
FRUITDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

January is finally here. While the year 2013 was great, we are looking forward to embracing the opportunities as well as challenges of 2014.

As with all other areas of your child's education, we will continue to ask you for your support in making this year a success. Attendance plays a significant role in academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. It is also important for students to arrive to school on time. Please remember, our bell rings at 7:35am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent volunteers. There has been a tremendous amount of support from our parents and community. We have many volunteers who spend a lot of time helping in our classrooms. This has a positive impact on the educational experience of our students. I believe that we have made even stronger connections between the students, staff, and families of Fruitdale.

An event we are looking forward to is our annual Science Night. Heather

Richter has been organizing this opportunity since the beginning of the year and I believe it is going to be even bigger than before. Fruitdale families are invited to an exciting night filled with hands-on science activities. Please mark your calendars for February 6, 2014.

On behalf of the staff of Fruitdale Elementary School, thank you for all of your efforts. We are looking forward to continuing a great year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Heather Yount

Important Dates

January 6th: Classes Resume

January 16th: Site Council
Mtg - 2:00 Conference Room

January 20th: MLK Day - No
Classes

February 6th: Family Science
Night

February 7th: No school
for Elementary Students

February 17th: President's
Day - No School



FROM THE OFFICE

The school doors open at 7:15 AM each morning. Students may go to the cafeteria for a free breakfast until recess time at 7:30 AM. The first bell rings at 7:35 AM and school starts promptly at 7:40 AM. School is dismissed at 1:55 PM. There is no supervision before 7:15 AM or after 2:00 PM. Parents, we need your help in making sure your child arrives to school and gets picked up on time.

If your child will be going home with another student, we need a note from you as well as the parent of the other child. Notes must include students full name, (first & last), teacher, date and parent's signature. Please make sure all transportation notes are set to the office. If you need to call to change your child's transportation plans for the day, the calls need to be made before 1:00 PM. See pages 4 & 5 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Arrival & Departure Procedures.

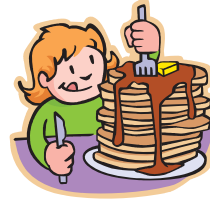
It is a State Law that all medicine to be taken at school is to be brought to school by an adult in the original container. We need written instructions from the parent to administer the medication. Please see page 18 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on Medication.

Thank you.



FREE BREAKFAST AT FRUITDALE

Remember, every student who attends Fruitdale Elementary School receives a free breakfast. Even if your child eats breakfast at home, they can come and get a "Grab & Go" for a morning snack.



LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found is growing. Please check to see if something we found belongs to you.

YARN NEEDED

Thank you so much Glenda, the "Hat Lady" for supplying every student who attends Fruitdale School with a hat! We are asking families for donations of yarn to help with next years' hats. Donations may be dropped off at Fruitdale School office. Thank you!

WANTED!

Parents, we need YOU for our PTO! Fruitdale School is in need of parents to help with our Panther PACK, (PTO). If you can help, please let your child's teacher or the office know. Thank you!



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Many of you drop off your student at the beginning of the day and/or pick-up your student at the end of the day. I am sure you are well aware our parking lot is a very busy place. As a staff, we are making extra effort to try and have it flow as smoothly as possible. We continue to need your help to make this happen.

DROP OFF

When dropping off your student in the morning, please use extra precaution. Our student drop off area is located in the front of the building. Please pull all the way forward. We have several parents who stop right at the curve in the front of the office. This causes cars to have to pull around to navigate past the curve. If you pull all the way forward towards the fifth grade hallway, we are able to allow more students to be dropped off at one time.

If you need to escort your child in for any reason or you would like to drop something off in the office, please remember to park inside a parking spot. Our student drop off area is not for parked cars. This will enable the smooth flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. Thank you for being extra cautious regarding this rule.

PICK UP

Please understand we are trying to release students as safely and quickly as possible. With over 350 students, many of which are picked up, our parking lot at the end of the day is going to take some patience.

When picking up your child at the end of the day, we have several parking spaces available as well as a waiting area for cars in our pick-up zone in the front of our building. These places fill up quickly. If there are no available places inside our parking lot, please pull over on Bill Baker Way, this will enable us to maintain a flow of cars in and out of our parking lot. When picking up your student, please pull over to the curb and pull forward as far as you can. This will enable a lane for cars to still get by.

Above all, I am asking that we are all patient in the parking lot. Our goal is for pick-up and drop-off to run as smoothly and safely as possible.

As always, thank you for all of your support.

TITLE 1 FUNDS

Title 1 funds are critical federal funds that help our school in many ways. Our Title 1 funding also pays for more than half of our teaching assistant positions and helps provide extra supplies, library books, and other resources for our classrooms. Please make sure you have filled out the form for free or reduced meals if you are eligible. Even if you don't intend to use that service, by filling out the form and qualifying, you help determine the level of Title 1 funding received at Fruitdale.

EDUCATION OF ALL DISABLED CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

Public Law 105.17 known as I.D.E.A. (Individualized Disability Education Act) requires that school districts provide a free and appropriate education to all disabled children/young adults age 0 to 21.

Three Rivers School District requests the identification of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not enrolled or currently being served by the district schools.

If you know of any disabled children/young adults between the ages of 0 to 21 who are not receiving educational services, please call the Special Education Department of the Three Rivers School District. The phone number is (541) 862-3111.