



ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

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A Dual Language STEM School

Principal's Page



Dear Families,

This is a time of year where many things change. As we move from winter into spring and as we move to daylight savings time, some rather predictable changes take place. Change is something that we can consistently count on to happen. Sometimes we ask for the change, other times it is forced upon us and we just have to go with it.

I love the quote above: "One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain." It acknowledges perspective, as well as attitude. When faced with big changes in life, I have found that taking a close look at what I can control helps me to handle the change in a less stressful way. Making a plan and being around like-minded people also helps me to not feel and anxious about the change. If I can break it down into parts and make a plan for each part, I am more likely to navigate the change in a positive way, to elevate what I might to gain from the change.

Moving into April, your student's school schedule could be changing a bit as we begin taking the state mandated assessment CMAS. We hope that you will help your child through this change by making sure they are getting enough rest each night and not feeling rushed in the morning. Although the testing is for students in grades 3rd-6th, schedules for many grade levels have had to be changed in order to accommodate all of the testing that is taking place for those students. Please see the note included in this newsletter that outlines when your child's testing will be taking place.

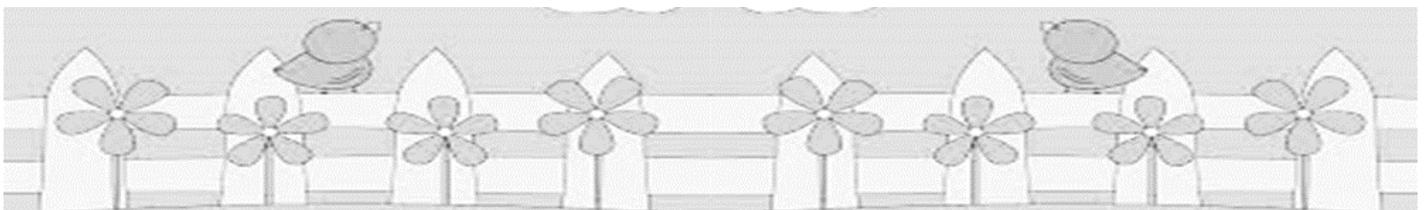
Thank you for all you do, and may you be the change you seek in the world.
Leigh

Accountability Committee

Please join us for our Accountability Committee meeting, which will be on April 26th at 3:00 pm in Leigh's office. All parents are invited to be a part of this important committee. This will be our last meeting of the year.

April 2018

- 5 . . . Kg & 6th Gr Continuation
- 6 . . . Individual/Class Pictures
- 9 . . . PTA Mtg 6-7PM
- 12 . . . Carnival 5:30-7PM
- 21 . . . 1 Gr Program 6PM
- 27 . . . Early Release 1:10PM



CMAS testing for Foster students is from 3-20-4.27. Please be sure that your students have adequate rest and a good breakfast before they are scheduled to test.

3rd graders are testing March 20-2, AM and April 10-12 AM

4th graders are testing April 10-12 AM, and April 18-20 AM

5th graders are testing March 20-22 AM, April 4-6 AM, and April 10-12 PM

6th graders are testing April 10-12 AM, April 13, 16, 17 AM.

Please support us in not scheduling appointments for your student during this time.

If you have questions or concerns,
email me at scristbr@jeffco.k12.co.us or
call me at 303.982.1680



Congratulations to the winners of Foster's Third Spanish Spelling Bee.

**Three students will represent our school in the state contest organized by CABA (Colorado Association of Bilingual Education), April 7th.
Good luck, participants!**

Winners:

Fenix Denning 5th grade

Gabriela Kline 6th grade

Ryan Avina 6th grade





Welcome Kinder Families!

Spring is here! Students have been working very hard all winter and are ready for a well-deserved break.

They have been busy researching and writing about their topic of choice and will return to writing stories about themselves in the last writing unit.

Students are also beginning to monitor their reading in multiple ways! Practice sight words at home to support your child in reading.

Our focus in math this month has been to understand addition and subtraction stories in real world contexts. In the final math unit, kindergartners will solidify their understanding of part and whole relationships as well as compare measurable attributes, such as length and weight.

