



ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

Foster Elementary
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Una escuela bilingüe con énfasis en STEM
A Dual Language STEM School

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Principal's Page

Dear Foster Families,

Welcome back! It has been a great start this year with a cool solar eclipse and a fun dance session sponsored by our fabulous PTA! Students have been learning their routines, procedures, and expectations for their new grade.

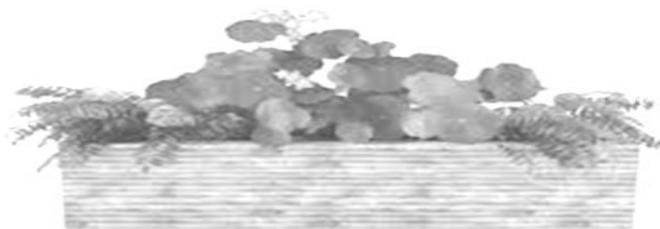
We are off to a great start!

As you get used to your back to school routines, please consider joining our PTA. We have our first meeting of the year on Monday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00 in the Library. This is a great way to get to know other families and

to learn about other ways to get involved. We always have free childcare and often have food! It is a fun group- we hope you will join us. It's only one meeting a month, but a great way to be more involved in what is going on at Foster. It is led by the amazing Dina Heese!

I also invite you to join our Accountability Committee. We meet at 3:00 one Thursday a month. In this meeting we talk in more detail about the school data, the school budget, and the mission and vision of the school. This is a great committee if you are interested in more of the nitty gritty how school works kinds of conversations! Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 14th from 3:00-3:45pm. We hope you can join us for this meeting.

In Peace,
Leigh



September 2017

- 1 . . . Student Assessment Day
- 4 . . . NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- 11 . . . PTA 6-7PM
- 15 . . . Individual Pictures
- 21 . . . Field Day
- 22 . . . Early Release 1:10PM
- 25 . . . 1 Day Count Thru 10/9



Welcome Kinder Families!

Kindergarten is such a special year in your child's academic career! We look forward to forming a solid partnership with each of you, having your child's success as our common goal.

This month in Kinder we have been working on learning the procedures and routines of our classrooms. We are learning fun songs to help learn about the routines. These routines will help us establish peaceful and safe environments in our classrooms.

We have also been busy learning about the important *Peace Promises* that will help us do our best and treat others with kindness. And we have been practicing how to use the Peace Place in our classrooms.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for Back to School Night in our classrooms on Thursday, August 31 from 6:00 - 6:30 or 6:30 - 7:00pm!

Hands On Parent Tip: One major part of Kinder is the importance of good handwashing to lessen the spread of germs. You can help your child by practicing good handwashing at home accompanied by a fun song:

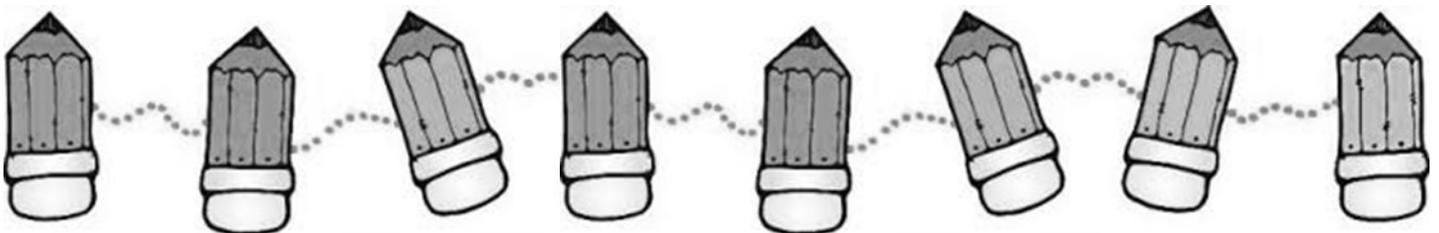
"Wash, wash, wash your hands, play our handy game.

