



Dates to Remember

- October 9– PTO Meeting– 2:05 pm
- October 12– Inservice Day– No Classes
- October 25– Harvest Festival– 5:00 pm
- October 26– Kinder Pumpkin Patch Trip

Dear Fruitdale Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Fruitdale, I would like to officially welcome you to another school year. September has been a great month at Fruitdale. We have several new families we have been able to welcome. Our students have been working hard and so has our staff. We have been busy collecting all sorts of data in both reading and math in order to take care of your child's intervention or enrichment needs. I can't believe how fast this month has flown by!

We have a few staff changes. Mrs. Kennon and Mrs. Gallegos have joined our kindergarten grade team. Ms. Pugsley is a part of our 5th grade team. Miss. Jacoby is new to Fruitdale and will be teaching on our first grade team. We are fortunate to welcome such outstanding new additions to our staff.

Please notice the following information:

1. Fruitdale will continue to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all students
2. Our bell rings at 7:35 on Monday through Thursday, please have your students dropped off by this time. If your child is planning on having breakfast at Fruitdale, please arrive by 7:20.
3. Every **Friday** our staff participates in professional development. School will begin one hour later. Please have your students here by 8:35am, when our first bell rings.
4. Harvest Festival is October 25th, beginning at 5:00 pm. This is a great night of family fun in which we have an evening of pumpkin decorating, harvest themed crafts and a celebration of our garden. Please join us.

I want to thank all of our parents and community members for the tremendous support and continued dedication to the children of our community. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know both you and your child.

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

Sincerely,
Heather Yount
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School

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Heather Yount, Principal
Vicki Brown, Office Manager
Liz Elkins, Secretary
School Hours 7:40 am to 1:55 pm

Parking Lot Safety at Fruitdale

Many of you drop off your student at the beginning of the day and/or pick-up your student at the end of the day. I am sure you are well aware our parking lot is a very busy place. As a staff, we are making extra effort to try and have it flow as smoothly as possible. We continue to need your help to make this happen.

Drop Off:

When dropping off your student in the morning, please use extra precaution. Our student drop off area is located in the front of the building. **Please pull all the way forward.** We have several parents who stop right at the curve in the front of the office. This causes cars to have to pull around to navigate past the curve. If you pull all the way forward towards the fifth grade hallway, we are able to allow more students to be dropped off at one time.

If you need to escort your child in for any reason or you would like to drop something off in the office, please remember to park inside a parking spot. **Our student drop off area is not for parked cars.** This will enable the smooth flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. Thank you for being extra cautious regarding this rule.

Pick-up:

Please understand we are safely and quickly as possible many of which are picked the day is going to take

When picking up your child several parking spaces area for cars in our pick-up ing. These places fill up ble places inside our park-Baker Way, this will enable

and out of our parking lot. When picking up your student, please pull over to the curb and pull forward as far as you can. This will enable a lane for cars to still get by. Please, for no reason, get out of your car if you are parking on our front curb in our Staging Area. A staff member will be more than happy to get your child if they are unable to see you parking there.

Above all, I am asking that we are all be patient in the parking lot. Our goal is for pick-up and drop-off to run as smoothly and safely as possible.

As always, thank you for all of your support.



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Kindergarten Field Trip

The kindergarten will be going to Fort Vannoy Farms to visit the pumpkin patch. The cost is \$6.00. If you would like to go with them, please fill out our volunteer application found on the Fruitdale school website.



Available for students of

Fruitdale Elementary School

Free released time Bible classes for character development with parental consent

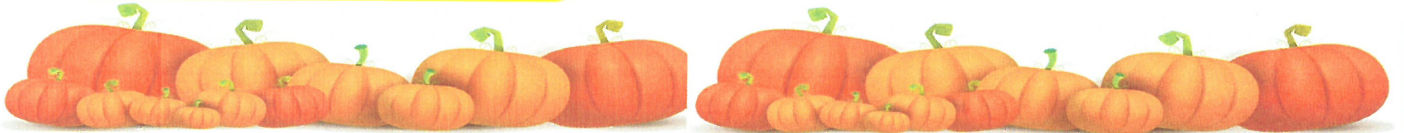
Meet off campus nearby

Walk to Liberty Pentecostal Church, 1474 Fruitdale Ave. last hour of the school day on Fridays to avoid conflict with core curriculum

Registration slips available at your school office or by email from jim@cefjo.com

Not affiliated, staffed or sponsored by the school or district, but staffed by trained and screened volunteers from local Church congregations for over 50 years

For more info, contact CEF Josephine at 541 476 5235 or club Supervisor Ruth Bork at 541 291 7734



Notes from the office

If your child needs to have medication brought to the school, please follow these rules:

1. All prescription medications must be in original bottle
2. All pain and cold medications must be in original packaging. No baggies.
3. All bottles must be labeled with students name.

Attendance is important. When your child is going to be absent, please call the office.

Your child's safety is important to us. If there is a change in their transportation, please call the office before 1:30 .