You can support your child in science by discussing how the sun impacts the earth and affects our daily activities. Observe the sky at different times throughout the day.

It has been such a joy to see the growth that each child has made this year.

Thank you families for all your support at home and enjoy your break!

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Marcela





We are very excited to have started our PBL this year around the Garden! Students are very thrilled that their vegetables are starting to grow. We encourage you to ask your students about what they are doing for the garden.

In Math, we are working on data. Students are making simple graphs and collecting data about different objects in the classroom. At home, please continue to work on addition/subtraction facts and adding 10 to any number.

In writing, we are working on non-fiction and how to stories.

In reading we are reading non-fiction and asking questions about the books we read. Soon we will be working on inferring a character's feelings.

Regarding the iPads, please make sure students have working headphones. Thank you!

March 24-April 1st- Spring Break

April 6th- Picture Day

April 26th- First Grade Garden Presentations

Miss Brie, Ms. Rosa and Ms. Stephanie



2ND GRADE

Dear Second Grade Families,

Thank you to everyone that could make it to our Second Grade Weather Showcase! It was wonderful to see the kids present everything they have been learning around Weather! Here is what we have been up to lately!

Reading: Students have been researching their weather topics and recording facts and information. Students have been learning the features of nonfiction, questioning and finding answers in books. We will start reading different fairy tales next month. Please continue to have your child read with you each night.

Writing: Students have been writing non-fiction and researching their weather topic. Students went through the entire writing process of planning, drafting, revising, editing and finally published their own book. After the break we will start writing fictional stories.

Math: We have learned about 2D and 3D shapes, data, graphing, and time! Students will work on 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction after spring break. You can help by practicing basic math facts at home with your child.

Science and Social Studies: We completed our Habitats unit and our Weather units! These were so much fun! We will learn about Push and Pull forces later this year. In Social Studies we will soon be starting a unit on Economics and after that we will do a unit on communities!

Social and Emotional Learning: Each week we take time to talk about our Peace Promises and the importance of being a community member. Students take calming breaks as a whole class or on their own as needed. Students also take Physical Activity breaks throughout the day.

We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break and that your students come back ready to learn for the final months of the school year! We have a lot of wonderful things planned to keep the kids engaged and learning!

Thank you,
Ms. Hollie, Ms. Marisa and Ms. Kathy





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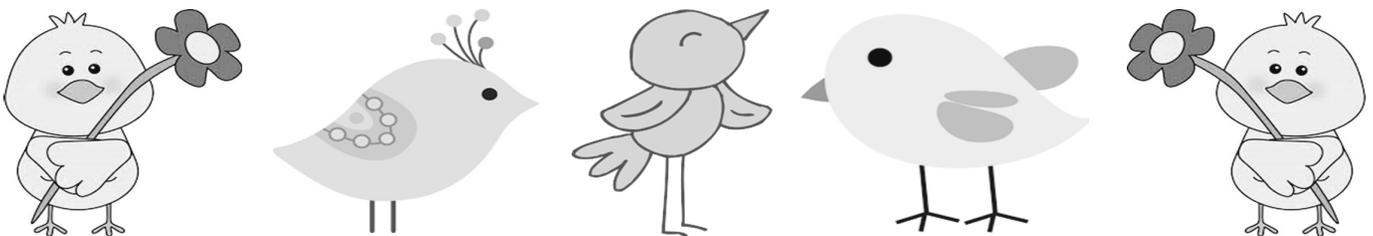
We are in the midst of our state assessments (CMAS). Third graders took English Language Arts on March 20, 21, and 22 and will take Math on April 10, 11, and 12 from 9:15-11:15. Please ensure that your student is getting lots of rest during this time, and please encourage them to do their best! We want students to understand the value of trying their best, staying calm, and focusing on the task-at-hand.

Outside of testing, third grade will be working on our PBL unit concentrated on states of matter and alternative energy solutions in our Foster community. We also get the chance to engineer a carnival game for the Foster Carnival that will take place on Thursday, April 12 from 5:30-7:00!