Rub and scrub and scrub and rub!

Germs go down the drain! Hey!"

(Sung to the tune of Row Your Boat)

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Brandi and Ms. Lourdes





Grade

Welcome to first grade!

Welcome to first grade! We are so excited to be at Foster teaching your children. Our traditional teacher is Ms. Stephanie. Our Dual Language teachers are Ms. Brie and Ms. Rosa. For the first weeks of school our goal is getting to know your students and helping them learn classroom routines. In literacy, we are learning how to pick appropriate books, check for understanding and how to read to ourselves. In math, we are reviewing last year's knowledge, further developing our number sense, and adding/subtracting to ten. In writing, students will be keeping a draft book and learning to use the writing process. We are also working on conflict resolution and following Foster school behavior expectations. Please make sure your child has headphones because we will be rolling out the iPads in our classrooms throughout the next couple of weeks. If you have not signed the iPad agreement, you will need to sign that before your student will be able to get their assigned iPad. We look forward to meeting all of you and teaching your children throughout the year.

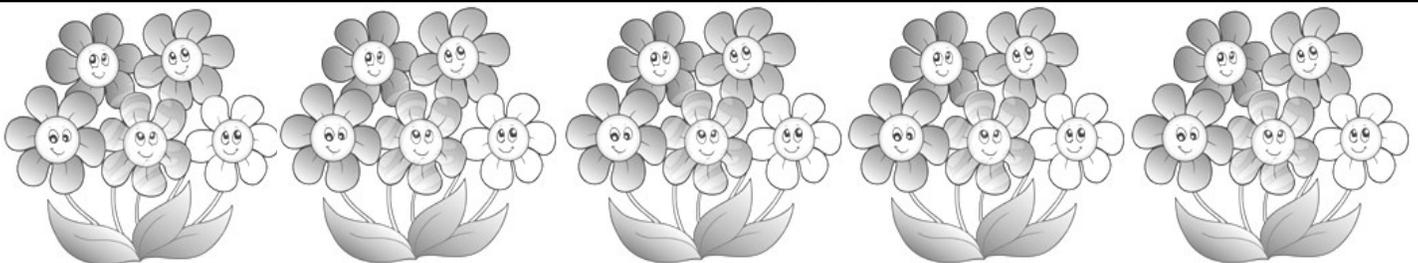
Ms. Stephanie H Ms. Brie M Mrs. Marcela H-B



Welcome 2nd Grade Families! 2nd grade is such a special year in your child's academic career! We hope to form a solid partnership with all of you with your child's success as our common goal. This month in 2nd grade we will work on the procedures and routines of the classroom. The purpose of this is to create a safe and productive class community and peaceful learning environments. We will also work on strategies to peacefully solve problems. Our 2nd grade team consists of 3 teachers. Ms. Kathy Mallory our Traditional strand, Ms. Hollie in Dual English, and Ms. Marisa in Dual Spanish. We are very honored to serve your families this school year. As our 2nd grade journey begins we look forward to motivating your children and lighting a spark in their hearts for learning and discovering!

Sincerely, 2nd Grade Team

<p>Notes and Reminders</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events</p> 	 <p>Peace Promise of the Month: Be Brave</p>
<p>1. Please no toys at school. 2. Please check our Class Dojo frequently. We will help connect you to Class Dojo on Back to School Night. Thank you.</p>	<p>Back to School Night Is August 31 at 6:00</p>	<p>– This peace promise goes along with our mission of having a growth mindset. Being brave is trying something and taking a risk and having an optimistic attitude even when mistakes are made. It also encompasses perseverance. Short Story: There was a boy reading to his dad. The boy was struggling with a tough word. The dad encouraged him, but didn't tell him the answer. The little boy finally decoded the word and said, "Daddy aren't you glad how I struggled with that word? I think I could feel my brain growing." As our students begin end of year testing and prepare themselves for 3rd the best gift we can give is encouragement. This can help foster positive attitudes and flexibility when things don't go "perfectly".</p>



