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Principal's Page



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Dear Families,

This is usually a joyous message to write each year, filled with fun upcoming events, celebrations, and more. I am so sad that we cannot be together as a community and miss all of you very much.

We had to leave so quickly, and move into this new land of remote learning that was quite foreign to us. Thank you for your patience and grace as we have tried different things to make this learning to be more successful. Please know that my staff is working very hard to adapt instruction, connect with students/families, support IEP needs, and juggle doing this is a way we never have before.

- If you are still struggling with internet connections or device issues, please let us know so that we can help you.
- If you are struggling to feed your family, please let us know so that we can help you.
- If you are struggling, please let us know so that we can help you.
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We are a village and you are not alone. We can make it through this together.

Thank you to the members of our community who are continuing to work through this pandemic. Each night at 8:00 when I go out to howl, I howl my lungs out in gratefulness to you and your selfless act of love you do each time to go in to work.

Love to each and every one of you. Together we will make it through this!

In peace,
Leigh

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YOUR
SUMMER!**



Kindergarten



Happy May from the comfort of our homes.

As we have embarked on this Remote Learning, there are several important things we have learned:

1. We have learned how creative teachers and students are.
2. Being teachers of younger students, we love direct contact with children and thrive on their constant energy.

There has been a true partnership between us the educators, and **You** the parents. Thank you! We want you to know how much we appreciate all the support you have given us during this unprecedented time. We are so grateful for your flexibility as we learned, adjusted, readjusted, reshaped and tried our best.

This year in Kindergarten we have learned to make friends, cooperate, learned about rules and how things work in school. We learned about letters, words and numbers. We have also begun to learn to read and write, as well as how to add and subtract. We have made big jumps from the beginning of the school year to now.

It is sad to see how this year has ended but we are very grateful for all the memories. We wish you the best as you move on to the next grade.

We hope you have a wonderful and healthy summer and we will see you next year.

Thank you
Ms. Shannon, Ms. Alma and Ms. Melissa





Thank you for going on this
crazy ride with us.

You are all awesome and we ap-
preciate all of your hard work!

Thank you!
Miss. Brie and Mrs. Rosa



2ND GRADE

Dear Parents and Families,

The only thing we can say is WOW! We hope remote learning is going well. I think our favorite part of Remote Learning is when we are able to meet with your children online in Google Meets. We love seeing their smiling faces. This past month we have been continuing to grow and learn as second graders even in the Remote Learning format. We will soon be ready for 3rd grade! Incredible!

In **Reading and Writing** we have been working on comparing and contrasting fairytales and folktales. Students have had a lot of fun with this unit reading different stories from around the world. We also learned to write our own fictional narratives using Book Creator.

In **Math** we have been working very hard at adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. We are getting it! Students are becoming more confident at regrouping and ungrouping numbers. This is complex thinking that requires students to have a deep understanding of our number system. Remember as you help your children at home that students use multiple strategies for showing their thinking and understanding of hundreds, tens and ones when solving problems. We will soon start our final unit on arrays and fractions.

In **Social Studies** we have been learning about communities past and present. Thank you to those of you that participated in our timeline project. It was fun to see students' thinking and learning! It was truly amazing to see how much work kids put into this project! Next, we have our final **Science** unit on Push and Pull. Students will learn about different forces through a variety of activities that can be done at home.

Thank you for everything! Please remind your children to stay Focused on Learning these last weeks of school. As you can see we are not done learning! We appreciate all of your support with Remote learning. We truly could not do this without you! Your kids are doing great and we are proud of all of you!

Upcoming Second Grade Events:

This is where we would usually post about end of the year events. We will keep you up to date about how to collect your child's school materials as soon as we know!

Sincerely,
Ms. Hollie and Ms. Elena





3rd grade families,

We wanted to take a moment and thank you for your hard work during this difficult time of remote learning. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into guiding your child through their work daily. As we wrap up the remainder of the year we will cover the following topics

Social Studies: First Americans, including:

- Cultural elements of various Native American culture regions.
 - Physical, human, and cultural features of different regions.
- Geography based programs by region.

Math: Fractions and Polygons, Perimeter, and Area, including:

- 3 different ways we might see fractions: part of a shape, part of a set, and on a number line
- Fractions are equal shares or equal sized portions of a whole unit.
- Perimeter
- Area

Shapes are classified according to similar attributes.

Reading: The remainder of the year will be using all the strategies we have learned so far to comprehend the texts we are reading at home.

Writing: We will spend the remainder of the year strengthening our abilities to work through the writing process in a variety of ways: opinion writing, writing to a prompt, and narratives.

Thank you for everything. We appreciate you all so much and hope you continue to have a safe, happy, and healthy summer.

Ms. Christine, Ms. Nikki, and Ms. Paola





4TH GRADE

Dear 4th Grade Families. T

The first thing we would like to share with you is that *we miss you so much that our hearts truly hurt*. This new experience is difficult for all of us, as teaching and learning in the midst of this global medical crisis is not something we experience every year. So, we very humbly want to let you know that we are making our best efforts and also learning alongside our students how to navigate the different online resources to help each one of them. We want to assure you that we are available to help with any questions you may have and if we cannot help, we can find the help you need.