After testing, in math, we will focus on multi-digit addition and subtraction applied to word problems. Reading and Writing bring us to our "Pulling it Together" units in which we will re-view previous learning and cement strategies that will prepare students for fourth grade and beyond.

Thank you!

Ms. Laura, Ms. Julie, and Miss Vale





4TH GRADE

Happy Spring Break!!

We hope you all get some much needed rest and time with family and friends!

When we come back from Spring Break we will be entering testing season! Please add the following dates & times to your calendar and help make sure your child arrives at school on time each of the days and that you don't schedule appointments which will cause your child to miss school.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 10th, 11th & 12th:

PARCC Mathematics Testing: Sessions 1, 2 & 3 (10:45am-12:10pm)

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 18th, 19th & 20th:

PARCC Language Arts Testing: Sessions 1, 2 & 3 (9:05-10:55AM)

It is also important that your child get plenty of sleep so they can do their best on these tests! For this reason, we will not be giving homework again until testing is over. We find it very important that your child has time to relax and play outside during this time!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 26th-April 1st: Spring Break

Friday, April 6th: Class Pictures

Thursday, April 19th: 4th Grade Program @5:30 pm

Thank you for your support!!

Sincerely,
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Mrs. Vicky eortiz@jeffco.k12.co.us
Mrs. Carissa csotorod@jeffco.k12.co.us



Grade 5

Hello 5th grade families!

Welcome to April!!

In the past month, we have been busy preparing for the review units. We have had so much growth and now we look forward to much more before we end the year.

We will be having an informational meeting for parents about our GROWING and CHANGING unit on:

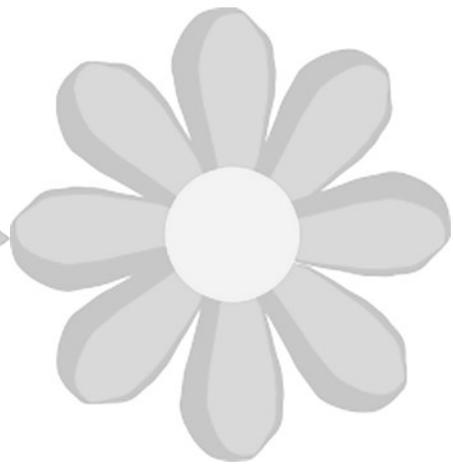
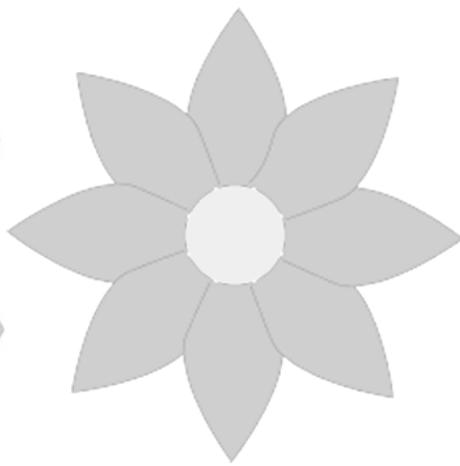
Thursday, April 5th from 5 - 5:30 PM in the 5th grade rooms.

Thank you so much for the support.

Please keep in touch and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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It's all about 6th Grade

Hello 6th grade families!

The month of April is a big month for our students. They will be doing their CMAS testing, so in class we will be reviewing everything we have learned all year so they can demonstrate their learning on these tests! Please make sure that the students are not staying up too late at night and are eating balanced meals.

At Outdoor Lab we talked a lot about taking care of your physical bodies so we can be at our best at all times. This is important when we do a lot of physical exercise (like at Outdoor Lab) but it is also important on a day-to-day basis.

Please help your child to feel strong and healthy by eating right, sleeping well, and by having open communication with them.

Thank you!

The sixth grade team



From the Library

Carla Coverdell, Digital Teacher Librarian

Buy One, Get One Book Fair!!