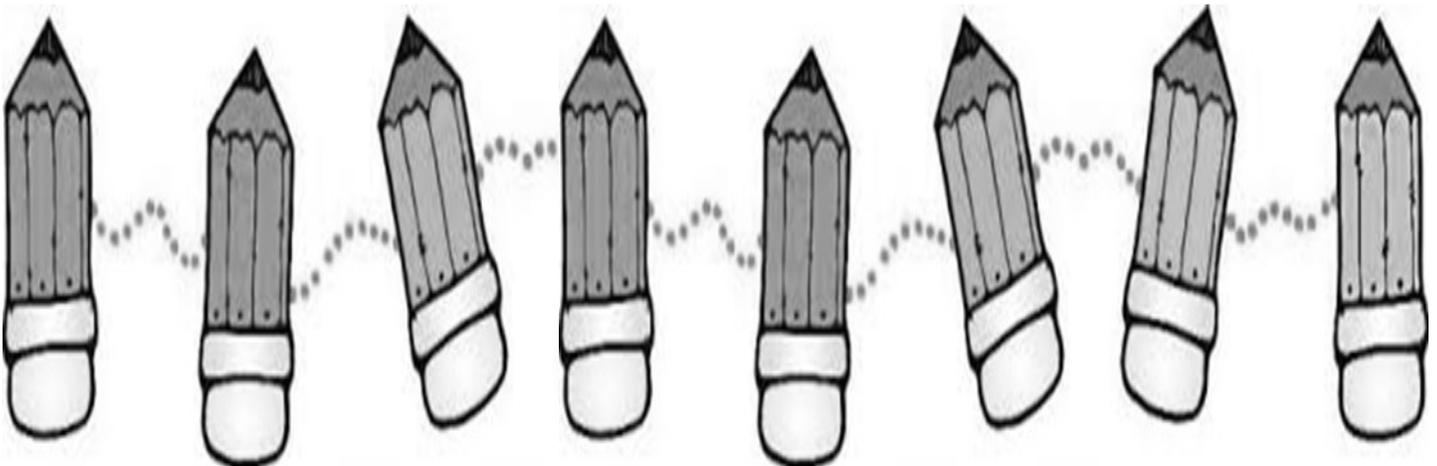
3rd grade ROCKS!

Hello Third Grade Families!

Welcome to a whole new year! We have enjoyed getting to know your students these last few weeks, and look forward to building relationships that will support our community of learners throughout the year. Our time together has been focused on setting ourselves up for a successful school year through community building activities, establishing norms and procedures, and learning about the 8 Habits of Happy Kids. Moving forward, we will be launching our Reading, Writing, Math, and Content Workshops. Students will be reviewing concepts they already know, and learning new skills and strategies that will build the foundation for the duration of the school year. Thank you for coming to Back to School Night. Please check Class Dojo regularly, and if you haven't signed up, please do - it will be our primary form of communication!

(PS.... Begin practicing multiplication facts at home starting with 2s, 5s, 9s, 10s)

Thank you!
Ms. Laura, Ms. Julie, and Miss Vale





4TH GRADE

4th Grade News!

Welcome back to another exciting year at Foster!! We'd like to take a moment to introduce our returning team of 4th grade teachers this year. Mrs. Tiffany is in her 16th year of teaching and very happy to be here at Foster. She will be teaching the 4th grade Traditional Classroom. Mrs. Vicky has been teaching 12 years in Jeffco and 11 years at Foster. She will be teaching math and content in English and Spanish for 4th grade dual. Our final puzzle piece to our team is Mrs. Carissa. This is her 10th year teaching and 8th year at Foster in Dual Language. She will be teaching literacy in English and Spanish.

