

Fruitland Intermediate School

Skipjack

November 2009

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. GOSNELL

It's hard to believe that we will have completed the 1st marking term on November 4th! The school year is well underway and we hope to see all students continue to put forth the extra effort necessary to show continued growth and to earn good grades. We are very proud of our students and staff for the excellent work that is being done throughout our school.

We hope that your child has been talking about the Junior Achievement program that has been taking place this past month at Fruitland Intermediate. We are thankful for the Junior Achievement program and for the many volunteers that have provided their help to make the program a success. We are grateful for the time that our parent volunteers dedicate to education. Please consider volunteering in your child's classroom or helping during American Education Week this month. Children love to see their parents at school and we are thankful to have your help. Together, we can all make a difference!

Thank you for the tremendous support given to our school fundraiser. We will utilize the funds to purchase document cameras for use in the classrooms. Document cameras are used instead of an overhead projector and allow teachers to display any object that is placed under the camera. This allows teachers to show what is written on a paper or to project text and pictures. These will be a tremendous asset to our instructional program.

PARENT PORTAL

We welcome all parents to join us on Nov. 12th at 6:30 for the Parent Portal training. This training will be held in conjunction with the Multi-Cultural Night. The purpose of this evening is to provide training for parents in the use of the new Parent Portal system which will allow parents to access their child's grades at any time from any computer.

A MESSAGE FROM MS. LEWIS

Hello Parents! Just a reminder that our students have taken the SRI, Scholastic Reading Inventory, and you should have gotten the results in a letter brought home by your child. The SRI is a test that measures how well your child reads and comprehends what is read. He/she will take the Inventory two additional times this school year and we are hoping to see significant gains in your child's ability to read and comprehend.

You can help your child progress in the area of reading and comprehending by encouraging him or her to choose books to read and test on them through our Accelerated Reader program. Try to set aside time each night for reading, practice makes perfect! There are prizes to be won as well for achieving the goals set for AR.

As always, we are thankful for your support and involvement in your child's education.

FUNDRAISER PICK-UP

Fundraiser items will be available for pick-up on Nov. 2nd from 3:30-6:00 in the cafeteria. Since the fundraiser includes perishable items, it is necessary for all items to be picked up that evening. We are not able to refrigerate items left at the end of the evening. Thank you again for your participation!

MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT

We are pleased to announce that our 5th annual Multi-Cultural Night will be held on Nov. 12th from 6:00-7:30 in the cafeteria. Please join us on this evening to see class displays and to sample foods from other countries and cultures.

NOVEMBER PTA MEETING

The November PTA meeting will be held at Fruitland Intermediate School on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 PM. Following a brief business meeting, teachers will be available to meet with parents.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Parking during bus dismissal continues to be a problem at Fruitland Intermediate. To assist us in our efforts to make improvements, **please do not park on the left side of the circle or in the entrance/exit lane at any time.** This area is strictly for enabling cars to pass through the lot. If you are parking to come in and sign a student out, **please park on the side or rear of the building.** Cars are permitted to pull up to the curb in front of the building for the purpose of picking up or dropping off a student, but please do not park and leave your vehicle.

We appreciate the cooperation and patience of everyone as we strive to ensure the safety of all students as they are being picked up from school.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week will be celebrated during the week of November 16-20. Information will be sent home with each student to inform you of the instructional times you may wish to visit your child's classroom. This week is set aside to pay tribute to the dedicated staff that diligently works to meet the needs of all of our children. We celebrate education and everyone, teachers, staff, parents, and family members that contribute to each child's success.

In order to provide a safe learning environment, we request that all visitors sign in at the front entrance area where you will be greeted and given a visitor's badge. Due to the large participation in our lunch program and limited seating, we regret that we are unable to invite you to remain for lunch. Please plan on visiting during instructional time to participate with your child in the learning process.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

We would like to thank First Shore Federal for their generous contribution to Junior Achievement. Their contribution provided the materials for all Fruitland Intermediate students to participate in the Junior Achievement program. All 18 classes in grades 3-5 were able to participate this year as students learned the value of financial literacy. Junior Achievement is a nonprofit organization that teams up with local businesses to teach and inspire children to succeed in a global economy.

