

Fruitdale Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Fruitdale Families,

With the sudden appearance of daffodils, the realization that spring is approaching is apparent to us all. While I know that the winter weather is probably not completely behind us, we are in full gear preparing for what spring will bring.

Prior to Spring Break, Fruitdale students participated in our second trimester Pride field trip. We took 168 students to the movies and our students did an excellent job representing Fruitdale. We are currently planning our third trimester Pride activity. Please remember the following expectations to ensure your child is eligible for our Pride activity at the end of the year:

1. Students must have 3's or above on the behavior portion of the report card for the third trimester.
2. Students may have no more than or 92% or 5 absences per trimester (4 tardies will equal 1 absence).
3. Student must be in good standing at the library. Mrs. Marr will check for lost books and unpaid fines.
4. Students may have no office referrals for the 3rd trimester.
5. Students may have no suspension off the bus for the trimester.

May is approaching fast. We are looking forward to several events as the school year comes to an end. Fruitdale will be having our annual Jog-A-Thon, classroom fieldtrips, visitations for LSMS, Talent Show, 3rd trimester progress report cards, the list goes on and on. Please continue to check our classroom newsletters as well as our attached calendar for dates and times.

I would like to thank all staff, students, and parents for the support in making this an excellent year at Fruitdale Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Heather Yount
Principal
Fruitdale Elementary School

Important Dates

April 16th - 17th: Spring Pictures

April 22nd - PBIS After School Bash

April 23rd to 27th - Talk About Trees

April 24th - Oregon Coast Aquarium Assembly 8:30
Keep America Singing @ Grants Pass Performing Arts Center for 4th Grade 9:00

April 27th - Spirit Day - Dress as your favorite Sports Team

April 30th - Smokey the Bear Assembly for Kinder and 1st Gd

May 1st - Site Council Meeting 2:00 PM



FRUITDALE LIBRARY NEWS

It's hard to believe that it is already April! Happy spring!

Fruitdale students are excelling in their reading. Our students have checked out 17,995 books this year! School wide students have taken 8,686 AR quizzes, read 42,451,437 words and accumulated 7,738 AR points!

GET READY FOR SUMMER READING

We will hold a Scholastic book fair May 9 – 21. You can shop online from May 1 – 21 @ <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fruitdale> all purchases will be credited to our book fair. The Fruitdale library will be open during the summer.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION This program is an important fundraiser for our library. Check out how your child's class is doing by counting the birds on a wire in the library window. The class that brings in the most box tops will win a party in the library. Thank you to our box tops coordinators Mrs. Corley and Mrs. Johnson for the tedious job of counting and reporting!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books students who are reading ten Newberry Award books in order to participate in the District-wide contest in April! These classic books are a challenge and I am always in awe of the dedication and determination that these students have.

Group One Participants: Emalee Adams; Keith Drinkwater; Brian Gant; Hillary Griffith; Bella Jacobo; Emily Morgan; Jasmine Roberts and Dakota Siewell.

GROUP ONE: *The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson; *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary; *The Grand Escape* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor; *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Elizabeth Coerr; *Baby* by Patricia MacLachlan; *The House of Wings* by Betsy Byars; *On the Long Trail Home* by Elizabeth J. Stewart; *Red Dirt Jessie* by Anna Myers; *George's Marvelous Medicine* by Roald Dahl and *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry.

Group Two Participants Sally Berg; Hudson Burgess; Dillon Corley; Kimmy Gumahad; Dakota Latner; Keely Marchand; Randi Mitchell; Alex O'Sullivan; Rick Reuter and Kaitlyn Schawo

GROUP TWO: *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell; *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls; *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli; *The Return of the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks; *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett; *The Fledgling* by Jane Langton; *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen; *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry; *Flip-Flop Girl* by Katherine Patterson and *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis.

STUDENT STORE

The student store is open on Fridays during lunch! This year we have wonderful Japanese erasers and Smencils. Smencils are \$1.00 and erasers range from \$1.00 - \$5.00.

DONATIONS NEEDED

I am looking for donations of American Girl dolls and accessories. I would like to be able to check out the dolls to readers who read and take AR tests on the AG stories about the dolls. Thanks.

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 \$10.00 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.

PBIS AFTER SCHOOL BASH!

The PBIS team is planning a fun fundraiser that will be held after school on April 20th. We are planning on doing fun, exciting activities like a bounce house, Just Dance, chalk art and snacks. The cost is only \$5.00 per child, (Fruitdale students only) The money raised will help pay for parties, prizes and celebrations. See you at the Bash!!