We've had a great time getting to know your children over the past few weeks! We've spent a lot of time learning and practicing our rules and procedures and are already diving into our curriculum. 4th grade is a big year of growth in academics and independence. We're excited to build great relationships with you and your children this year! Please keep us updated with your latest contact information and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Tiffany
Mrs. Vicky

Sincerely,
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Grade 5

Hello 5th Grade Families,
We hope the beginning of the school year finds you well! We are super excited to be working on the 5th grade team and with all of these lovely students! We have been learning so much about their personalities. We would like to introduce ourselves!

My name is Kristin Pearse and I'm happy to be teaching 5th grade traditional this year! Our class is going to learn a lot this year while having a lot of fun and I am excited to get to know all of my students and their families! On the weekends, you can often find me spending time with my family and friends, riding my bike, working in the garden, or reading a good book. Here's to another great year!!

Vanessa Gonzalez here! I am teaching 5th grade Dual Language English this year. Foster is my second home! This is my eighth year here at Foster and my fourth year in 5th grade. I have taught in second, fourth and fifth grade,. I have taught in both programs traditional and dual language. I believe in the program and I am excited to be back with your lovely students.

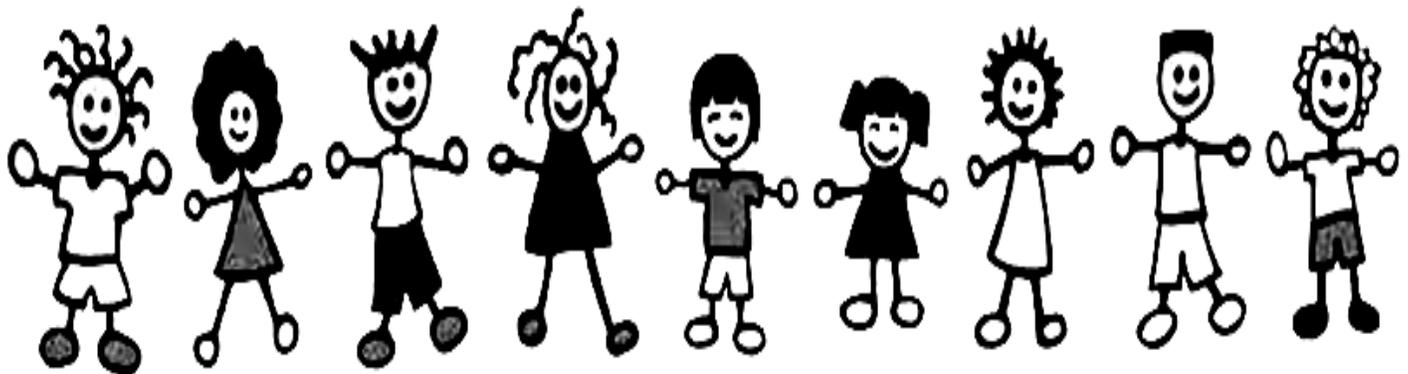
My name is Teresa Woolworth, and I'm teaching 5th grade Dual Language Spanish this year. I am so happy to be part of the Foster family! This is my third year here at Foster, and my 12th year teaching. I am looking forward to getting to know my students and their families. Let's make it a great year!

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,

Welcome to the last year of elementary school! Sixth grade is an exciting time filled with many opportunities and transitions. The students love being considered the leaders of the school and are proud to give back to this community that has given them so much. We look forward to a terrific year of learning and growing!

