

# Fruitland Elementary

## From the Principal's Office:

The new elementary school is off to a great start. We have completed the fall IRI and ISAT testing. Our students did a great job. You might take a few minutes to thank your child's teacher for all their hard work.

I would like to thank the Fruitland PTO for all their hard work with the Halloween Carnival and raffle. Thank you all!

We are starting to practice our Christmas songs. We hope you will come listen to the students and get into the Christmas spirit by attending the Christmas programs on Thursday, December 20th. Pre-first and first grades will perform at 1:30 pm, and second and third grades at 7:00 pm. The programs will be held in the new elementary gymnasium.

When we return from Christmas break on January 8th, we will immediately begin IRI testing.

I'd like to thank all the patrons for supporting the bond issue. The new school is really nice. With all the technology we are able to offer so much more to our students. Having the extra room so we could add more classroom teachers and reduce class sizes has been very nice. Thank you again from the entire

elementary staff. We wish you and your family a nice holiday and a great new year.

Joseph P. Wozniak  
Principal

## Dads and Doughnuts

Please join us for our first "Dads & Doughnuts" event on **Friday, January 25, 2008** from 7:15-7:45 am. Students may bring their dads for a doughnut breakfast in the lunchroom and then pop into the library and read a book with them. Children love being read to and this fun event will help promote the joy of reading. If dad can't make it, ask your grandpa or uncle to pinch-hit!

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

Character Education has been a part of our program at the elementary school since 2001. The character theme for the month of November is **Loyalty (Citizenship/Veterans)**. The theme for December is **Compassion (Kindness)**, and the theme for January is **Respect**.

In addition to the Character Education program, the elementary staff has incorporated the book *The Essential 55* by Ron Clark. This book focuses on manners and etiquette inside and outside the classroom. November's Essential 55 rule is: **Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and say "Excuse Me"**. December's Essential 55 rules are: **Always say "Thank You" when given something, and When you receive something, do not insult the gift or the giver.** January's rule is: **Respect other students' comments, opinions and ideas.**

## BINGO FOR BOOKS

We will be holding a **BINGO FOR BOOKS** family night for **elementary school students and their parents** on January 31, 2008. The prizes for bingo will be new books! Students must have an adult present to play bingo. Student with last names starting with M-Z play from 6:00-7:00 pm. Students with last names starting with A-L play from 7:30-8:30. The PTO will be selling hot cinnamon rolls again. See you there!





## BOOK SWAP


To celebrate Family Reading Week, Fruitland Elementary will be holding a "Book Swap" on Friday, November 16, 2007.

Students may bring "gently used" books to school beginning Monday, November 6th. Students will receive a ticket for each book they bring to school to swap. On Friday, November 16th, students will swap their tickets for other "gently used" books.

This is a great way for the students to get new reading material without spending any money! Donations of any "gently used" books that are appropriate for elementary students would be greatly appreciated. **Please no toddler or preschool books, discarded school readers, or religious books.** Thank You!

## Calendar of Events

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| Nov. 1       | Early Release 12:45 & 1:15<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00<br>No Kindergarten/Preschool |  |
| Nov. 2       | NO SCHOOL   |   |
| Nov. 5       | NO SCHOOL—Planning Day  |   |
| Nov. 8       | Picture Re-takes  |   |
| Nov. 12      | School Board Meeting  |   |
| Nov. 13      | PTO Meeting—5:30 pm   |   |
| Nov. 16      | Book Swap   |   |
| Nov. 20      | Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program   |  |
| Nov. 21      | Early Release 12:45 & 1:15  |   |
| Nov. 22 & 23 | NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)  |   |

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| Dec. 11    | PTO Meeting—5:30 pm            |  |
| Dec. 20 pm | Christmas Programs—1:30 & 7:00 |   |

# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW STAFF:

## Beverly Smith

I was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada and moved to Fruitland in 2002. I am a graduate of Eastern Oregon University and began teaching at Fruitland Elementary in 2007. I have 4 children that attend school in the Fruitland School District. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family. We attend their sporting events, camping, and my personal

## Danielle Hunt

I graduated from Eastern Oregon University with my Bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies in December of 2006. I live in Weiser with my husband Brian and our two dogs - Igby and Sadie. This is my first full time teaching job. I am very excited to be working in Fruitland. I love teaching 1st grade!