You won't want to miss our annual Buy One Get One Scholastic Book Fair. Students and other patrons are invited to attend this event in Foster's library. The fair will be short but a great deal for students and families!

BOGO Book Fair Schedule:

Tuesday, 4/10 Set Up @ 1:00 (Please come and volunteer!)
Wednesday, 4/11 Open for shopping 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, 4/12 Open for shopping 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (open during Carnival)
Friday, 4/13 Open for shopping 8:30 a.m.-10a.m.
Pack up fair at 10:00 a.m. (Any volunteers are welcome)

Students may shop during the school day if that works better for your family!



iPad reminders

Please encourage and remind your child to bring their school iPad every day ready for classroom use by being fully charged. Reminding students to never drink or eat while using their school device will assist students in following school expectations. If you are experiencing issues with connecting to your home internet, please notify your child's teacher; he/she has access to help documents which may get students connected. Chargers sometimes fail; when they do we can help determine which part needs replacement (box or cable). The cost of replacement of a cable is \$11.50; the cost of the box is also \$11.50. We do ask families to cover the replacement cost of chargers.

Lost and Overdue Library Books

As we get closer to the end of the year, we continue to make efforts to locate books that are overdue or lost. If your child is receiving notices for overdue books, please assist them in locating lost books. Lost books can also be paid for in the LMC. Thank you for assisting us in making all titles available to our students by returning books when due or paying for replacements.



SPRING INTO READING



JSEL (Jeffco Summer of Early Learning) is a six-week, intensive summer school program that focuses on increasing students' literacy and math skills.

JSEL will be in session from June 6-July 18, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day, except July 4.

Sessions will be held at seven elementary schools this year:

Emory
Glennon Heights
Lawrence
Lumberg
Parr
Stevens
Swanson.

Parents from any Jeffco school may choose from any of the seven locations. Dual language programs for students who are currently enrolled in dual language programs will be held at Emory and Lumberg.

Each day, kindergarten through third-grade students (grades for the 2018-19 school year) will have the same emphasis on reading and writing as they do during the school year. Students will also deepen their number sense and develop problem-solving abilities through a variety of math activities. Small class sizes will allow all students to learn in an authentic, experienced-based, and engaging manner.

Students who are not currently at end-of-year benchmarks or are on a READ plan, who have been recommended by his/her teacher are eligible for JSEL. JSEL is for students who are entering grades kindergarten through third grade in the fall of 2018.

JSEL is free to all eligible students and, also offers free breakfast and lunch through the Federal Summer Lunch Program. [Click here](#) to view the brochure which provides additional information about the program.

Parents must complete the [registration form](#) by Friday, May 30.

Additional registration forms are available from Kim Ballantyne.