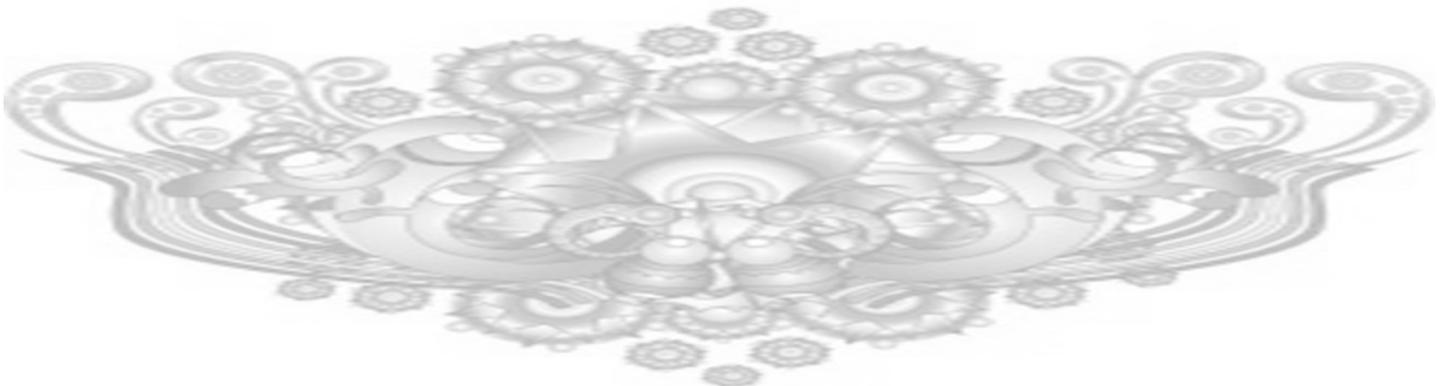
There are three sixth grade teachers again this year- Ms. Brittney, Mr. Casey, and Ms. Amanda. We work closely together as a team, so feel free to contact any of us with questions. We look forward to getting to know all the families.

We know you are wondering, so here it is: Outdoor Lab will be from February 26- March 2, 2018. More information will be coming in January.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The sixth grade team



From the Library

Welcome back to a new year at Foster. The mission of the Foster Elementary School library is to support and enhance student achievement and teacher efficacy through providing resources and learning experiences which enhance educational technology, informational literacy and the Jefferson County Public Schools' curriculum and 2020 vision.



As we begin the year with iPads, we ask families to review iPad Pledge and Mobile Device Use Agreement with your kids to remind them of their responsibility. Though some families make the decision to opt out of iPad use, this only covers home use. All students will have access to iPads for the instructional day and will continue to be responsible for care and proper use of these devices while at school and at home. Technology use and access is a powerful and necessary component of our instructional program and supports students in their acquisition of digital citizenship skills. Questions about opting out can be directed to classroom teachers.

State law requires transparency with families related to what applications and digital tools we are using with students. Teachers will be sharing what apps/tools they are assigning for use in the classroom along with privacy policies of vendors. This information will also be posted soon to our new school website. In addition to those apps teachers are actively using in the classroom, students have access to additional applications on student iPads.



You can view available apps for your student by clicking the “Self Service” icon on the iPad. Self-service apps have been checked by district personnel for data security and privacy compliance and assigned by grade level. Of course students may also be accessing websites and digital tools not assigned by a teacher; we depend on families to be supporting kids’ appropriate use of all tools while at home. Any tools requiring a student login may be of particular concern.

Equipment issued to students includes an iPad with a 4-piece Otterbox cover, charger and cable. In most cases, students have the same device they had last year. If a component is missing, damaged, or not working, please notify the teacher immediately. The cost of replacement of chargers/cables is dependent upon availability. Currently a charger is \$11.50 and a cable is \$11.50 which families will pay unless the device is new to the student.





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

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! Foster roadrunners will be busy this year in the gym, learning about healthy choices surrounding physical activity and nutrition, strategies for a variety of games and sports and collaboration skills. We will also be using our ipad tools, identifying ways that technology can help us learn and lead healthier lives.

