

Fruitdale Elementary School

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Principals Message

Season's Greetings! What a great time of year to be able to reflect upon our lives and realize the growth and development each of us has experienced this past year. Better yet, what a great time of year to create and set new goals that will enhance our lives and help us build for the future. It is my hope each of us takes the opportunity to evaluate what we are doing in life and how we might change to make a brighter future. I know many of you suffer for untold reasons and your pain seems unbearable at times. I know from experience what those feelings are like, but I also know there is always hope. I challenge you to seek hope; it is there for the asking.

I would also like to challenge you to see your student(s) as the bright, capable, caring, and understanding children they truly are. I am amazed at their creativity, their desires for the future, and their undying love to learn and grow. As I listen to them read, watch them solve math problems, hear them sing, and read what they have written, it inspires me to be a better person.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve at Fruitdale. We have the best staff in the whole state of Oregon, and I can say that in good conscience. They are dedicated to your children, and they build necessary relationships to help our students grow academically and emotionally. They are truly concerned about the whole child.

As always, I invite you to visit at any time. My door is always open and I encourage you to be an active member of the Fruitdale community. Please have a Merry Christmas and enjoy a happy and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,



Kelly Christensen



December Calender

December 2nd- Pm Conferences-
Regular School Day

December 3rd- Parent Teacher
Conferences- No School

December 4th- No School (Clerical
Day)

December 8th- Native American
Storytelling (3rd grade)

December 11th- Hearing Screening

December 12th- Jog-a-thon Limo ride
and ice cream party for winners

December 14th -Holiday Christmas
Program (k-2nd grade 6:30pm-7:00pm)

December 15th Holiday Christmas
Program (3-5th grade 6:30pm-7:00pm)

December 15th- Site Council Meeting
2:10pm (Conference Room)

December 17th- PBS Awards Assembly

December 17th- KidZone @ Club
Northwest 5:30pm-7:30pm

December 17th -Holiday Christmas
lunch

December 18th- 2nd grade field trip to
The RRRink

December 21, 2009-Jan1, 2010-
Winter Break – No School

January 1, 2010- New Years Day- No
School

January 4, 2010- Classes Resume from
Winter Break/New Years

Keep your feet on the ground, but let
your heart soar as high as it will.
Refuse to be average....



Fundraiser@ Kidzone

Come join your fellow classmates every third
Thursday for family night at the Kidzone in
Club Northwest. This is an all year fundraiser
for our school. The cost is \$5.00 per person
with \$2.00 of that money going directly back
to the classroom teachers who supervises that
night. Children under 5 years old must have a
guardian stay with them. Our Next Kidzone
night for the 2009/2010 school year will be
on Thursday Dec. 17th. Mrs. Gilbert and
Mr. Haynes will be there as well. Please
remember that you have to sign your child in
before you may leave. This is an easy way to
raise money for Fruitdale and a fun way to be
with friends. Hope to see you there!

**BIG
SALE**

STUDENT STORE

OUR STUDENT STORE IS RUN BY
STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AND
OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. CHRISTENSEN.
IT IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY DURING
"LUNCH HOURS" 11:15AM-12:30. WE
SELL PENCILS, ERASERS, SCHOOL T-
SHIRTS, YOYO'S, AND A LOT OF
DIFFERENT ITEMS.!



OUR JOG A THON FUNDRAISER TOP WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNA STROHM SHE WAS OUR TOP WINNER AT \$263.00. SECOND PLACE WAS PAIGE MCADOW AT \$206.00. THE CLASS THAT RAISED THE MOST WAS MS. ROSS. WAY TO GO FRUITDALE ON AN AWESOME FUNDRAISER!



PLANNING AHEAD

January 2010

Jan.1- New Years Day (No School)

Jan. 4th- Classes Resume

Jan.6th- PBS Assembly

Jan18th- Martin Luther King Day (No School)

Jan 19 th- Site Council Meeting 2:00pm

Jan.19th- Parent Pack Meeting 6-7pm

Jan.20th- Progress Reports Out

Jan.21- KidZone 5:30-7:30pm

Jan. 29th- Two Hour Late Start (Staff Development)

Jan.29th- PBS Awards Assembly 1pm



Please remember that it is very important to have your child here at school on time. Learning starts in the classroom first thing in the morning and we do not want your child to miss important instruction. As always please call the office or send a note when your child is out absent for any reason.

**** Jokes of the Month ****

****Why are flowers so lazy?***

Because they always stay in bed!

****What falls in the winter and never gets hurt?***

Snow!

****What do you call two banana peels?***

A pair of slippers!