## Shelly Westfall

Greetings to my fellow travelers on the journey of life! My name is Shelley Westfall – I'm old enough to be slightly wise but not old enough to be cranky. My husband and I have been married 25 years (murder is illegal!) and own a business in Ontario. We moved to Fruitland 17 years ago in order for our two daughters to attend the awesome Fruitland schools. Kate and Anne have both graduated and now attend N.N.U. I love: my kids, talking!, reading movies, friends, talking!, puzzles, fishing, chocolate, and talking!

## Iran Trenkel

The daughter of Joe and Ilo Schmid, I was born in Tehran, Iran; I grew up on the family farm in New Plymouth Idaho, milking cows and feeding calves: lots of irrigating with four younger brothers. I got to wear uniforms at an International School in Tanzania, East Africa, when I was ten and eleven years old. I learned a little Swahili; had a different nationality teacher for each subject. I came back home and graduated from Western Oregon University. I served in the U. S. Peace Corps in Fiji. I married Jim Trenkel, a farmer from Ontario, and taught public school music for twenty years while raising two sons on the family farm. Ian, 26, is now the proud father of two little girls and is a Marine serving in Iraq. Our son Joshua, 20, is completing his Army Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia and is also a student at Western Oregon University. I went back to school at Eastern Oregon University to complete an ESL endorsement. I now teach ESL at the kindergarten and high school levels and a Spanish class at the middle school here in Fruitland. I am the choir director and organist for our church and I like to swim, sew, write family history and READ in my spare time.

## Rosa Cassano

I was born in Peru and grew up in a small community elementary school with no more than 75 kids in the whole school. I also went to High School only for girls. I used uniforms since I was in pre-school all the way to High School.

I became a pre-school teacher after 4 years of college education in Lima, Peru. I worked teaching children between the ages of 2 and 5. I taught pre-school teacher courses at the college as well. Also I was very involved with parent's education in different communities.

I immigrated to the United States in 1999, got married and established in Long Beach, California where I also went to college to learn English and got my AA in Early Childhood Education. I moved to Idaho in 2004 with my husband and my two children. Now I am teaching in the ESL Pre-school program at the elementary school.

## Chelsey Schaffeld

I am a recent graduate from TVCC, and work in the computer lab as an assistant to Mrs. Sperry. I teach the Plato program involving reading and math and love working with the kids. With my free time at school, I enjoy decorating classrooms, taking photos, and drawing and painting for various school events. I am from Ontario but I am enjoying the Fruitland School District very much.

## Krista Slover

I'm Krista Slover. I have a husband that works for BLM as Road Maintenance Supervisor in Vale. I have three sons: Tanner, Travis and Walker, a senior at New Plymouth. My oldest son, Tanner (23) has been an equipment operator at Crater Lake Park, Oregon for the past 4 years. My middle son, Trav (21) is on his 3rd season as an equipment operator at Lassen Park, California. We just moved here from Red Bluff, California where I worked in schools the past 17 years as an ELL aide, Title 1 aide, Special Ed aide, Elementary aide, school bus driver, and Kitchen aide. Due to my husband's job we have moved every 3-6 years. I'm now considered a professional mover. Lansing, Iowa is my home where I grew up with 8 sisters and brothers on a farm. My hobbies are camping, traveling, swimming, hunting, and family. I have met such wonderful people with all the moving these past years.

## FOOD DRIVE

The students from the Gifted and Talented Education program will be holding their annual canned food drive from December 3-7, 2007. Food donations of canned or dry foods will be accepted at the elementary school during this time. **Please no frozen products, fresh produce, or foods that need refrigeration!** Thanks in advance for helping us help our community!

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you for supporting BT4ED. Thanks to you, and a number of sponsors and private donations, the reader board is up and serving the school and community. Keep saving those box tops!

