# Fruitdale Elementary School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

It's January and our new year is in full swing. Second trimester is moving fast. Our next round of conferences will be February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to communicating with you regarding the academic progress of your student. Please look for information regarding scheduling as February approaches.

Please remember attendance plays a significant role in your child's academic success. Please

make every effort to ensure you child is at school every day and on time. We are making tremendous progress with our students and will continue to do so if we have them in attendance every day.

I am hoping you were able to be take part in our First Annual Art Show and Auction. Our teachers and students put on an amazing display of some of the finest art work around. We had many volunteers work countless hours to make this auction happen. This

proved to be an excellent fund raiser for our annual Science Night.

The planning for Science Night on February 12<sup>th</sup> is in full swing. This family event will be bigger than ever, so mark your calendars!

Sincerely,

Heather Yount Principal Fruitdale Elementary School

### **Important Dates**

January 17 - Rural Metro Lunch Visit

January 21st - MLK Day - No School

January 22nd - Kid Smile Screening

January 24th - Site Council Meeting 2:00

<u>January 29th -</u> Kid Smile Screening & Sealants

February 6th - Evening Conferences

February 7th - Conferences - No School

February 8th - No School

February 12th - Science Night 6:00

<u>February 18th -</u> President's Day - No School

<u>February 20th -</u> Science Fair Judging - District Office

<u>February 22nd</u> District Science Fair Open House - District Office

<u>February 28th - Site Council Meeting 2:00</u>





#### **PTO NEWS**

A Big Thank You to everyone who attended our 1st Annual Fruitdale Art Night & Silent Auction Fundraiser. It was a huge success due to a group effort of our Principal, Teachers, Staff, Volunteers and of course -The Students amazing artwork! Not to mention the numerous business that donated to this great cause. The Panther Pack will be meeting Monday, January 14th at 6pm in the Library to make plans for our 3rd annual Fruitdale Family Science Night. Please join us and be a part of this wonderful event. Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday, February 12th for our Science Night. We look forward to Science Works Museum, Wildlife Images, Caterpillar Mobile Science Trailer, Bugs R Us and new this year - Oregon Caves! Email <a href="mailto:pantherpackpto@yahoo.com">pantherpackpto@yahoo.com</a> for more information or call Heather at 541-956-1352. See you Monday, January 14th @ 6pm.

Special thanks for volunteering at our Art night to:

Amy Berg, Cindy Bohannon, Samantha Butler, Regina Corley, Peg Cowens, Kathleen Duewel, Mandy Duke, Kitti Fox, Dawnelle Garcia, Sara Garcia, Shandel Gauthier, Kaye Gilbert Sarah Hafele, Kristie Hollenbeck, Debbie Huffaker, Amanda Lucas-Rice, Sandra & Gary Maupin, Joe McGinnis, Mike Mrkvicka, Kellie Palmerton, Rhonda Pugsley, Avery Richter, Garth & Heather Richter, Penny Ross, Sandy Rossi, Brandy Ryan, Heather Sheehan, Lisa Watts, Jennifer Webb, Jennifer & Nedd Wyant



#### **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.



#### 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

#### YARN NEEDED

We have a lady who generously donates hats every year to our students. If you are willing to donate yarn for this special cause, it would be greatly appreciated! Just bring it in to the Fruitdale office. Thank you!



# 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**

by Avi Poppy by E.B. White Stuart Little On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder by Patricia MacLachlan SkyLark by Betsy Byars Wanted... Mud Blossom The Corn Grows Ripe by Dorothy Rhoads The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk by Donald J. Sobol Junebug by Alice Mead Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

#### **Group Two**

From the Mixed-Up Files of	by E.L. Konigsburg
Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	
Abel's Island	by William Steig
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	by C.S. Lewis
Matilda	by Roald Dahl
Charley Skedaddle	by Patricia Beatty
Harriet the Spy	by Louise Fitzhugh
Time Cat	by Lloyd Alexander
The Borrowers	by Mary Norton
Amos Fortune Free Man	by Elizabeth Yates
The Westing Game	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. Duewel 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.