



News from the Principal

October 2015

Dear Fruitdale Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Fruitdale, I would like to officially welcome you to another school year. September has flown by with the blink of an eye and the crisp October days are approaching fast.

It is exciting to be part of this outstanding Fruitdale Staff. Our staff is experienced and compassionate about education. The collaboration of this staff is next to none and we have been working hard to start off another exceptional year. Our last years' results are becoming "official" by the State of Oregon, and I am excited to share more detailed information as it becomes available. At this time, I am excited to announce that Fruitdale students had another year of substantial growth. You should be very proud of your students, they work extremely hard!

We have a few staff changes. Miss Zamorskaia and Mrs. Graves have joined our kindergarten team. We also welcomed Mrs. Palmerton, who is teaching on our fourth grade team. Mrs. Purrier and Mrs. Kolkow have joined our instructional support team. All five educators have been an excellent addition to the Fruitdale Staff.

Please notice the following information:

1. Fruitdale will continue to provide a free breakfast and lunch to all students
2. Our bell rings at 7:35 on Monday through Thursday, please have your students dropped off by this time. If your child is planning on having breakfast at Fruitdale, please arrive by 7:30.
3. Every **Friday** our staff participates in professional development. School will begin one hour later. Please have your students here by 8:35am, when our first bell rings.
4. Fruitdale's Jog-A-thon is October 16th. Look for information in your student's backpacks.
5. Harvest Festival is October 29th. This is a great night of family fun in which we have an evening of pumpkin decorating, harvest themed crafts and a celebration of our garden. Please join us.

I want to thank all of our parents and community members for the tremendous support and continued dedication to the children of our community. I appreciate the opportunity to get to know both you and your child.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Parking Lot Safety at Fruitdale

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. As a staff, we are making extra effort to try and have it flow as smoothly as possible. We continue to need your help to make this happen.

Drop Off:

When dropping off your student in the morning, please use extra precaution. Our student drop off area is located in the front of the building. Please pull all the way forward. We have several parents who stop right at the curve in the front of the office. This causes cars to have to pull around to navigate past the curve. If you pull all the way forward towards the fifth grade hallway, we are able to allow more students to be dropped off at one time.

If you need to escort your child in for any reason or you would like to drop something off in the office, please remember to park inside a parking spot. Our student drop off area is not for parked cars. This will enable the smooth flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. Thank you for being extra cautious regarding this rule.

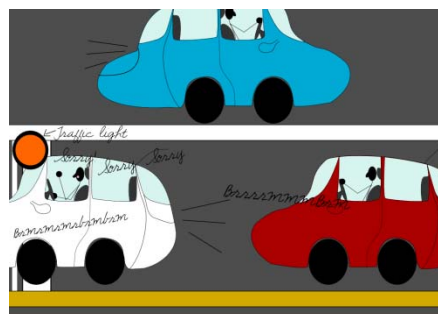
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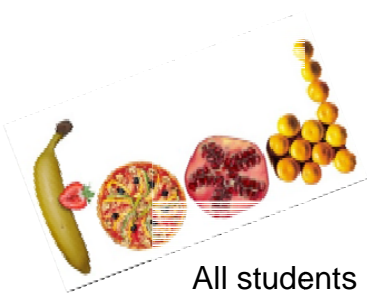
Please understand we are trying to release students as safely and quickly as possible. With over 330 students, many of which are picked up, our parking lot at the end of the day is going to take some patience.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, we have several parking spaces available as well as a waiting area for cars in our pick-up zone in the front of our building. These places fill up quickly. If there are no available places inside our parking lot, please pull over on Bill Baker Way, this will enable us to maintain a flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. When picking up your student, please pull over to the curb and pull forward as far as you can. This will enable a lane for cars to still get by.

Above all, I am asking that we are all patient in the parking lot. Our goal is for pick-up and drop-off to run as smoothly and safely as possible.

As always, thank you for all of your support.





FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

All students enrolled at Fruitdale Elementary are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to you each day this school year! Please check out the menu on our school website.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

If your child will be going home with another student, we need a note from you as well as the parent of the other child. Notes must include student's full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. Please make sure all transportation notes are sent to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made prior to 1:00 PM.



Student Medication

If your child needs to take medication at school it is a State Law that all medicine to be taken at school is to be brought to school by an adult in the original container. We need written instructions from the parent to administer the medication.

Conference Day

Parent teacher conferences are coming up. They are the evening of Wednesday, November 18 and all day Thursday, November 19. Information will be coming home with your child for a date and time that works best for you.



Picture Retake's

If you would like your child to re-take their school picture or they were not at school on picture day, Life Touch Photography will be here again on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

From the Family Advocate

We are in desperate need of **pants** for small children. If you have pants or shorts that are gently used and you would like to get rid of them please send them to the front office. Thank you!!

PTO News

The Panther Pack PTO has some exciting events planned for the upcoming year and is looking for new members! Please contact Melissa at [808-747-3752](tel:808-747-3752) or PantherPackPTO@gmail.com to see how you can help! Be sure to check out and like their Facebook page to stay updated!

The Jog-a-Thon is just around the corner! Start thinking now of who would be willing to help support you and your school! Ready, Set, Run!

Dates to remember



Statewide In-service No school.....	Oct. 09
PTO meeting.....	Oct. 13
Jog-a-thon.....	Oct. 16
Mrs. Sheehan field trip.....	Oct. 20 & 21
Mrs. Ross field trip.....	Oct. 21 & 22
Harvest Festival.....	Oct. 29
1 st grade to Science Works.....	Nov. 10
Veteran's Day (no school).....	Nov. 11
Evening Conferences.....	Nov. 18
Conference Day (no school).....	Nov 19
No School.....	Nov. 20
District Closure Day (no school).....	Nov. 23-25
Thanksgiving Day (no school).....	Nov. 26
Vacation Day (no school).....	Nov. 27

Technology Survey

Families: Please complete this short survey about technology. Using the internet, type in the following address and complete the survey by October 5th. Your input is greatly appreciated!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FHXBVL>

4th grade Joke

Did you hear about the guy who got his left side cut off?
Ya, he's all right now!

Fun things to do With your child

Have a circus day at home. Use face paints to turn your and your child face into clowns. Then take turns taming "wild" stuffed animals, walking across masking tape high wires (that are on the floor, of course), and eating circus treats like peanuts and popcorn!!



Funny things kids say

What rhymes with dig.....shovel?

What rhymes with man.....feet?

