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A Dual Language STEM School

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Principal's Page

Dear Families,
As we move into this final month of school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with us this school year. We have worked hard as a community to do our very best for your child. Thank you for your constant support and for all you have done to make this an incredible year of learning.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

In Peace,
Leigh

Foster Accountability Committee

Our final Accountability Committee will take place on May 10th at 3:00 in Leigh's office. Please join us!



May
2017

3,4 . . . Student Assessment Days

14. . . . PTA 6-7PM

17. . . . 3rd,6th Gr Prog.
5:30PM

23 Last day for 6th Gr

24 Last day Kg.-5th Gr
Early Release



SUMMER BREAK





Kindergarten



Dear Kinder Families

We are fast approaching the end of our school year! Here are some important highlights and reminders:

Writing – Wow! Kinder writing has evolved so much since August. Please continue to help your child dive into writing by writing together at home. A fun way is to have a special family notebook where you can write letters to your child and they write back, grocery lists, about your weekends, etc. J

Social Studies – To celebrate International Day, each classroom is researching a different country. Ms. Stephanie – Ecuador, Ms. Marcela – Costa Rica and Ms. Melissa – Bolivia

Peace Promises – We will finish the year by rewarding students who are following the I-Care Rules with “Fun Friday” activities! Please encourage your child to make safe and caring choices at school. The Peace Promises are a part of our classrooms to teach students the important skills they will need to become successful and responsible citizens. A peaceful learning environment opens the door to higher-level thinking! We will reteach I-Care Rules to students who do not earn the privilege of participating in “Fun Friday” activities.

Important May Dates:

Assessment Days – Thursday, May 3rd and Friday, May 4th

Zoo Field Trip – Tuesday, May 8th

Kinder Graduation – Wednesday, May 23rd @ 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck after the ceremony. Stay tuned for more details about bringing a dish to share.

End of Year Picnic at Columbine Park – Thursday, May 24th (last day of school)

We love teaching your children!
Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Marcela, and Ms. Melissa



1ST GRADE

We want to thank all the parents for coming out to the first grade program! Our students worked really hard and we are very proud of their accomplishment! It was so much fun!

Our Project Based Learning unit has also been a lot of fun! Our students created a miniature 3-D model out of paint, recyclables, and pizza boxes donated from Anthony's Pizza.

This school year is coming to a close pretty soon so remember to:

- ♦ look for any lost library books, pay for any broken or lost iPad equipment, and
- ♦ return books sent home by the teacher.

Thank you for helping us get things organized for the last weeks of school!

Ms. Rosa, Ms. Brie, and Ms. Stephanie



2ND GRADE

Dear Families,

Thank you very much for supporting your student during April's PARCC testing. Also, thank you for attending our program! Here's what to look forward to in our final month of school.

In Reading, Writing, and Math, we are pulling our learning together by reviewing all the skills, strategies, and genres we have learned about this year and applying them to a variety of contexts.

Please continue to learn multiplication facts. This is the one thing they can do to prepare them for fourth grade math.

Social Studies brings us to the study of First Americans: Cultural Regions and Interactions. We are digging into this learning through drama and research. Please be on the lookout for our International Month display where we will be comparing the past, present, and futures of Native American and other first cultures throughout the world.

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MAP assessments: Miss Laura - Wednesday, May 2 and Friday, May 11. Dual - Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9. These assessments will be done IN CLASS. Please encourage your student to do their best and show all that they have learned this year!

Thursday, May 17: Walking Field Trip to the Arvada Public Library from 12:00-2:30. Parents are welcome to join us as we walk up to the Library to learn about their Summer Reading Program!

Friday, May 18: Tie Dye Day - Students should bring a white t-shirt to tie-dye. We will provide the dye. Students will take their shirts home to be washed and wear them on the last day of school!

Thursday, May 24: Last Day of School - Dismissal at 1:10

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The Third Grade Team





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Miss Laura, Miss Julie, Miss Valentina





4th Grade News!

Wow, it's crazy that we're moving into our last month of 4th grade! This year has flown by FAST! April was a busy month! The 4th graders did an amazing job on PARCC, always putting forth their best effort! They also did a great job sharing their expertise on Colorado in 4th grade program, The Colorado History Museum.

Thank you for all of your support this year! Please make sure to have your child continue practicing math facts and reading from now until the beginning of 5th grade! The 4th graders have worked super hard to make growth this year, and we don't want them to lose what they've learned over the summer. For the students in dual, make sure they are practicing their second language as much as possible over the summer!

What are we learning?

Math: Geometry: In this unit, students will be able to explain concepts of angle measurements and identify/solve for angles using estimation, benchmarks, and protractors and explore properties of plane/2D geometric figures and use key vocabulary to describe and classify based on their attributes.

Science: In our final science unit, Detectives of the Past (ecosystems), students will learn about food chains, food web, energy transfer (producer, consumer, decomposer), ecosystems, habitats between and among living and nonliving components of ecosystems and what happens when new species are introduced.

