

Fruitdale Elementary Board Report

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Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the children of the Three Rivers School District for the past seventeen years. I believe that we do very important work and make a significant, positive impact on the lives of the students we teach. I will miss many of the people with whom I have developed strong working relationships, but I am excited to embark on my new adventure as an administrator at Ruamrudee International School in Thailand.

We have finished the school year on a positive note at Fruitdale Elementary. I have been working with Heather Yount as she transitions in as the new principal. We have met to discuss staffing (loss of a teacher and some assistant time) and scheduling issues and staff development (math and writing) needs for next year. The staff is very excited to have a full time principal back next year.

We concluded the year with staff development in math focusing on the Van De Walle materials and a final problem of the month. Teachers worked in teams to prepare a variety of engaging math lessons, to teach them in class, and to review their results and findings with the rest of the staff. This was a highly valuable activity that helped to deepen their understanding of math instruction.

We also had some family oriented, parent involvement activities as we completed the year. Our Love of Reading Night provided the opportunity for families to participate in different reading oriented activities, trade for new story books and shop at our book fair. We also had a highly successful bingo night supported by the Panther Pack, our parent organization.

Finally, we have had good success with our reading and science results on the state tests in the 80 and 90% range. We are disappointed with our math results not meeting the AYP standards, but we appear to be at or above the state and district averages. I can tell you that this staff is committed to improving these results using the best research based methods. I have been impressed with the overall professionalism of this staff.

Finally, I want to thank all the board members for the commitment and effort you have made toward helping this district succeed

Respectfully submitted,
David Fuller
Principal