



**Fruita 8/9**  
1835 J Road

**Principal – Jason Plantiko**

Assistant Principal– Alicia Timbreza  
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Admin/Liaison—Kathy Daniels

**September 2019**

**Main Office: 254-6720**

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*Si usted desea una explicación en español de este artículo, favor de llamar al 254-5484*

Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome students and families to a new year at Fruita 8/9 School! As summer comes to an end, the anticipation of the school year begins for students, families, and staff. In that anticipation, often times questions arise in regard to how things operate in our school. Please feel free to contact our office staff, administration, counselors, and teachers regarding questions that you may have. In addition, our school website, ParentVue information system, and newsletters provide answers to many of the questions you may have.

As we begin the school year, the following are some ways that parents can stay involved in their child's education. One way to stay involved is to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer in our school, please contact the main office at 254-6720. Our secretaries will be happy to help you get started in this process.

In addition, we have a School Advisory Council that meets quarterly to discuss goals, action plans, and student activities at Fruita 8/9. The meetings are held in the conference room from 5:00-6:00 pm. Our first meeting is September 19th in which we will discuss the purpose of School Advisory and discuss building goals for the school year. Everyone is welcomed to attend the meetings.

One way to stay involved from a home perspective is to ask your student what he or she is doing and plan time to do important things such as setting goals, completing homework, and discussing involvement in school activities and events. Studies show that the more involvement in school activities, the higher the student achievement.

The staff at Fruita 8/9 has a commitment to communicate with parents as effectively and efficiently as possible. Students will have an advisory in which he or she will be working collaboratively with teachers in making improvements in proficiency as well as working in an advisory relationship in regard to things such as achievement, school culture, study habits, and career development. Please feel free to contact teachers if you have questions regarding grades or assignments.

For the most current and in-depth information please see our website at <http://fruita89.d51schools.org/>  
We are looking forward to having a great school year. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jason Plantiko

Principal

Fruita 8/9



# IROAR

Integrity **RESPECT** Ownership Achievement Responsibility

Fruita 8/9 staff and administration look forward to partnering with you this year as we work to create a safe, respectful learning environment for every student. With almost 800 teenagers working alongside each other in our building each day, there are times when conflicts arise between students.

Staff and administration seek to be vigilant in classrooms, hallways, and commons areas to proactively address conflicts when they arise. Our counselors work with individuals and small groups to resolve conflicts in a timely manner, as well.

Below are some suggested guidelines to help parents and students distinguish between normal conflict and bullying.

Normal Conflict	VS.	Bullying
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equal power/or between friends</li><li>• Happens occasionally</li><li>• Accidental</li><li>• No serious emotional harm</li><li>• Equal emotional reaction</li><li>• Not seeking power or attention</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imbalance of power</li><li>• Repeated, negative &amp; purposeful</li><li>• Can be serious with threat of physical or emotional harm</li><li>• Strong emotional reaction from target/victim</li><li>• Seek power or control</li><li>• No remorse/blames victim</li><li>• No effort to solve problem</li></ul>

Assistant principals and counselors work in teams of two, and student concerns are assigned based on the first letter of a student's last name. (see below)

If you or your child feels conflict with another student has escalated to harassment or bullying, please contact Fruita 8/9 Administration at 254-6720 so that we can address the issue immediately.

*Alicia Timbreza*  
Asst. Principal (A – K)

*Scott Toovey*  
Asst. Principal (L - Z)

*Kathy Daniels*  
Admin/Liaison

*Judi Weber*  
Counselor (A – K)

*Colleen Stabolepszy*  
Counselor (L – Z)



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Sept 2nd- No School ~ Students & Staff

Sept 4th~ NJHS Meeting~ Library 3:15 p.m.

Sept 16th- No School- Students Only

Sept 17th~ Marching Band Expo Stocker @ 7:30 p.m.

Sept 26th~ Parent/Teacher Conferences F 8/9 Gym 3:30-7:30 p.m.

SAC Meeting ~ Conference Rm @ 5:00 p.m.

