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# Panther Pride News

February 2016

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

February has arrived! Our clerical day will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please expect your child's semester report card to be sent home the week of Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to conferencing with you again in April.

As with all other areas of your child's education, we will continue to ask you for your support in making this year a success. Attendance plays a significant role in academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. The flu bug has hit Fruitdale. We are doing our best to encourage students to wash their hands as much as possible. It is also important for students to arrive to school on time. Please remember, our bell rings at 7:35am.

An event we are looking forward to is our annual Science Night. Our PTO has been organizing this opportunity since the beginning of the year and I believe it is going to be even bigger than before. Fruitdale families are invited to an exciting night full of hands-on science activities. Please mark your calendars for February 18, 2016. The event will begin at 6:00pm.

On behalf of the staff of Fruitdale Elementary School, thank you for all of your efforts. We are looking forward to continuing a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

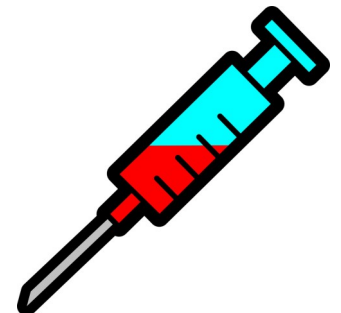
Sincerely,

Heather Yount  
Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School

## Immunizations

It's that time of year that students must be up-to-date with their immunizations. The exclusion date is fast approaching. If your child is not up-to-date we will notify you. If your child is in need of a vaccine please take care of it as soon as possible.

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# FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Fruitdale's Family Science night is February 18, 2016. We will have OMSI, Wildlife Images, Coyote Trails, Bugs R Us, The Rock Club and several other activities from our surrounding areas. So save the date: February 18th from 6:00pm. to 7:30pm. Please plan on attending! It's going to be FUN!



## Panther Pack news

The Panther Pack PTO has been busy preparing for another great Science Night coming up next month on February 18th from 6-7:30pm! This year should be even more exciting than last! The author of the Grossology Book Series will be joining us and going over all sorts of grossly fun stuff, as well as OMSI, Science Works, Bugs-R-U's, and many more scientifically awesome activities! Be sure to mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing all our Panther Pack families in attendance for this super fun and educational night!

Thank you to all who supported and shopped at the Holiday Shoppe this last December! It was a great hit! The PTO plans on bringing an even better selection next year!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

4th Grade Planting Trees.....	2/4
Class Parties.....	2/12
No School (Holiday).....	2/15
Science Night 6:00pm.....	2/18
Site Council Meeting.....	2/25
Spring Pictures.....	3/1
Science Project @ District Office.....	3/9
Spring Break .....	3/21 ~ 3/25

# Fruitdale Library News

Our Spring **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be open February 18 - 26 during school days until 3:00 pm and Thursday night February 18 coinciding with our **Science and Author Night** event. The book fairs are the primary way that I obtain books for the library. If every child spends \$7.50 I can reach my goal of \$2,500. That translates to \$1,250 in books. You can shop online at [www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair) beginning January 29. There is a larger selection online.

Please take advantage of the resources offered through the **Library** tab on our school webpage. You can search our collection at the **Destiny** icon; find an AR level; access the World Book and National Geographic Online and explore everything from basic computer skill tutorials to practice test for AP courses, the GRE and the SAT at the **Learning Express Library**. **Learn 360** offers a multitude of resources for project-based learning and research. Access it at [www.learn360.com](http://www.learn360.com) - **username: Fruitdale password: soesd**.

Families can sign up for **Renaissance Home Connect** to keep track of your student's progress through e-mail notifications. Log in at Website:

<https://Hosted58.renlearn.com/293424/HomeConnect>

**Username: FIRST.LAST** (Your student's name) **Password: PANTHERS**



Your **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** donations are very important. Each box top is 10¢ and they really add up. Please keep them coming. The class that donates the most will have a party at the end of the year.

We are selling **SMENINCELS** again this year for \$1.00. This is a pencil that smells. There are different scents to choose from. Students may buy them in the library.

I want your students to be able to check out books. Please make sure that books are returned and fines are paid for lost or damaged items. I am happy to take payments.

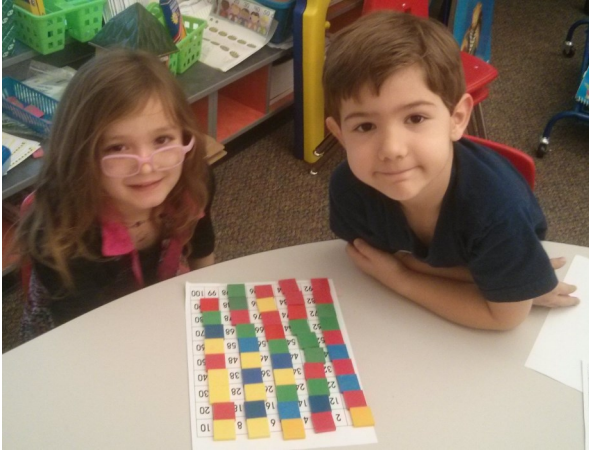
If you are a gardener and have the time and inclination please see me. I need help weeding our perennial/butterfly garden. Fruitdale students work in the garden most of the year. They plant seeds, water and weed it too. It's very educational. Thanks!

# Reading is Fun



# We Recycle !!

If you have any used print cartridges that you would like to get rid of Fruitdale will take them! Please send the Cartridges with your child to the front office. Thank you for your support



**WHY DID THE SCARECROW WIN AN AWARD?.....**  
**HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD**



Emma Kelley's snowman shape writing.

