

Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

As winter quickly approaches and the first trimester draws to a close, the Fruitdale Panthers are hard at work. First trimester report cards will be sent home the week of December 3rd. If you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress, please don't hesitate contacting us.

Upcoming Events:

As December approaches, we are looking forward to several events on campus. All students have been very busy preparing for their annual music programs. Please mark your calendars. Our kindergarteners, first and second graders will be performing the night of December 17th. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be performing the night of

December 18th. All performances will begin at 6:00pm.

We will be having our first ever Fruitdale Art Auction. Our PTO has been busy preparing for this fun-filled evening for Fruitdale families.

There will be interactive art projects for all families to enjoy. We will also be having a silent auction full of fun gifts that have been donated from a variety of local businesses. Our very own Fruitdale artists have been busy creating their own masterpieces to be auctioned off. And don't forget to enjoy a warm spaghetti dinner at a very low price. Please check for more information to be coming home regarding our Art Auction on December 6th.

Please don't forget about our

first trimester PRIDE activity. All students who met the PRIDE expectations will be going on a field trip the morning of December 7th. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be going bowling. At the same time our kindergarteners, first, and second graders will be heading to Kid Zone. I would like to thank all parents for their extra efforts in making student attendance a top priority.

I would like to thank all families for your support of our Fruitdale Panthers. I appreciate all you do.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

December 3rd - Clerical Day - No School

December 6th - Art Night & Silent Auction
6:00 to 8:00 PM

December 7th - PRIDE Field Trip - Kindergarten - 2nd Grade @ KidZone, 3rd - 5th Grade Bowling

December 17th - Christmas Program
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade @ 6:00 PM

December 18th - Christmas Program 3rd - 5th Grades @ 6:00 PM

December 19th - Last Day of school before Winter Break

December 20th - January 4th - Winter Break

January 7th - School Resumes



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter is upon us, and it's time to advise our parents what to do in case of adverse weather conditions. It is important that you follow the steps below in the event of a delayed start or school closure. Please start with step one. It is the fastest, most effective way for us to reach every parent.

PTO NEWS

1st Annual Art Show and Silent Auction

Fruitdale friends and family, join us on Thursday December 6, 2012 for our 1st Annual Art Show and Auction! This promises to be a fun event filled with musical entertainment, art activities and face painting by Annie the Clown. If you choose to dine with us we will be serving an Italian spaghetti dinner for a small fee; \$3 Adults and \$1 kids under 12. Don't miss the silent auction featuring a variety of fabulous prizes including Disneyland tickets, entertainment packages, fitness memberships, class art projects and much more. The highlight of the evening is our art show featuring the artistic work of our students. These kids are working hard to create one of a kind masterpieces which will be on display and available for purchase. Make sure to join us for this night of fun and art which will help to raise funds for student enrichment activities such as the Annual Science Night. The Art Show and Auction takes place on December 6th from 6-8pm. Admission is free. Hope to see you all there!

For up to date information on our auction items and student art projects go to our website at www.fruitdaleartshow.blogspot.com.

FROM THE OFFICE

It is a federal mandate that all students attend school at least 92% of the school year. This translates to missing no more than twelve days over the whole school year. Tardiness or students who leave early can also be considered absent for a half day if more than 50% of the day is missed. Overall our attendance is great and our kids have the optimum opportunity to benefit from our school programs with such good attendance! Way to go parents!

Be aware that frequent tardiness can also severely impact a student's school success. Most teachers begin the day by reviewing the day's events and by helping students to know about any special events that will be occurring that day. This sets the tone for the day in the classroom. Often teachers begin teaching in the area of reading. This is because reading is one of the most difficult skills to obtain, and we devote a great deal of learning time to helping students become successful readers. Students who are frequently tardy or leave early often miss both the opening of class, instruction in reading, and explanations regarding homework. This has a very negative impact on these students. Many of the students will experience set backs in their academic progress due to tardiness or leaving early.

