



# Panther Pride News

January 2015

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

January is finally here. While the year 2014 was great, we are looking forward to embracing the opportunities as well as challenges of 2015.

As with all other areas of your child's education, we will continue to ask you for your support in making this year a success. Attendance plays a significant role in academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. It is also important for students to arrive to school on time. Please remember, our bell rings at 7:35am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent volunteers. There has been a

tremendous amount of support from our parents and community. We have many volunteers who spend a lot of time helping in our classrooms. This has a positive impact on the educational experience of our students. I believe that we have made even stronger connections between the students, staff, and families of Fruitdale.

I would like to recognize Melissa Bailey. Melissa has taken over our role of PTO leader. She is doing an excellent job of connecting parents to the Fruitdale Community. Please join us for our PTO meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

An event we are looking forward to is our annual Science

Night. Heather Richter has been organizing this opportunity since the beginning of the year and I believe it is going to be even bigger than before. Fruitdale families are invited to an exciting night full of hands-on science activities. Please mark your calendars for February 19, 2015.

On behalf of the staff of Fruitdale Elementary School, thank you for all of your efforts. We are looking forward to continuing a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount

Principal, Fruitdale Elementary School



We had a great turnout for our Christmas program. The kids sang in grade levels different songs such as... You are my Snowman, Jingle Bell Rock and much more. Good Job!

**THANK YOU**

## SCHOOL POLICY

Fruitdale has a very strict policy that ***ALL VISITORS MUST*** check in with the office upon arrival. Please make sure to come to the office to

get a visitor pass before going to a teacher classroom, cafeteria etc.

We do this for the safety of our students. We need to

know who is on our campus at all times.

**Thank you** for your understanding and following school rules!



# ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of adverse bus schedules, delays or TV stations.

weather conditions parents closures.

are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KA-JO, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOBI (5), KDRV (12), KTVL (10) or you can check the Three Rivers S.D. Web Page at ([www.threerivers.k12.or.us](http://www.threerivers.k12.or.us)) for information on school

Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel but school is still being held. Under these circumstances "straight line routes" will be run. This is the information you will get on the web page or radio/

If you live on one of the roads the buses cannot travel, you may bring your student to the nearest intersection of the main road traveled. This will also be the stop for the afternoon drop off.



## Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Danielle R. in 3rd grade! The picture she drew was one of thirteen throughout the state of Oregon to be chosen for the "Plan for Good Health" calendar!! Thank you Danielle for representing Fruitdale Elementary!

## Mrs. Sheehan's & Mrs. Ross's Class

At the end of October, Fruitdale 5<sup>th</sup> Graders had the opportunity to go explore and learn in the great outdoors! We spent the night at the Deer Creek Center in Selma, Oregon, where we dissected Cobra Lillis, waded in the creek to identify micro-invertebrates, and hiked through the remains of the Biscuit Fire. Of course, we also enjoyed a campfire, s'mores, and plenty of laughter! Ms. Ross and Ms. Sheehan would like to thank the amazing parents who helped us safely chaperone all of our students on these trips Mrs. Brosmore, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Corley, Ms. Becker, Mr. Richter, Mr. Marchand, and Mr. Breyman. We couldn't have done it without you!



# Dates to Remember

Back to school.....	Jan. 5
Site Council meeting.....	Jan. 15
Martin Luther King Day (no school).....	Jan. 19
Clerical Day (no school).....	Jan. 30
Site Council Meeting.....	Jan. 15
Science Night.....	Feb. 19
Science Fair.....	Feb.25 & 26




## Free Breakfast and Lunch

Fruitdale offers free breakfast and lunch to **ALL** students. Please make sure your child know that he/she can get a breakfast every morning. If your child is late we have a “GRAB & GO” bag that they can take to class to eat or they can save it for snack time at

recess. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!! A school lunch menu is sent home with your child every month with what is offered for breakfast & lunch. If you did not get one you can always look on our website too!!



## Panther Pack News

Attention Fruitdale Families!

Happy Holidays from the Panther Pack PTO! That's right - we have a PTO! And they want you to come see what they're up to and get involved! They will be having a meeting on January 8th at 6:00pm in the library and they want to see you there! Focus will be on this year's fundraising and how they can best support the teachers and staff of Fruitdale Elementary.

Did you know they also have a Facebook page? Check it out at [Facebook.com/PantherPackPTO](https://www.facebook.com/PantherPackPTO). Like and Share so you and other families can get in the know on what's going on here at Fruitdale. They will share information on upcoming school events as well as meeting dates and times. \*Please remember that only the things you post on their page will show up in the newsfeed (not your personal information and posts) as it is a public page.

Get involved with your student's success in school! Join the Fruitdale PTO! Please feel free to email any questions to [PantherPackPTO@gmail.com](mailto:PantherPackPTO@gmail.com) or call Melissa at [808-747-3752](tel:808-747-3752).



**Fruitdale's Happy Students!!**



One of our students loves his "Duck" hat from Mrs. Glenda



Mrs. Dukes 1st grade class

**THANK YOU GLENDA**  
We would like to thank "Glenda the Hat Lady" for making every child in our school a winter hat! If you would like to help Glenda by donating yarn you may send it to the office and we will make sure she gets it. Any color of yarn would be appreciated. Thank you



Mrs. Pugsley's 4th grade



Mrs. Sheehan's 5th grade class



Ms. Hollenbeck's 2nd grad