For Reading, Writing, and Math, as for Social Studies and Science, we are following Jeffco's curriculum and adjusting it to the new teaching practices.

The students finished with their persuasive writing. We will reflect on our learning through our writing.

In Math, we learned to relate fractions to decimals, and we will continue with our next unit on Geometry.

In Social Studies, we continue to learn about the state government through drama with Ms. Rosie Waters.

Our next unit will be Science, where we explore the past to understand the present.

Please, remind your student to log in to Google Classroom every day, from Tuesday to Friday, so we can mark them as present, and to complete their daily assignments. Ms. Stephanie and I try to model the lessons through videos, we recommend resources and create fun games that help them learn; we also have a virtual recess at 11:30 a.m. from Tuesday to Friday. The students love being able to chat with their peers online, and this is good for their emotional state as well. Ms. Stephanie and I are available every day from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 if you have questions.

We send you lots of hugs, and we ask you to stay safe as much as you can.

Together we will get through this!

With love and respect,

Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Vicky



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5th Grade

We hope all of our 5th grade families are doing well and staying safe.

Thank you for supporting your students during this remote learning time. Hopefully by now all of the students have gotten into a routine of logging in every Tuesday through Friday.

In May, the Jeffco leadership will discuss a plan to have students' personal belongings that were left in their classrooms at school returned to them. As soon as we know what the plan is we will communicate that with you also.

We would like to have some kind of continuation acknowledgment for the 5th grade students, we just don't know what and when and where yet. This is on our minds and we really do want to acknowledge this transition time for the students. Hopefully, we will be able to do something. We will keep you posted.

As always, please reach out to us if there are any questions or concerns.

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English Language Arts **Mrs. Vanessa Gonzalez** vagonzal@jeffco.k12.co.us

I would like to start out, by saying how proud I am of all of our Middle School Students. Next, I would like to thank both the students and families for the extended grace for the teachers as we learn this new way of teaching/learning. Please remember that we are asked to stay safe at home. While this is hard for us all, know that we are thinking of you. The extended remote learning will give us so much to look forward to as we start back in Aug.

We just finished the last writing unit for the year. Remember that topic sentences are broad and general, we need to make a point with information from our head. Support it with evidence from the text. Elaborate on that evidence and give closure. We have been using the TIDE acronym, however the next level up from that is PEA. Point, Evidence and Analysis. I was not able to differentiate as well as I can in the classroom, however we will hit that hard when I see you next. I have given feedback in Google Classroom and I hope you are checking that often. Our final unit of the year will be a reading unit.

“Ladies and gentlemen, this is your life. Be careful of the choices you make and the people you choose to associate with. Remember who you are and what you want to do with your life. Do what’s right and do your best!”

I miss and love you!

Love, Mrs. V

I CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!!

Spanish Language Arts **Ms. Valentina Lowitsch** vlowitsc@jeffco.k12.co.us

Hello wonderful families!

I am very thankful for such a great community we have built on the last few years. There is a saying in Spanish that says: “You really know Someone when you face hard times”. And here we are, with such a big change in our lives and all of us are pulling the car in the same direction. I want to thank all of you for all the support you are giving us.

Our 7th graders are studying about our community. We are integrating a variety of newspapers into our unit.

Our 6th graders are studying about Multiple intelligences. Each week they have some activities to do at home to discover which intelligence they have.

I wish all of you the best and have quality time with your family.

Besos, Ms. Vale

“There is only one thing more precious than our time and that’s who we spend it on”

Leo Christopher



middle SCHOOL

Science **Ms. Nidya Caviedes** nidya.caviedes@jeffco.k12.co.us

Hello middle school,

First I want to thank you for all your support in this new challenge that life gives us and also highlight the strengths that we all have together as a community that are demonstrated every day with the constant support of both you and us, only in order to continue educating our students and to successfully finish this school year.

In sixth grade we will work with everything related to the environment and environmental pollution.

In seventh grade we will be learning fossils and their importance in the processes of nature. See you soon and have a wonderful time with your family.

Social Studies **Mrs. Carissa Soto Rodriguez** carissa.sotorodriguez@jeffco.k12co.us

Hello Middle School Families! I miss seeing all of you, but am loving your daily flipgrid videos and video chats. You are all doing an amazing job with this crazy, new adventure we are on. I am so impressed with how you jumped into online learning with only one day of preparation.

In Social Studies our final units are about the interconnectedness of nations within the Western Hemisphere (6th grade) and the world (7th grade). The pretty amazing thing is that our students are living through an event that will be talked about in history books in the future, talk about hands-on learning! Students are currently recording their own stories about their experiences during the COVID-19 quarantine. Students get to decide how they would like to record their stories which I will later send to the History Colorado Center so that their stories can be a part of the history of our state- for us to look back on in the future.

Miss you all and can't wait to see you soon! Stay healthy!!

Math **Helena Gonzalez Jorge** Helena.Gonazalezjorge@jeffco.k12.co.us

Hello Middle school students and families!