Contact: [Kim Ballantyne](#), 2-6425



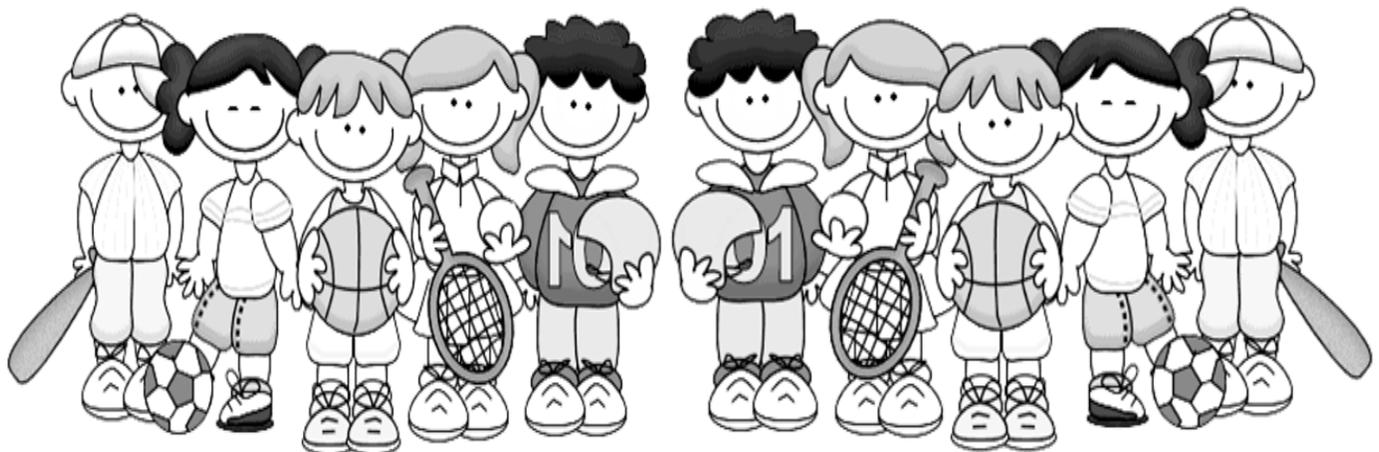


Fit Bits: News from the Foster P.E. Department!

Third trimester has arrived and Foster roadrunners have a lot to look forward to in the gym for the next few months. Intermediate students will focus the rest of their work on game/sport strategies, skill development and Fitnessgram post-testing. All fifth and sixth grade students will receive a print out of their fitness test scores with their final report cards in May. Just as a reminder, fitness test scores are only used for program evaluation and goal setting (never grades!). Primary students will begin applying more of their skills in lead up games, and will focus on collaboration, game strategies and sportsmanship.

Finally, we have our official Jump Rope for Heart day on March 23rd to celebrate the money we have collected to donate to the American Heart Association. Each class will participate during their specials time for 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering to run some jump rope games, let Ms. Sammy know!

Stay healthy, stay happy!
Ms. Sammy Chumacero



Music Notes

Grade levels will be using our Jeffco Music Curriculum to guide learning. It is my goal to provide varied musical opportunities for all students including singing, moving, playing and technology.

Here is a list of things that each grade level will be working on:

6th- 12 Accidentals and scales, harmony , form, cut time, improvisation, sixteenth-dotted eighth, suite

5th- 3 and 4 part canons, bass clef, syncopation, accidentals, diatonic scales, improvisation, recorders, slur

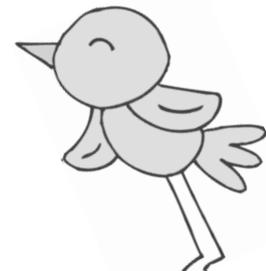
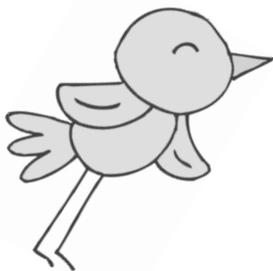
4th- Melodic and rhythmic ostinato, interlude, accelerando and ritardando, solfege, dotted quarter and eighth notes, dynamics and performance skills

3rd- Rondo form, ostinato, music alphabet, solfege, dotted half note, largo and allegro and performance skills

2nd- Solfege, ABA form, rhythm, 1 chord accompaniments, 4 and 8 beat patterns, skips and steps and performance skills

1st-beat, notation, vocal qualities, musical opposites, rhythmic and melodic patterns, cues, Introduction, phrase and performance skills

Ms. Allison Bequette
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Health Room News

The MCPN Dental Screening in late February served over 100 of our families! I am thankful we have this resource to educate our students about good oral hygiene! The MCPN Dental Bus will be returning on May 1st and 2nd to apply sealants to the molars of the students that were screened and had them recommended by the dental hygienist. Please be on the lookout for the consent form for this opportunity for your student.

Please consider returning any clothes that have been given to your student during the school day. Many of the clothes were donated to our clinic and cannot necessarily be replenished once they are given out. Many students depend on a change of clothes to keep them comfortable during the school day, if there isn't a change of clothes available, our only available option is to call parents to bring more and disturb their work day as well as disrupt the student's learning time. I am always open to donations of clean gently used clothes as well.

Also, many of our older female students have emergencies at school and are often in need of feminine sanitary products. I do have a small amount of these items available, but I am running low and in need of donations of pads and panty liners. Thank you for helping support our young women!

