinforcing behavioral expectations.

As a reminder, I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of your child's attendance. Attendance is directly linked to solid academic achievement in school. It is required by the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act for schools to average 92% attendance or higher each year. For students to reach this goal, they must miss no more than 14 days of school

for the entire year. Another serious issue we are facing at Fruitdale is students who are coming to school Tardy. Our Tardy bell rings at 7:45. Students who are not in their classrooms at this time will be marked tardy. Vital instruction in reading and math begins in all classes at 7:45am.

Finally, thank you for your support at Fruitdale. We have an amazing PTA who has been working hard to plan many enriching activities for the students of Fruitdale. We also have many other volunteers who spend countless hours working with our students

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
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Important Dates

November 1st—Site Council Meeting, 2:00 in the Conference Room

November 2nd—Picture Retakes in the Gym

November 3rd—Hearing Screening in the Library

November 8th—PTO Meeting 2:15 in the Library

November 11th—No School Veteran's Day

November 16th—Rural Metro Firemen serve lunch

November 17th—Thanksgiving Lunch

November 21st to 23rd—No School Furlough Days



November 24th—No School Thanksgiving Day

November 25th—No School Thanksgiving Holiday