

PANTHER PRIDE NEWS

March 2016

Dear Fruitdale Families,

Can you believe March is here already? While I am still wishing for a little winter precipitation, signs of spring are everywhere. From the daffodils to the tree blossoms, our warmer days are just around the corner.

Starting in the month of April, we will begin our Smarter Balanced testing. These tests will involve both reading and math and will be taken throughout spring by our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We feel our students are well prepared for these tests and we look forward to another great year of student growth! All we are asking of students is to put forth their best effort.

Our 3rd quarter will end on April 14th. There will be no school on the 15th because of teachers' Clerical Day. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of April 21st and all day on April 22nd, we will be scheduling times to meet with parents for conferences regarding your student's progress.

I hope you and your family enjoy Spring Break beginning March 21st. This will be a great time to take a much needed break. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

Thank you for all you do in helping Fruitdale be a great place for kids. This is an amazing school with great students, talented staff, and supportive parents.

Heather Yount
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School



FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT!!

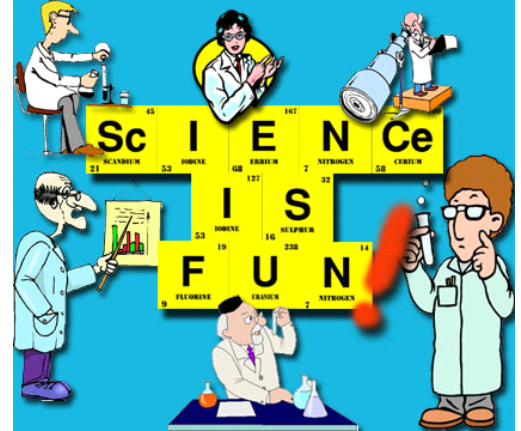
Family Science Night was a hit!

We had the Astronomers' Club, Rock Club, Oobleck, OMSI, Science Works, Bugs R Us, Wildlife Images Caterpillar Mobile, Coyote Trails, Nutrition Ed and Sylvia Branzei, author of the Gross-ology books. (please see the pictures attached to this news-letter).

We also had hands on activities put on by the PTO. Students and their families had a lot of fun.

We had door prizes, the book fair was going on and the PTO passed out snacks.

Thank you to everyone that made the night possible!



Spring Pictures

Spring pictures are March 1st. Order forms have already gone home with your child. If you have not received one please feel free to pick one up in the front office. Please fill out the form, and send the form and money to school the day of pictures with your child. Payment is required the day of pictures. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lifetouch at 800-736-4753.



Daylight Savings Time

**DON'T FORGET THAT SUNDAY
MARCH 13, YOU NEED TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1
HOUR.**



**LOT PARKING SPEED
PLEASE SLOW DOWN**

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. Please be sure to keep your Car Speed Down. Thank you !

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1.....Spring Pictures
- March 25th grade Read –A-Thon
- March 7.....Site Council
- March 10.....Kindergarten Launch 5:30PM ~ 6:30PM
- March 13.....Daylight Savings Time
- March 21 ~ 25.....Spring Break
- April 15.....No School, Clerical Day
- April 21Evening Conferences
- April 22.....No School, Conference Day
- April 30.....Battle of the Books

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.



**Thank you Sylvia Branzei
for coming to our school!**





Above-Making something gross from one of Sylvia Branzei Gross-ology books. Below—fun in Mrs. Garcia’s class.

Above— a gross-ology wound to scare Mrs. Yount. Below: Book signing with Sylvia Branzei

