



# Panther Pride News

November 2015

## News from Mrs. Yount

Dear Fruitdale Families,

We have been busy at school. We saw many of you at our annual Harvest Festival. It was a night full of harvest activities and family fun. We were excited that so many of you got to participate in this event. We are also gearing up for our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter conferences. Conferences will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. Within the next few weeks, teachers will be sending out conference information. Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. This is a great time for us to communicate with you regarding your child's academic and behavioral progress.

Our PBIS program is off and running. We have taught several lessons on Fridays. Most recently, we taught a school-wide lesson using the book, *A Bad Case of Stripes*. This is a story is about self-perception, peer pressure and bullying. In all of our classrooms we were able to have classroom conversations and relate it to peer relationships at Fruitdale.

Creating and fostering emotionally healthy and resilient students is vital. At Fruitdale Elementary School, we have approached this in our Positive Behavior Support Intervention System (PBIS) lessons. Teaching to the whole child through literature, and having on-going conversations in every classroom positively contributes to the climate of our building. We consistently uphold the expectations of being safe, respectful, responsible and positive and work to reinforce these expectations during our PBIS class on Friday. All students are exposed to our lessons in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

While there are many ways that teachers and schools can create a positive learning climate, these are just a few of the ways that Fruitdale is working to support positive social behavior with our students. Feel free to ask your student about their PBIS lesson on Fridays.

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

It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount

Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School

## Conferences

Conferences will be held late afternoon and evening on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. They will also be held all day on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will NOT be school on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Your child should have already brought home a form to request a time to meet with teachers.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### November

1	Daylight Savings Time
6	Clerical Day (no school)
11	Veterans Day (no school)
18	Evening Conferences (regular school day)
19	Conferences (no school)
20	No school
23~25	District Closure Days (no school)
26	Thanksgiving
27	Vacation Day

### December

21-31	Christmas Break
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## Site Council

Our site council committee has an opening. If you are interested in participating please contact Mrs. Yount @ 541.476.2276.

## Change of Plans

If you are wanting to have your child change plans for getting home, i.e. parent pick up, ride the bus home, go to boys and girls club. Please call the office before 1:00pm to ensure your child gets the message.

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU'S

You will find a month long menu on our school website at [threerivers.k12.or.us](http://threerivers.k12.or.us) go to schools drop down and click on Fruitdale Elementary. That will take you to our school website.

## Education of all Disabled Children/Young Adults

Public Law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults age 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three rivers School District. The phone number is (541) 862-3111

## 5th grade Field Trip

Our 5th Graders had a BLAST at our Deer Creek Overnight this year at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon. The program is led by an amazing team of students from the SOU Environmental Education Program.

The theme was "Explore your space - Find your place!" Students dissected the rare darling-tonia (cobra lily), monitored the health of Deer Creek by searching for intolerant macroinvertebrates, and hiked to explore serpentine soils. We sang songs, played games and made memories.

A HUGE thank you to our amazing parent chaperones - we couldn't have done it without you - Keith Bohannon, Holly Seable, Michelle Zechello, Ray Blendell, Nichole Elmore, Dana Pearce, Trevor Wallace, Robert Hatley and Roger Dice.







## 5th grade artwork

