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Dear Foster Families,

In February we had a moment where Foster had to secure the building due to an armed robbery at the Wells Fargo behind the school. Secure the building means that we must make sure all doors are locked. It also means that no one leaves the building or comes into the building. What made this situation extra tricky was that it happened right when families and friends arrive to pick up their students.

During moments like this, it is our job to secure the building and be alert to what is happening outside. I was in communication with our SRO Officer Guerrero, with Jeffco Security, with our Community Superintendent Wendy Doran, and with our school staff. As this event progressed, Shari and I became increasingly concerned for the safety of our families and friends outside who were waiting for the students to be released. We knew that there had been an armed robbery of a bank and that the suspect was on foot, but there was no way to communicate that safely to those waiting.

After much thought and discussion with Jeffco Security and each other, we have decided to share the following information:

If you see flashing lights on a security vehicle in front of our school, we are dealing with an emergency. We will share information after the event, but during the event, please return to your car or your home where you will be safe.

We will change our marquee to read "secure", which means we have to lock all doors and no one is entering or exiting the building or "sheltering in place" which means there is a significant weather risk and you should take shelter immediately.

Our job is to keep your children safe, your job is to keep yourself safe. Please be observant, listen to the officers or staff members, and know that we are focused on keeping our students safe in that moment.

We have attached a security sheet that outlines the different types of emergencies, what we call them, and how we react to them. Please read through it so that the terms and actions are familiar to you.

I also wanted to add the link for a video about our groundbreaking that was held in February. Exciting times!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_J8HYWfUU

Thank you for being an essential part of this incredible community!

In Peace, Leigh Hiester



Calendar addition:

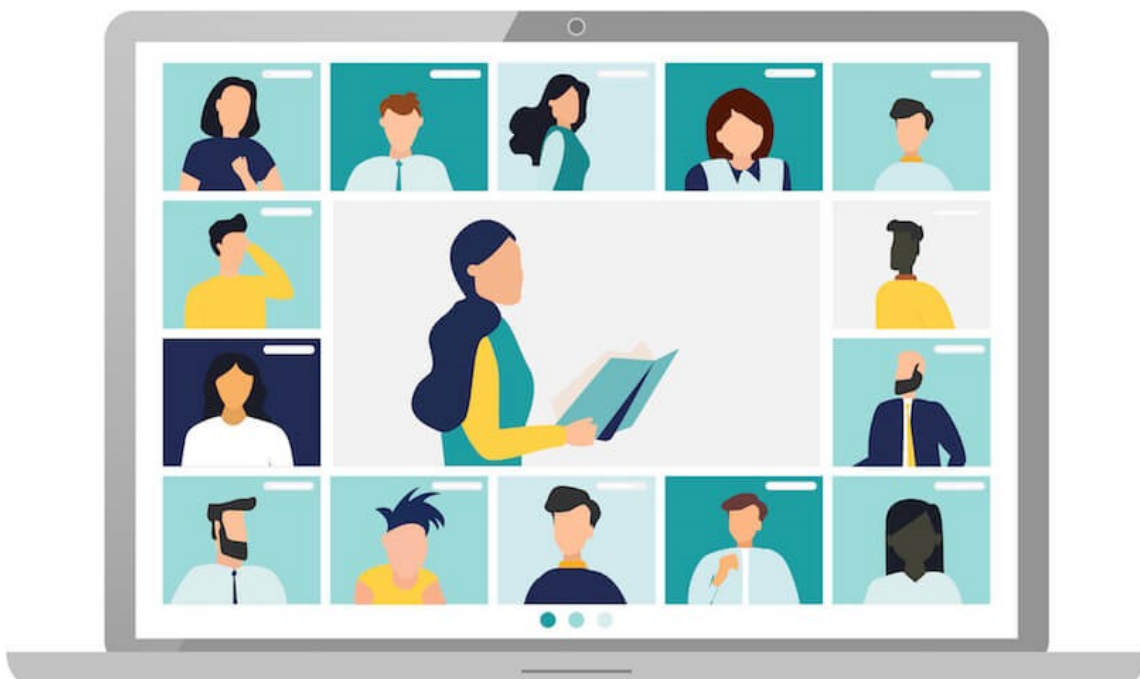
We will have a **flex day for K-5th students on March 11th**. There will be **no school** for your child on this day unless they are asked to come in for an assessment.

Accountability Committee

We hope you will join us for our Accountability meeting on
Thursday, March 18th at 2:15
via a google meet link

We will give you some updates on survey data, new literacy curriculum, plans for next year and more.

Please join us! Send Leigh an email if you are interested in participating and she will send you the link.



Dear parents and guardians.

This year's **CMAS Assessment** for our students is currently scheduled for **March 22 through May 22, 2021.**

Colorado legislators are currently collecting survey data from parents regarding their desires to go forward with the assessment or cancel it this year; this would require the state to receive a waiver from the Federal government. You may contact your state senator if you have an opinion on this matter.

Each test takes between two and four consecutive days, depending on the grade level and subject being assessed. This assessment will take place **in person for all students**, and the exact assessment dates for your child's grade level will be shared as soon as we have the schedule.

Remote students are also required to test in person; students will be cohorted and all COVID-19 health and safety precautions will be followed.

- All third through eighth grade students are assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
 - Fifth and eighth grade students are also assessed in Science.
- Third and fourth grade English Learners (NEPS and LEPS) in Dual Language programs take the Spanish Language Arts assessment.

Parents have the option of opting their child out of these assessments; this must be done in writing. Please email me at scristbr@jeffco.k12.co.us if you would like to opt your child out of one or more of their assessments this spring.



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Important Information!!!

All report cards will be accessible online in Jeffco Connect for Kindergarten through 5th grade students at Foster Dual Language on March 5th.

We will no longer be printing paper copies of grades for 1st and 2nd trimester.

Please make sure your Jeffco Connect is up to date, agreements are signed and contacts are correct.

Hello Foster Families,

We are so excited and grateful to announce that for our next Cafecito,
on March 5, from 9:30-10:30AM

We are fortunate to have Foster parents, Dr. Kim Benage (Clinica Family Health) and Dr. Molly Thiessen (Denver Health), along with Molly's partner, Dr. Manuel Montaña, to talk to us about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Because we have only one hour and will be working with an interpreter as well, we want to collect questions and concerns ahead of time so the doctors can address them in their presentation. We will also record the meeting and post it to our website for those of you who cannot attend.

Please respond to the survey if you have specific questions or concerns about the new COVID vaccines. An invitation and link to the meeting will be sent out on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Thank you!
Shari Crist
Leigh Hiester
Ana Valdes-Behrens





As your family's schedules and needs change Project Prepare is here for you. We offer before and after school programs in a COVID safe environment right here, at Foster Dual Language PK-8. We focus on having fun through physical, academic and social play at reasonable rates that bring convenience and reassurance to you. Our hours are from 7:00am -6:00pm. Find more details on line at [Project Prepare](#) or email [Tracie Mayes](#).

[Click here to register](#) now while space is available.

Extended Morning 7:00am-8:30am (breakfast is not provided)



Full Time: More than 2 days a week.

Standard Fee	*Scholarship Fee
\$140 per month	\$50 per month

Part Time: Up to 2 days a week.

Standard Fee	*Scholarship Fee
\$60 per month	\$22 per month



Full Time: More than 2 days a week.

Standard Fee	*Scholarship Fee
\$210 per month	\$75 per month

Part Time: Up to 2 days a week.

Standard Fee	*Scholarship Fee
\$88 per month	\$32 per month

Extended Evening 3:40pm-6:00pm (snack provided)