



# Fruitdale Elementary School

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Dear Board Members,

Can you believe March is here already? While I am still wishing for a little winter precipitation, signs of spring are everywhere. From the daffodils to the tree blossoms, our warmer days are just around the corner.

As with spring come many events to the Fruitdale Campus. We are looking forward to our first round of OAKS Science testing with our fifth graders. This will give us an opportunity to take a pulse to see how our students are doing. In May, we will be able to give those students who do not pass the OAKS Assessment a second opportunity.

At the end of March and early April we will also be beginning the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This assessment will continue until the end of May in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> within the subjects of language arts and math. While this test will be a challenge in many ways, we are looking forward to the changes.

Our Science Night on February 19<sup>th</sup> did not disappoint! Our families had a great time exploring hands on science throughout our building. Heather Richter and Melissa Bailey helped to organize a phenomenal evening. Even the OMSI instructor said that he travels all over the state and this was one of the best family science nights he has been involved with!

As always, I would just like to recognize the Fruitdale Staff for all of their hard work. They are moving through another school year supporting all of the needs of our students. This staff is next to none. I feel lucky to be a part of it.

It is a pleasure to be the principal of the Fruitdale Community.

Thank You,

Heather Yount  
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