

# **Fruitdale School Board Briefings December, 2008**

It is the end of the first trimester and Fruitdale is running strong. We have just completed our first rounds of state testing in reading and mathematics and have about 90% participation (We have not tested SPED or Camp Sunrise at this point). Our enrollment at Fruitdale fluctuates between about 312 to 320 students at any given time and though those numbers may be smaller than last year, the difference is minimal.

We have had huge successes so far this year with field trips to museums, Crater Lake, and pumpkin patches. Our back to school night brought masses of parents and grandparents to meet and greet our great teachers and hear about the schools' upcoming plans. We fed over 300 people at our Fruitdale Family Fun night and Book Fair and had plenty of opportunities for the community to participate in many venues.

I believe our kids—for the most part—love to come to school. They feel safe and they are receiving the educational services they need. Our teachers are always prepared and willing to do whatever is necessary to fulfill the needs of their students. It was an honor for Fruitdale Elementary School to be considered as an EXCEPTIONAL school by the ODE and it is due to the hard work and devotion of this staff and Mr. Maluk that such an honor was given. We are certainly on track to receive such an award again this year.