Sept 28th~ Colorado West Marching Band Festival @ Stocker

Fruita Fall Festival ~ Downtown Fruita (27th-29th)

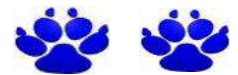
Sept 30th~ 8th grade Boys Basketball practice begins



### Parent Reminder~

As our lunch waves are the busiest time of day in the office, 11:30-12:50, please plan accordingly for lunch off campus by having your student waiting for you in the office, (remember they are excused for their lunch wave only) a written permission slip is needed if student is not leaving with the parent. Also any lunch, supplies, or instruments that are being dropped off during the day please let your student know you will be dropping it by so they know to come by and check the office. It can be sometimes difficult making sure each student gets a note letting them know they have an item to pick up from the office. Thank you ~ Office Staff

# F 8/9 CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY



If you give permission for your student to leave school for LUNCH with someone who is not the parent/legal guardian, or on the Emergency Contact you are asked to **provide written, signed notification stating the time the student is to be picked up and the name of the person with whom he/she is leaving campus.** That person is required to come to the office to sign the checkout book when the student leaves **and** when he/she returns. Note that when leaving Campus for lunch, the student will be excused for their school lunch wave only. **If the student is not signed in and out by the person they go to lunch with it will not be excused.**

Please plan ahead. Phone calls or faxes will not be accepted as permission.

Fruita Fall Festival  
Sept 27th– 29th  
Downtown Fruita



## YEARBOOK

- Have pictures you want to share with the yearbook staff?
- We would love to use them if you want to share!
- Download Josten's FREE App - RePlay It
- Upload pictures to Fruita 8/9
- Questions: Contact Mrs. Willford  
[Jill.willford@d51schools.org](mailto:Jill.willford@d51schools.org)

**MATH  
ROCKS**

MATH TUTORING  
Every WEDNESDAY  
Room 101 3:15-4:15

## STA BUS TRANSPORTATION

Reminder ~ Students who wish to ride the bus home with other students must have a permission slip from their parent. The note needs to be stamped by a office personnel.

Per STA Transportation.

If you need to know bus routes or bus schedules, please contact STA. through email <http://www.d51schools.org/> or phone # 697-1050.

## BAND NEWS

The Fruita 8/9 Band Program received the Colorado Bandmaster's Exemplary Band Award for the 2018-2019 School year. This marks the 10th year in a row that the Band program has received this Colorado Bandmaster's State Award. The award is presented to outstanding programs who receive a Superior Rating at Concert Band Festival, a Superior Rating at a Jazz Festival, participation in Solo/Ensemble with Superior ratings, any students who participate in state recognized Honor Bands, and the percentage of Fruita 8/9 students in the Band program.

### School Text Books & Calculator

Throughout the year, your student may be using textbooks, novels or calculators that are checked out to them. When they are finished with these items they must return them to the Copy/Book Room. They will be scanned in, to ensure that they are returning the book that was checked out to them. Any item not returned or damaged will be assessed a fee.



**PROUD TO BE A WILDCAT**

**GO WILD OR  
GO HOME!**



**WILDCATS  
FOR LIFE**

**UNITED IN  
BLUE**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Practice Begins  
Monday, Sept 30th.  
Visit F8/9 website for registration and schedule.**

Contact: Coach Vanlandingham  
Scott.vanlandingham@d51schools.org

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "**Stop**".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
"Y" or "Yes"  
to 67587**

**i** [Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:](#)

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/tx](http://schoolmessenger.com/tx) for more info.



# Fruita 8/9 School

## Dress Code Guidelines

**Research indicates that appropriate school dress has a positive impact on performance and behavior.**

To support achievement and maintain a positive learning environment for all staff and students, we ask that the following types of clothing **not be worn** during school days.

Clothing that.... Is

- Contains profanity or obscene/lewd text or graphics
- Promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons
- Advocates sex or sexual activity

**Gentlemen Cats, NO...**

- Muscle shirts
- Pants that sag excessively

**Lady Wildcats, NO...**

- Off-the-shoulder tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps
- Clothing that exposes undergarments
- Clothing that is transparent
- Low cut tops that expose cleavage
- Short mini-skirts or short shorts

**All Wildcats:** No clothing that exposes the torso, including side, back, or middle.

**If It's Covered In BLUE, It's Covered on YOU !**