

Fruitdale Elementary School

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PANTHER PAWS NEWS

October 2008

Dear Parents (Guardians):

What a fantastic beginning to a great school year. Thanks to the many parents and students who attended our Back to School Night. It is such a delight to be here everyday with your children. They inspire me and help me realize how wonderful our world is.

I appreciate your responses to my request for you to fill out the free and reduced lunch form. If you still feel a need to do so, please check in the front office and we will be sure you have an application. Nutrition is vital to your child's success and our kitchen manager, Ms. Trish, has taken every precaution to ensure a well-balance and delicious lunch in a super clean and happy environment. Your participation in this program is appreciated.

I also appreciate the many parents who visit the school. Thank you for checking into the front office first. It truly creates a safe environment for our kids. Though it seems like a pain, it is important to continue this process. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

October is upon us, and I will continue to ask for your support in behalf of our school. Our version of PTA is called The Panther Pack. We will be meeting on Oct. 14th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the library. If there is anything I could ask parents to do, it would be to join the Pack. It doesn't mean you will have hundreds of meetings to attend, and it doesn't mean you will be asked to donate thousands of hours; it does mean you will make a strong connection to our school and it does mean you will help serve and share the load instead of expecting one or two people to do all the work. PLEASE, PLEASE, consider joining our group and come to the meeting on the 14th. Everyone is welcome!

Progress reports will be coming out on October 9th. This will be a great opportunity to check your child's progress and determine his or her success thus far this year. Please take the opportunity to visit with

your child and set goals and give them some ideas for improvement, OR, give them appropriate praise for the hard work and effort they give each day in school. Thank you for giving this your attention.

Once again, I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as the principal of this great school. I challenge each of us as parents (guardians), students, and staff to do our very best to serve one another's needs and seek for success in all we do.

Sincerely,

Kelly Christensen
Principal



October Calendar 2008

Oct. 1st- Good news starts

Oct. 9th- Progress reports go out

Oct. 10th- State-wide Inservice day (No School)

Oct. 14th- Panther Pack Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm(Library)

Oct. 15th-Oct. 21st- Scholastic Book Fair (library)

Oct. 16th- Kidzone Family Night @ ClubNorthwest 5:30-7:30pm

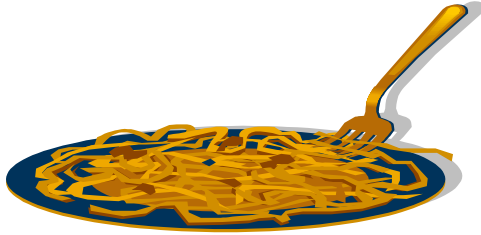
Oct. 17th- Sally Foster Classic Recipe Cookie Dough Fund Raiser Assembly 1:00 gym

Oct. 21st- Fruitdale Family Fall Fun Night & Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm-7:30pm

Oct. 27th- Picture retakes

Oct. 28th- Hearing Screening

Oct. 29th- Hearing Screening



Fruitdale Fall Family Fun Night
Tuesday October 21st 5:00pm-
7:00pm

Come join us for a fun filled night here at Fruitdale. We will have games, story book time, character face painting and the last chance sale at our Book Fair. We will also have a spaghetti dinner from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

TITLE ONE

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications
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If you would like this information, please contact Fruitdale Elementary.

Congratulations to our new student council members for the 2008/2009 school year

- *Wesley Church*
- *Courtney Scott*
- *Ali Ooghe*
- *Summer Smith*
- *Corey Branscomb*
- *Haily Archy*
- *Sean Roberts*
- *Makilah Hedge*
- *Sylvia Marr*
- *Mariah Hoppins*
- *Casey Carter*
- *Dyllon Howard*
- *Sierra Crofoot*
- *Dakota Carpenter*
- *Daniel Osipovich*
- *Kaelyn Taylor*
- *Joe Deford*
- *Paige Stohm*
- *Molly Mazza*



Rogue Valley Symphony

is pleased to again offer their student program, Connecting with the Classics. If you would like a "free" student ticket and one adult admission ticket please come to the office, additional students are \$5.00 each and adults are \$20.00 each.

Our first concert, on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, features piano soloist Jon Nakamatsu in performance of Saint-Saens' *Piano Concerto No. 2*. The orchestra will also present Liszt's *Les preludes* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8*.



A Word From Our Panther Pack
Bring your Safeway receipts to the office by Oct. 13th and join Safeway E-script to earn \$ for our school. Be looking for information on our **Sally Foster cookie dough fundraiser which starts on October 17th**. Please join us for our next meeting on October 14th from 5:30-6:30pm in the school library.



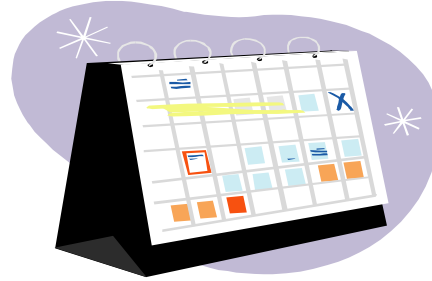
KIDZONE

Parents and Students- mark your calendars for your school's fundraising event!

The third Thursday of every month, Kidzone is where you want to be! Your student can play in the KidZone for up to 2 hours for only \$5.00 per child! While your child is playing, they're also earning \$2.00 that goes back to our school. The more students who attend, the more money our school will make!

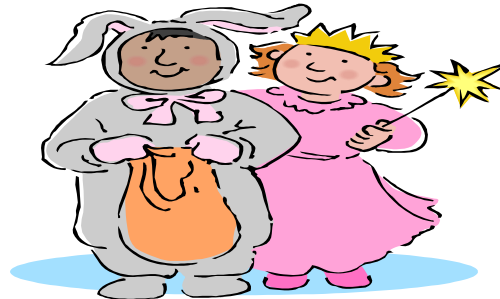
- *Parents sign children in to the KidZone
- *Siblings and friends can come and play for \$5.00 too!
- *If your child is 5 years or older, you can drop them off after you sign them in.
- *Children 4 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

See you at the tubes at KidZone this month October 16th 5:30-7:30pm, Mrs Woodruff and Ms. Ellis will be there too!



Planning Ahead For November

- Nov. 10th- Staff Development Day (No School)
- Nov. 11th- Veteran's Day Holiday (No School)
- Nov. 13th- 2nd grade field trip (Jacksonville Museum)
- Nov. 18th- Parent Pack Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm(Library)
- Nov. 20-Kidzone Night 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Nov. 25th- End of first trimester (59 days)
- Nov. 26th- Clerical Day (No School)
- Nov. 27th- Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Nov. 28th- Vacation Day (No School)



Halloween Costume Protocol for Fruitdale Friday October 31st

- *Halloween costumes **may** be worn **after** lunch on Friday the 31st of October. (Students will change into them at lunch recess) Please only send a costume that your child can easily put on by themselves.
 - *No Mask
 - *No Weapons or things that resemble a weapon
 - * No gory costumes
 - * **Age Appropriate** Costumes Only
- Let's make this a fun afternoon and follow the rules so that we may do it again next year.