I am so so happy about the effort you are putting to learn Math in such a new and different environment. I know it is hard and I am doing my best in recording the videos and in making it simple and fun. Thank you so much for all your support and dedication.

I am sorry to tell the six graders that we will continue working on proportion problems for some time. However, we will work on percent's next and that will be easier...

In 7th grade we are just finishing the unit and we will start the next one next week: "Math problem solving"

Only two more things: Please don't forget to answer the attendance question everyday and see you in the google meets!



Foster Middle School

Counseling Center

Ms. Nicole

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Hello Foster Middle School,

I miss all of you. I miss seeing your faces, hearing you laugh in the hallways, and all the fun chats we have when we get to see each other.

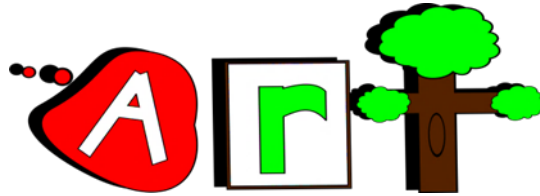
I want to make sure you all know that I'm still here for you. If you email me, we can set up a time to meet, text, google chat, zoom, whatever is most comfortable. I would love to hear from you :)

Please remember that part of your safety during this time is staying safe online. That means only chatting with people you've met in real life, limiting your time online, and paying attention to the impact social media has on your state of mind.

Also, remember that little things really matter. Take a few minutes to text/call friends, go for walks, stretch, draw, read, play your instrument, write a poem. It's worth the effort!



SUMMER BREAK



Buenos dias! I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of each other.

During these times of uncertainty, I would like to thank all of you for being amazing! You have taken all of this online learning and rocked it! As a teacher, it is bittersweet seeing all of the work done because I am continually amazed at what your children continue to produce, and I feel a little sad because I cannot high-five your children for a job well done. However, I do feel a sense of gratitude and pride that I (and my family) are fortunate enough to be a part of the Foster family.

We will get through this and we will be better for it. So please, during this time remember to take a break with your children and do a little coloring, drawing, or painting. It doesn't matter if you can or cannot draw, what does matter is spending time with our families...that my friends is the most priceless work of art we can create.

So here's a big virtual HIGH FIVE to everybody!
Take care and we'll see each other on the other side of this time! And always remember
"SI SE PUEDE!"
Mr. Jesse



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



Hello Foster families! I hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy and safe during these weird and difficult times. I am really missing all the kids, but being able to communicate through google meet, google classroom and other apps has made the transition a little easier on the heart.

For PE lessons, students will be focusing on fitness and getting exercise everyday, while learning more about the health benefits that daily, moderate to vigorous physical activity provides. It is paramount that students are moving everyday to take care of both their physical and mental health. The physical activity menu I have provided has a lot of resources for keeping kids moving in different ways, I post it in google classroom every morning. If you are having trouble accessing these resources, please reach out to me so we can figure out a way to get them to your family.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or ideas for making our virtual PE class better! We're in this for the next several weeks, so let's try and make them the best possible. I miss you all!

Stay healthy, stay happy!

Ms. Sammy Chumacero



From the Library



What great changes we have seen in this last month. We are so grateful for the ways our families are supporting learning at home. It's a rewarding task with challenges. There are many unknowns, but we are all forging ahead to meet the new expectations of the day.

As you keep your kids reading through the school year and the summer, here's a resource that will assist students in accessing free digital books including audio books. Students can listen to books and follow along, read out loud to someone, read to self...just keep them reading for a minimum of 20 minutes every day.

[Recursos de lectura para apoyar la instrucción a distancia](#)

[Reading Resources to Support Remote Learning](#)



If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please let us know. You may reach out to your child's teacher or our school: Digital Teacher

Librarian @ carla.coverdell@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Here are other resources that may be of help:

[Student Family & Community Technical Resources](#) [Low Cost Internet Options](#)



Please note that if you were unable to secure internet from Comcast Essentials earlier this month, you may reapply. Comcast has made additional provisions for families who have outstanding balances and other obstacles for acquiring internet services. Some cell phone providers are also offering low cost options; check their websites for additional information.

Jeffco's Family Tech Support Line, (303)982-3438, can also assist with issues that teachers or Foster staff aren't able to solve. The tech line can assist with damaged devices and missing/broken chargers.

Families now have the ability to monitor and control their student's internet and app activity on district devices at home using the free SecurlyHome app. Securly manages the filtering for school-issued devices when they are away from school. The SecurlyHome app offers parents the ability to both monitor and control students' internet activity outside of the Jeffco Public Schools network. Once you create a parent account, you will have a real-time view of your child's activity on their school device. Additional information can be found on Jeffco's website linked here: [SecurlyHome App](#) **securly://**

If you are interested in purchasing an extended warranty for the school assigned Chromebook your child is using (5th through 7th grade), please review the information linked below. The warranty provides coverage for accidental damage to devices that are otherwise the responsibility of families. The cost of an extended warranty is less than the cost of repairing one cracked screen! This must be purchased before the end of the school year.

[Chromebook Warranty \(English\)](#)

[Chromebook Warranty \(Spanish\)](#)

SUMMER BREAK