
Fruitdale Elementary School

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Message from the Principal

Fruitdale Families,

The 2011-2012 school is off to a great start. I am very proud to be part of such an exceptional school community. Fruitdale Elementary School is truly a special place to be. Our staff is working tirelessly on meeting the emotional, educational, and social needs of each and every student. The students are the pride of Fruitdale and we are doing our best to support each and every one in order to maximize their greatest potential.

Our focus at Fruitdale is for all students, regardless of their ability level, to experience academic growth. We are excited to utilize the resources we have in order to monitor individual student progress throughout the school year. Mrs. Hulst, Mr. Mrkvicka, and all of our classroom teachers have been hard at

work analyzing beginning of the year assessments in order to allocate our building resources in order to meet the individual needs of all of our Fruitdale students. Your child may receive individual help in a variety of ways including small group instruction in math and language arts or a double dose formula which involves working on reading or math skills as a second opportunity throughout the school day. We will be progress monitoring throughout the school year and are anticipating great results.

I am excited to announce a new addition to our staff. Miss Hollenbeck has joined our second grade teaching team. Our class numbers were huge in our first and second grade classes. Thanks to the concern of our district's Directors and the Three Rivers School Board, we

were able to hire another full-time teacher. The Fruitdale Staff is very excited to welcome Miss Hollenbeck. I appreciate all of the positive support from parents regarding this transition. Please continue to be an active part of your child's elementary school experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary school
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Office Information

ABSENCES & TARDIES:

Fruitdale Elementary School and Three Rivers School District believe that regular timely attendance is the most critical investment you can make in your student's academic growth and achievement. If your child is absent please call the school to inform us of the absence. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the office prior to the scheduled absence. School starts at 7:40 AM.

The front doors open at 7:15 AM. Please do not send your child to school before 7:15. There is no supervision prior to that time. Students should be in their classroom ready to learn at 7:40 AM. Any student who arrives to school after 7:40 AM is considered tardy. Children who walk into class late are at a disadvantage because they've missed important instructional time. Tardies decrease class instructional time and productivity. Please plan with

your child to make getting out the door in the mornings easier.

School gets out at 1:55 PM. If you are picking up your child, please be here on time. There is no supervision after school. If you need to make different arrangements for your child to go home from school, please send a note with your child in the morning or call the school before 1:30 so we can get the message to your child. Thank you for your help.

Library News

Fruitdale Library News

October – November 2011

It is so nice to greet our returning students and to meet all of our new ones! There is some great reading already going on at Fruitdale Elementary!

There are still some outstanding books and fines from last year and from the Summer Library Program. Please help your student to learn RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY by returning books and paying fines. It is very hard to deny a child access to library books because of a few dollars. I am happy to create a payment plan and will take as little as a few cents at a time toward fines.

Fundraisers

The BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION program is an important fundraiser for our library. I am looking for a new parent coordinator to run the program. Regina Corley has done a wonderful job and is ready to turn it over to someone else. Please let me know if you would be willing to help.

The student store will be open soon! This year we have wonderful Japanese erasers and Smencils. Smencils are \$1.00 and erasers range from \$1.00 - \$5.00.

Get ready for the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! Our fair is scheduled for October 19th through the 25th. We will, again, participate in the One For Books program that helps our school library and buys up to one million books for charity and literacy programs. Scholastic is offering a great new book fair option called the ONLINE BOOK FAIR!!! This exciting program will allow families to order online. The inventory online will include series, sets, classics and many books not available during our fair. The online book fair will be available before, during and after the book fair. You can find it by visiting our homepage @<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fruitdale> . The homepage will help you volunteer and find a preview.

I can always use help with the fair. Thanks! Ms. Marr