Finally, warm weather is upon us! Please keep your student safe while getting out and exercising by remembering sunscreen, sunglasses and helmets! The Arvada Fire Department has wonderful tutorials for parents to use to ensure proper helmet fit for children of all ages.

http://www.arvadafire.com/community_risk_reduction/education/traumatic_brain_injury/index.php

The Arvada Fire Department also provides installation as well as a limited number of car seats for families in need.

http://www.arvadafire.com/community_risk_reduction/community_involvement/child_passenger_safety_program/index.php

Thank you for being such a wonderful, supportive community!

Holli Mulholland
Health Aide





April 12 - Carnival / Carnaval

STEM Based Games and Experiments along with Arts Activities and Entertainment 5p
Juegos y experimentos basados en STEM y actividades y entretenimiento de arte a las
5 p. m

April 30 to May 4- Staff Appreciation Week / Semana de aprecio hacia los maestros

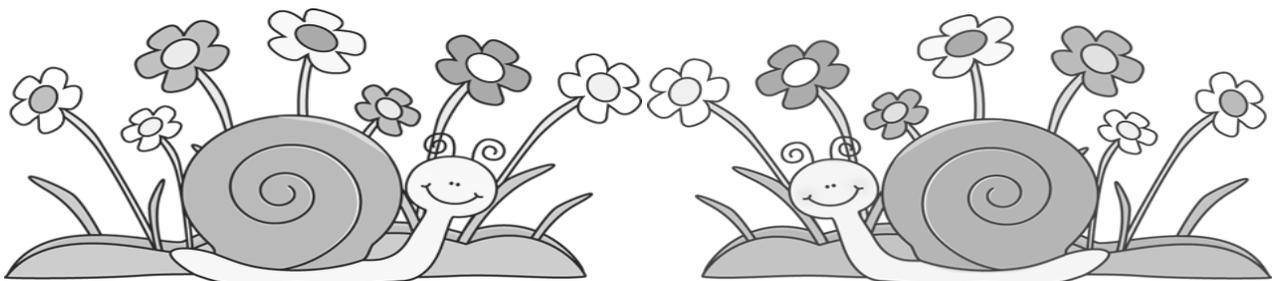
A week of activities to celebrate the teachers and staff who support our students.
Una semana de actividades para celebrar a los maestros y al personal que apoyan a
nuestros estudiantes.

May 4 - Tamale Throw Down / Concurso de tamales

Community Competition for Best Tamales with Entertainment for Project Prepare 5p
Competencia comunitaria de los mejores tamales con entretenimiento a beneficio del
proyecto Prepare a las 5 p. m.

May 15 - Family Formal / Baile elegante

Wear you best clothes and bring your family for a formal dance 6pm
Pónganse su mejor ropa y traigan a su familia para un baile formal a las 6 p. m.





Police Arvada Colorado

Digital Futures Initiative SAVE THE DATE PARENT ACADEMY AND RESOURCE FAIR

Keeping Youth and Families Safe!

Social/Digital Media & Human Trafficking

This event is for parents and other adults concerned with the safety of the children for whom you are responsible.

Date: April 17, 2018

Time: Resource Fair 6:00-7:00 pm / Class 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Pomona High School, 8101 W. Pomona Drive, Arvada, CO 80005

Some of the topics that will be covered:

- Identity theft
- Social/digital media
- Sexting/sextortion
- Keeping finances safe online
- Emotional Intelligence
- Human Trafficking (Colorado is #1 in the nation)

Questions: Contact Officer Brad Gagon at bgagon@arvada.org



Dearest Foster Community, Families, Friends:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, love, support and overwhelming generosity during this difficult time for my son and I.

There are no words that properly reflect the deep gratitude I have and that can express how you have all lifted and comforted us in this sad time - if I could reach out to each of you and thank you individually I would, so please accept this little note as a huge hug, and a massive thank you!

I truly am surrounded by the greatest community on earth!

With Peace, Love and Thanks

Pauline Esposito

