



# ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

**Foster Dual Language PK-8**  
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## *Principal's Page*

Hello Foster Families!

It is wonderful to have our students back in person! It has been a bit of an adjustment for everyone as we get used to having one less playground area and doors that we can no longer use as exits, but everyone has adjusted well. I believe that is one of the lessons we shall all take from this pandemic experience: flexibility is the key to success!

It has come to our attention that some families have been staying after school to have their students play on the playground in the courtyard (kinder playground) area. Now that we are in such a tight space, we need to discontinue this practice until it is safe again for students to mingle. As we work diligently to keep students in cohorts each day, we appreciate your support in helping us to stop the spread so that we can stay in school. Our hope is that we do not have to go remote again.

The construction project is moving along! Water lines were installed in the hallway ceilings while students were remote. This will supply water for the new fire sprinkler system. We will have a very small ground breaking in early February to celebrate the beginning of this great project. It would have been a large affair; pre-COVID, but we have to follow strict guidelines at this time. I was so relieved that our Beaujo's allowed construction to have an entry/exit through their parking lot so that we could keep the front area open and not have to deal with as much construction traffic.

We are excited to have a whole, new look and feel when we start the new school year in August. It is my hope that we will be able to start the year with a big celebration and grand opening of our new/upgraded building and our PK-8 dual language program. New carpet for most rooms was just approved, along with new paint. The last item we are hoping for is an additional parking lot that would be located in the grassy area in the front of the school. They know we need it, just waiting to see that all other costs are covered.

I hope you will join us for our annual family dance. It will be a virtual event and will take place on February 10th at 6:30. Please be on the lookout for more information in this newsletter from PTA. This is always such a fun event and I appreciate so much that our PTA president Lauren Cochenour and her crew worked to find a way for us to continue this fun tradition.

Please be kind to yourselves this February. It is often a tough month for our community. Stay safe and thank you for all you do for your children to help them be successful. We could not do it without you!

Leigh Hiester: Principal

February  
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12 . . . NO SCHOOL K-8 PD Day

15 . . NO SCHOOL Presidents Day

26 . . NO SCHOOL K-5 PD Day





## **Accountability Committee**

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

We will give you some updates on construction and more.

Please join us!

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







## Calendar addition:

We will have a **flex day** for K-5<sup>th</sup> students on  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be **no school** for your child on this day  
unless they are asked to come in for an assessment.





Parents and Guardians,

This year has been a constant reminder for all of us at Foster of just how important each of you are in helping our students be successful and stay motivated. We appreciate you!

We know that parenting through this pandemic has been unique, challenging, and often exhausting. We understand how hard it was for you to manage your responsibilities while also helping your student(s) stay focused during online learning, continue to turn in their best work, and remain positive. Please do reach out to us if there's anything that we can do to help support this important time in your child's education.

At Foster, we have your student's engagement at the top of our priority list. Right alongside that is our hope that each of you feel engaged in your experience with Foster as well. We believe in partnering with families and we want you to feel included and welcome in our community.

One way that we can accomplish these goals is for you to feel invested in what your child is doing while they are at school all day. A fun tip for this is to send them into school with something that you value as a goal for the day.

For example, you could ask your child to do one of the following:

- Please say hi to someone you don't usually say hi to today.
  - Please ask your teacher how their weekend was.
- Please notice anyone who is by themselves during recess and invite them to spend time with you.

These simple tasks will help you bring your family's values into the school to enhance our school culture and make you feel more connected to your child's day. Also, they make for wonderful family discussions.

Here is a link on "Where to go for Help" when you have a question.

[Where to go for Help- English](#)  
[Where to go for Help- Spanish](#)

Thanks,

Ms. Nicole  
Foster PK8 Counselor







**Meals are free to all students through June 30, 2021!**

*Remote distribution sites and mobile delivery sites have closed*

Take home meals for 100% Remote Learners  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
1:30 – 2:30

Students on the Hybrid schedule can pick up on  
2nd day of In-Person learning  
Before leaving school



*The Foster PTA presents*  
**A FAMILY DANCE**  
*(virtual)*

**10  
FEB**

**DJ Sammy**

**6:30-  
7:15 PM**

Save the date! Join other Foster families and Ms. Sammy on Feb. 10 for a dance party in your own home! Stay tuned for a Zoom link as well as craft ideas to decorate your space.

*La Asociación de Padres y Maestros de Foster presente*

**UN BAILE FAMILIAR**  
*(virtual)*

¡Guarda la fecha! ¡Únete con otras familias de Foster y con la Sra. Sammy el 10 de febrero para una fiesta de baile en tu casa! Espere un enlace Zoom y también ideas de arte para decorar tu espacio.





## Join Foster's Parent-Teacher Association!

Foster Dual Language PK-8 PTA is a Community of Parents and Teachers working together in a Bilingual Environment to support our amazing students and to build community!



If you would like more information, please join us at a PTA meeting or email [president@fosterpta.org](mailto:president@fosterpta.org) or find us on [Facebook.com/FosterElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/FosterElementaryPTA)

Membership is online this year! <https://foster-pk-8.cheddarup.com>  
(You do not need to be a member to attend meetings)

**NEXT PTA MEETING IS FEBURARY 24 AT 6PM (via Zoom)**

Spanish/English translation is provided.

## ¡Únase a la Asociación de Padres y Maestros de Foster!

¡La PTA de Foster es una comunidad de padres y maestros trabajando juntos en un ambiente bilingüe para apoyar a los estudiantes maravillosos y construir comunidad!

Para más información por favor asista a una reunion o envía un correo electrónico a [president@fosterpta.org](mailto:president@fosterpta.org) o visítanos a [Facebook.com/FosterElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/FosterElementaryPTA)

¡La membresía está en línea este año! <https://foster-pk-8.cheddarup.com>  
(No es necesario ser miembro para asistir a las reuniones)

**LA PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN DE LA PTA ES EL 24 DE FEBRERO A LAS 6 (por Zoom)**

Tendremos traducción al español/inglés.



### Zoom instructions / Instrucciones para Zoom

To join / para participar...

Online/ en línea:

<https://zoom.us/j/5581683674>

Phone / por teléfono: 253-215-8782

Meeting ID / el código: 558 168 3674