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

By Mrs. Kim Davis, RN

H1N1 FLU/SEASONAL FLU

The following actions steps taken at home will help protect your family not only from the H1N1 Flu, seasonal Flu, and viruses. It is very important that we encourage everyone to follow these steps to keep our schools and households healthy. Encourage students and all family members to cough or sneeze into their sleeves if a tissue is not available. **DO NOT** cough or sneeze into your hand. Wash your hands often with soap and water; hand sanitizers are also effective. Avoid touching your face. Clean surfaces and items that have frequent hand contact.

The most important action is to stay home if you are sick. Anyone who has "flu like" symptoms, fever of 100.0 or higher, cough, sore throat, should be kept home and **should be fever free for 24 hours without medication** before returning to school or the workplace. Keeping your family and students home during periods of illness will help stop the spread of "flu like" illnesses and other viruses.



PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Communication between our school and the communities we serve is fostered through our Parent Advisory Committee. This five member committee invites your questions, comments, and suggestions. This committee meets with administration throughout the year. We encourage you to contact our office or a parent advisory member should the need arise. We thank the following parents for serving our schools in this fashion:

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CUB SCOUTS

November 13th: Cub Scout Pack Meeting at Fruitland Primary, 7pm. Theme: Cub Scout Salute, Local Heroes. We will pay tribute to our local heroes, followed by demonstrations from Law Enforcement and Fire Department.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

The following students were recognized for Good Citizenship for the month of **October**:

Grade 3 – Ranisha Collins, Spencer Cormier, Gillian Barr, John MaGuire, Mattiea Davis, Dylan Jones, Zoey James, Robert Stuetz, Michael Cheers, Emily Goodwin, Mathew Adkins, Amirrah Bonner

Grade 4 – Wyatt Sellers, Emily Salada, Emily Barrett, Kelsey Black, Liam Huffman, Georgia Howard, Christina Sun, Ian Hoisington, Savannah Beauchamp, Elijah Kelley, Bailey Fields, Morgan Brown

Grade 5 – Caroline Wheeler, Jakob Keidel, Royel Mapp, Austin Ingley, Kayla White, Sarah Springer, Kaleb Cline, Shayla Edwards, Alexis Toffry, Sydney Wood

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 2 PTA-Fruitland Intermediate at 6:30PM
Fundraiser pick-up 3:30-6:00
Reading Benchmark Testing
- November 3 Reading Benchmark Testing
- November 4 End of 1st Marking Term
DishiBem Assembly-1:30 & 2:30
- November 5 Math Benchmark Testing
PTA Legislative Night
- November 6 Math Benchmark testing
- November 12 LEAF trip for gr. 4 students
Parent Portal Meeting 6:30
Multi-Cultural Night 6:00-7:30
Report Cards go home
- November 13 The Book Fair opens in the Media Center
- November 16-20 American Education Week
- November 17 Board of Ed. Recognition Night at Willards Elem. School at 7:00
Family Reading & Math Night
- November 18 Superintendent’s Open Door 4-6 at the Board of Education
- November 20 Family Fun Night at FPS 6-8
- November 24 PBIS Activity
- November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break-School

A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Hello, Fruitland families! It is hard to believe that we are going into November. What an exciting month for PTA! First we have our Book Fair, which kicks off Nov. 13th and ends nicely with Family Fun and Fitness night on November 20th. Mark your calendar for the 20th for this fun, healthy way to spend time with your child and support your PTA as well. Remember American Education Week is also November 16th-20th, a fantastic way to watch your child hard at work during the school day! We are still in need of volunteers for Book Fair, so please sign up in the school office for the date and times that you are willing to help us. We are asking parents to help in three hour increments if possible, although we are grateful for any time you give us! As always, thank you all for your support of our PTA; these events would not be possible without our amazing members and volunteers!

-Michelle Mezick, PTA President

HAVE YOU READ THE SKIPJACK?

Please complete the form below and return to the school office by Nov. 6th to be in the drawing for lunch with Mrs. Gosnell. One lucky winner will be drawn from each grade level. The winner for November will have lunch with Mrs. Gosnell on November 11th at 11:30 AM. Lunch is provided by the school for this event.

Skipjack Pride

I have read the November Skipjack and would like my child to be entered in the drawing for lunch with Mrs. Gosnell.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent

Signature: _____

Please sign and return to the office by Nov. 6th.

