

Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

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 turned into the office by May 25th for consideration.

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 as 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 May 25th, if you wish us to consider any special needs for your child while placing them for next year.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

May 7th to 11th - Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 9th to May 21st - Scholastic Book Fair

May 11th - 5th Grade Field Trip to Table Rock

May 17th - 5th Grade Talent Show 12:45 PM

May 18th - Staff Development Day—No School

May 22nd to 25th - Caterpillar Program "Riddles in Biodiversity: the Tree of Life"

May 23rd - Jog-A-Thon

May 24th - 4th & 5th Grades Day of the Distinguished 10:00 in the gym
5th Grade Night of the Notables 6:00 PM in the gym

May 25th - 4th Grade Field Trip to Oregon Caves
Spirit Day—Twin Day

May 28th - Memorial Day—No School

May 31st - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Art/Music Night 1:45 PM & 7:00 PM in the Gym

June 5th - 5th Grade Jet Boat Trip
Site Council Meeting 2:00 Conference Room

June 6th - Mr. Haynes' Class Farm to School

June 7th - Mrs. Gilbert's Class Farm to School
5th Grade Moving On Ceremony 6:00 to 7:00

June 12th - Last Day of School

FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Get ready for the Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will be held in the Library from May 9 – 17. We will have several contests and special events. You can participate online @ <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fruitdale> . Your purchase helps me buy more books for our library. Don't forget to donate to **One For Books** during our fair. Scholastic matches our monetary donation by giving books to literary and charitable organizations. Our school receives books as well.

FUNDRAISERS

Our Box Top fundraiser is a year round effort. The leading class is Mrs. Anderson's Kindergarten. There is still time for your class to catch up to be able to win a party in the library.

You can visit eScrip.com to add Fruitdale to your shopping rewards cards. There are a variety of ways to donate cash back to Fruitdale. We are now accepting **small electronics** to recycle. These include: cell phones; digital camera; MP3 players; GPS devices, laptops, inkjet and laser/toner cartridges; CDs; DVDs/Blu-rays and video games. For a complete list visit the eScrip.com site.

LIBRARY FINES

All library materials must be returned by May 25th. Report cards and participation in fun activities will be withheld until your library account is cleared.

GET READY FOR SUMMER READING!

The library will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 – 2:00.

YEARBOOK SALES:

The Fruitdale Elementary 2011-2012 Yearbook is on sale now!

You may purchase your Yearbook for \$15.00 each. The class with the highest percentage of students purchasing a Yearbook will receive a prize! Remember to turn your Yearbook order forms in today.



We also have some 2010-2011 Yearbooks left. If you missed out, there is still time to purchase last year's yearbook! You may purchase your yearbook in the school office for only \$5.00 each.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of children's clothes, all sizes. If you have some you would like to donate, please contact our Family Advocate, Brandi Linden at Fruitdale School.



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A no cost program serving pregnant moms, children birth to 5

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Head Start prepares children for success in school and throughout life.

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Central Point

Josephine County
223 SE "M" Street
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FROM THE OFFICE:

Please remember to pick up any medicine you brought for your children before the end of the school year. Any medicine not picked up by the last day of school will be disposed of.