It is important that parents recognize the importance of getting their child(ren) to school on time and avoid leaving early. We are here to help, so if we can be of assistance with a chronic attendance problem of any sort, please let us know. We want to partner with you to help your child be more successful.

Thank you,
Fruitdale Office

LOST & FOUND

Please mark all of your child's sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, jackets, backpacks, lunch pails, etc. with a name. If a name is found on an item, we can promptly return it to the owner, so please, please make sure you mark those clothes. Also, remember to check periodically in our lost and found if you think your child has left something here. It is located on the wall to the left as you enter the cafeteria.

1. Make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date with the school. We will use our "Synrevoice" communication system to notify all parents via phone and/or email of delayed starts or school closures. Synrevoice will start calling at about 5:30am. You must say "Hello" in order to activate the message. If you do not receive a phone call or email, you might want to consider checking with the office to verify your phone numbers and email addresses are correct. If you still did not receive a phone call or email, proceed to step 2.
2. Access our website at www.threerivers.k12.or.us as early as 5:30am to find out if there is a delayed start or school closure. If you don't have internet service, proceed to step 3.

3. All of our local radio and television stations start making announcements as soon as the school district notifies them of a delayed start or school closure. The local radio stations are as follows:

KAJO	1270 AM	476-6608 /476-5256
KLDR	98.3 FM	474-7292
KRWQ	99 FM	474-3026
KRRM	94.7 FM	479-6497
KBOY	95.7 FM	779-2070

Our local T.V. stations are:

KOBI Channel 5
KDRV Channel 12
KTVL Channel 10

4. Contact the school only as a last resort. First of all, there may not be anyone at the school office in the event of a school closure. Secondly, if there is any staff at school, no one arrives until 7:00am. You can find out earlier what the status is by using one of the previous steps. Finally, it may be difficult to get through to the school as the lines may be busy handling other calls. Some times we are able to continue school on time when the weather is bad, but it is not safe for the buses to travel some routes. In that event, attached is a list of straight line routes that buses will use to pick up students. Please post it somewhere handy.





Fruitdale Library News

November - December 2012

The Oregon State Treasurer's Reading is an Investment Program materials are in the library. Your student can enroll online @www.ost.state.or.us. Students keep a reading log and read at least three books from a recommended reading list for financial education. When twenty squares on the log are completed the student will be entered into the College Savings Plan scholarship drawing.

Please collect those Boxtops for Education! This fundraiser helps to provide new books to our library. If your student fills up the collection sheet sent he or she is eligible to enter into a drawing for a book or poster.

The District Battle of the Books books are available in the library.

Group One

Poppy
Stuart Little
On the Banks of Plum Creek
SkyLark
Wanted... Mud Blossom
The Corn Grows Ripe
The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk
Junebug
Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle
Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Avi
by E.B. White
by Laura Ingalls Wilder
by Patricia MacLachlan
by Betsy Byars
by Dorothy Rhoads
by Donald J. Sobol
by Alice Mead
by Betty MacDonald
by Richard and Florence Atwater

Group Two

*From the Mixed-Up Files of
Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Abel's Island
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Matilda
Charley Skedaddle
Harriet the Spy
Time Cat
The Borrowers
Amos Fortune Free Man
The Westing Game

by E.L. Konigsburg

by William Steig
by C.S. Lewis
by Roald Dahl
by Patricia Beatty
by Louise Fitzhugh
by Lloyd Alexander
by Mary Norton
by Elizabeth Yates
by Ellen Raskin

Consider reading these classic books and participating in the contest. For further information contact your teacher. Ms. Sheehan will be coaching Group II and Ms. Dewel will be coaching Group I.

Mark your calendars for another exciting Scholastic Book Fair in early February.

Thank you for helping your student to be Respectful, Responsible, Positive and Safe in the library. That includes paying fines and taking care of our books.