Writing: We will continue working on our last writing unit of the year, Writing Across All Genres. The focus of this unit is for students to revise previous texts and/or write new pieces; applying their knowledge of previously studied genres, narrative, informational, opinion/persuasive, using all parts of the writing process to write for a specific purpose and audience.

Reading: We will continue working on our final reading unit of the year, Exploring Deeper Connections. The focus of this unit is for students to compare and contrast multiple forms of texts. In order to do this, students need to independently select and apply reading strategies and continually monitor their thinking and understanding.

Important Dates to Remember!

Thursday, May 3rd & Friday, May 4th: Flex Days (testing by appointment)

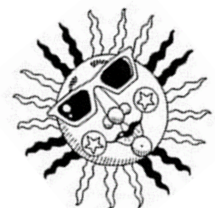
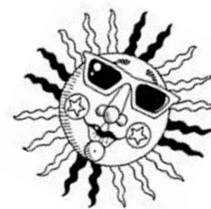
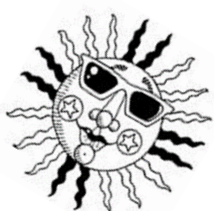
Monday, May 7th: Field trip to Four Mile Historic Park

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffany

Mrs. Vicky

Mrs. Carissa



Grade 5

Hello 5th grade (almost 6th grade) Families ,

In these last few weeks of school we have so much learning to do. We do not have any other long term planning days, however we have so many exciting things planned for May.

Soon we will be collecting the iPads, if you are looking for some additional homework or activities please continue to do math facts and read at home. We will send iPad fee sheets home as they apply.

As we move closer to the summer months please remind your student to only bring water in their water bottles for the classroom. We want to ensure that the students are getting enough water to feel comfortable at school.

Please feel free to email or call with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for a wonderful school year and we look forward to seeing what amazing 6th graders Foster will have next year!!!

**Information will be sent shortly about the end of the year celebration.
All the best,**

5th grade!

Kristin Pearse Terese Woolworth Vanessa Gonzalez





Hello 6th grade families,

It's hard to believe this is the students' last month of elementary school! We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the sixth grade classes this year. It's been amazing to see them growing up and moving on.

We have some fun events planned to close out this year, so be sure to put them on your calendars! We will also be scheduling a field trip to the APEX to go swimming. That date will be announced soon.

*May 17 - 6th grade program 6:00pm

*May 23 - 6th grade continuation, 6:00pm in the amphitheater.

Formal invitations will be sent home soon.

Please let us know if you have any questions.
Thank you for all your support this year!

The 6th grade team

Large, bold, 3D block letters spelling out "SUMMER BREAK". The letters are white with a grey shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.



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

The end of the school year is approaching quickly and students are wrapping up their work in the Foster gym. Younger students will finish with units in striking with paddles, racquets and bats. Older students will apply those skills in sports like tennis, pickleball and diamond games (great activities for the summer break!).

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our third Jump Rope for Heart event a success! We **beat our school goal of raising \$3000.00 by over \$800.00!** Kudos to **Beau and Dexter Friesen for being our top fundraisers** for a third year in a row! Also, a big shout out to the **Romero family and their little brother Benjamin** for sharing their heart hero story with us and inspiring us to help out. All the money will be donated to help fight heart disease and we earned some money for new PE equipment. Thanks for participating!

Stay Healthy, stay happy!

Ms. Sammy



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Music Notes

As the school year is winding down, music is ramping up with high energy drumming! This is always a fun time of year as students continue to refine their ensembles skills and learn about other cultures.

Programs are finishing up at the end of a wonderful musical year. Students have become more accomplished musicians and I look forward to seeing where they take their knowledge next year and in the years to come.

I wish the best for all of our graduating 6th graders in middle school.

See you next year!

Ms. Allison Bequette





Sometimes we're all too quick to count down the days till school is out that we forget to make the days count.

Please remember to pick up your students' medications on the last day of school.
ANY and ALL medication(s) that are left in the Clinic will be discarded according to District policy.

Reminders for next year:

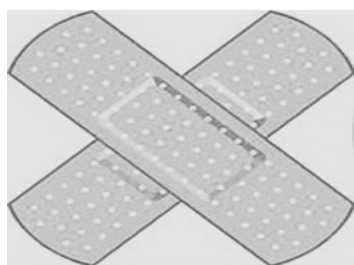
Please make sure your child is all caught up on his/hers immunizations shots (per District & State policy).

ALL NEW FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT and signed by your Healthcare Provider for ALL Medication Prescriptions and Over the Counter Medications (Per District & State policy).

Summer fun is almost here, please be safe, healthy, and happy.

Sincerely,

Health Aide
Holli Mulholland





Important Notice

Project Prepare
will not be offering a
Summer Arts Camp in 2018.

We look forward to returning
the summer of 2019.
Thank you!