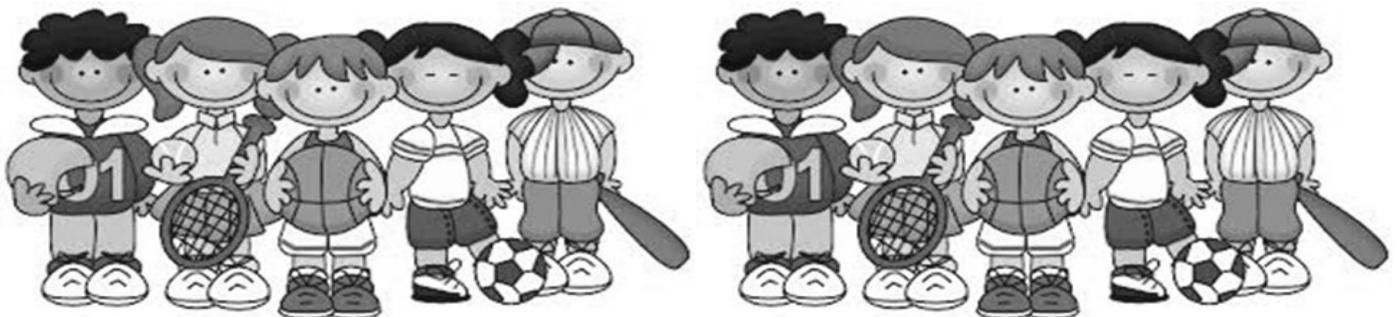
In the month of September, students will focus on fitness concepts, the rules and procedures of PE and collaboration skills that will be applied through out our year.

Please mark your calendars for September 14th field day! Students in 3rd-6th grades will participate from 9:00-11:30 and K-2nd grade students from 1:00-3:30. We are always looking for great volunteers to help run event stations, to help rotate with classes and for clean up. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun event, please contact Ms. Sammy here at Foster.

Come join your Foster friends at the **Arvada Harvest Festival parade!** Our school will be walking in the parade Saturday, **September 9th** at 9:00am through Olde Towne Arvada. More information will be sent home in Friday folders.

Finally, our "roadrunners in action" bulletin board needs student photos! If you have a picture of your student or family doing something active, please bring a copy to my box or feel free to email it (schumace@jeffco.k12.co.us).

Stay healthy, stay happy!





Health Room News

Hello Foster Families! My name is Holli. I am the new health aide at Foster. I have worked at foster for three years now, the first two I was an instructional paraprofessional working with kindergarten and supervising lunch and recess for many of our students. It is truly a pleasure to help our students feel better during the school day!

It is our number one goal to keep everyone health and happy here at Foster. Here are some things families can do to help:

Wash hands frequently

Keep kids home when they are ill.

Drink lots of water and eat lots of health whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

Please also remember that when your student has a fever, they are supposed to be fever free without taking Tylenol or ibuprofen for 24 hours before returning to school.

Thank you!

Holli Mulholland
Health Aide



PTA Meetings are the second Monday of every month at 6pm in the Library, except February where it is the third Tuesday. There are no meetings in December or March.
Dinner and childcare are provided.

Events/ Eventos

August 17 - Boo Hoo Woo Hoo Breakfast/

Desayuno gratis para familias de kinder en la cafetería

Free Breakfast for parents after dropping kids off for the first day. In the cafeteria.

September 7 - Clothing Swap / Intercambio de ropa

Pick up clothes and costumes for your children.

September 15 - Outdoor Movie Night / Película al aire libre

A movie night under the stars in the school amphitheater. 7p

October 4 - Foster Fun Run/ Carrera para recolectar fondos

Our only major fundraiser all year. Fun and prizes.

October 5 - Parent Teacher Conference Dinner /

Cena para los maestros durante las conferencias

PTA provides Dinner for Staff. Please bring a dish and leave it in the teacher's lounge.

October 25 - Día De Los Muertos-Halloween Skate Night / Patinaje con disfraces

Join us at Skate City for a costumed Skate Night. 5:30p

November 1- Child Abuse Prevention Education for Adults /

Curso sobre prevención de abuso infantil

Learn to keep kid's safe. Dinner and Child care provided. 6p

November 30 - Holiday Toy Market / Intercambio de juguetes

Gifts for the holidays FREE. 8:30a to 5:45p

December 12- Las Posadas

A Winter Festival with food, entertainment., and activities. 5:30p