

FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As the year ends, parents begin to think about which class their child will be in next year at school. As most of you know we do not take parent requests for teacher/classroom placement. However, we do want to know if there are specific concerns or issues you have about your child to make a good decision in placing your child. If you wish to communicate those concerns you need to pick up a form in the office. The form will allow you to communicate those concerns so I can consider that when reviewing for final placement. Forms must be picked up in the office any time after June 10th. Mrs. Phelan and I will be in the office until June 17th. Please turn your form in by that time.

The placement process begins with the regular and special needs teachers at each grade level meeting to determine the best placement for each child. Where there are multiple classes for a grade this process will be in place. Teachers work together

to develop classes that are likely to be successful as a unit when learning. Teachers consider the following information as they place students:

- Classes will be balanced for academic needs so that all children can receive what they need to be successful. This means having a good span of academic needs and abilities.
- We also look to balance students' special needs and behavioral needs. We look to see if we can separate students who have had serious social conflict in the past that might be disruptive to learning at school.
- We try to balance the number of boys and girls and even look to make sure we don't have five kids with the same first name!
- Please be assured; we place each child carefully in an environment we hope they can learn and grow in. Each child is considered. No choice is made without thought

and planning.

Once teachers are finished I review the placement recommendations and then I also compare that with the information the parents provided. Most of the time, students are placed well based on the teacher's knowledge of their students. In some cases, parents will have provided information about something we have not known about or considered and then I may change the placement based on that information. We do not place children based on things like "My child needs to be with his best friend because they have always been in the same class", or "I want Mrs. _____ because all of my other children had her."

I appreciate your understanding on this matter. Please turn in your parent input form no later than June 17th, if you wish us to consider any special needs for your child while placing them for next year.

Thank you for a great year. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall. Our office will open back up during the week of August 5th.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount

Principal

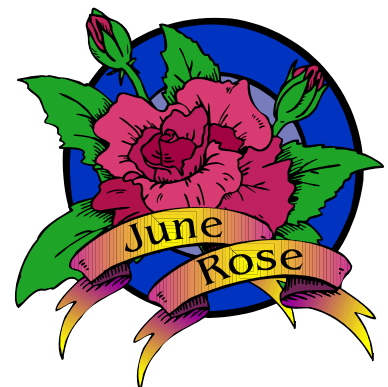
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

June 7th, 2013 - Jerome
Prairie Elementary
School Open House
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in
the Library.

School Resumes on
Tuesday, September 3,
2013

Have a fantastic summer!



KELLY CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The formation of The Kelly Christensen Memorial Scholarship for students at Hidden Valley High School is named in honor of former Teacher & Principal, Kelly Christensen. This new scholarship will be a yearly award to a HVHS graduate.

Created to honor the memory of Kelly Christensen's dedication to education, continual service to his students, and his strength of character; this scholarship hopes to reward and celebrate students who exhibit extraordinary character, service, and leadership during their academic career.

For nearly a decade Kelly Christensen served the students of the Three Rivers School District as a teacher and Vice Principal at Hidden Valley High School, and then Principal at Fruitdale Elementary School in 2008. On August 31, 2011 Kelly lost his battle with cancer leaving behind a loving family, as well as a wide network of friends and students who were inspired by his selflessness and exemplary character. His legacy of dedication and compassion have inspired several former students to establish a scholarship to honor that legacy by rewarding and celebrating a current graduating student who exemplifies the qualities that made Kelly so special.

The Kelly Christensen Memorial Scholarship will be administered through the Josephine County Educational Funds, Inc. (JCEF), honoring the man widely known as "Mr. C". This scholarship is available to a graduating senior at Hidden Valley High School who is planning on attending an accredited two or four-year College or University. The criteria and scholarship amount are subject to change on a year-to-year basis. This year's criteria considers: Academics—a 3.0 minimum GPA; Co-curricular Activity/Involvement; community Service or Involvement; and Demonstrated Leadership. Interested parents, teachers, staff and graduates are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship. To make a donation directly to the Kelly Christensen Memorial Scholarship, visit: <http://christensenscholarship.org>. For more information about this scholarship please email info@christensehscholarship.org. For more information about Josephine County Educational Fund, Inc., contact Rochelle Gauthier at jocoedfund@hotmail.com or visit www.jocoeducationfund.com. Thank you.

FROM THE OFFICE

Remember to pick up any medication your child has at school by the last day of school. Any unclaimed medication will be disposed of.



YEARBOOK SALES

The Fruitdale Elementary 2012-2013 Yearbooks are on sale now! They are only \$15.00 each. You may order them online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code: 1861813 or you may send in a check with your order form. Order your yearbook today!

We also have several Fruitdale Yearbooks from past school years. They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. All books are only \$5.00 each while supplies last! Stop by the office for more information.

SITE COUNCIL

Parents, we have one opening on our Site Council. If you are interested, please contact the office.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Please have your children check for lost clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. If you put your child's name on these items we can return them to you. Any unclaimed items by June 7th will be donated. Thank you.

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!

