



ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

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Principal's Page

Dear Foster Families,

Happy May! We are almost to the end of the school year and what a year it has been. Thank you for your support, grace, and understanding as we have navigated this new territory. As we put this year to rest, I am filled with anticipation and hope for the year to come.

The opening of our refurbished building with two additions is incredibly exciting. Along with a brand new middle school building and additional flex room, Foster will have a refurbished library, a maker space, new carpet, new paint, a larger cafeteria with new furniture, and so much more. We will have a grand opening ceremony and fiesta in August. Will share more about that as the date gets closer.

I have some staffing updates for you for next year:

- Maria Diaz will be joining us full time as a teacher of Special Education. She is fully bilingual and is from Venezuela.
- Nikki Kohler will be moving to 2nd grade to teach in the English environment with Ms. Elena. (Ms. Jess is having a baby and has decided to dedicate herself to being a mom next year. We will miss you Jess!)
- Julie Menninger will be returning to Foster to teach 3rd grade. Julie taught here for many year and is fully bilingual. She will be teaming with Ms. Paola and they will create a mighty, bilingual 3rd grade team.
- Ms. Carissa is moving into the role of Spanish Language Arts for Middle School.
- Mr. Casey will be taking over Social Studies for Middle School.



- Mari Andrade and Anilu Romo will be our new Pre-School teachers. They are both bilingual and licensed teachers. Our Pre-school will be full day, five days of the week. It will also be 90% in Spanish and 10% in English for all students. Both Ms. Adrianna and Ms. Dafne will be back to support learning in these classrooms.
- Ms. Pam is retiring after many years of service as our Pre-school director. We are so grateful to have had such an incredible, loving force in the lives of our young children. We will miss you Ms. Pam!

May 19th will be our last day of in-person learning this year. There will be 6 days of remote learning to finish out the year.

We will have our continuations on May 26th.

Each student will be allowed to bring two guests to continuation and we will be livestreaming it for those who are not able to attend.

Continuations will take place on the Arvada High School football field, on the west side of the school. The schedule will be as follows:

8:00 Kindergarten (start arriving at 7:45)

9:00 5th grade (start arriving at 8:45)

10:00 8th grade (start arriving at 9:45)

The ceremony will take about 30 minutes and **there will be no bathrooms available** at this site so please plan accordingly. There will be an area for photos and our Junior National Honor Society will be selling items that you might wish to purchase for your student.

This will be our final newsletter of the school year. Thank you again for your ongoing support during the hardest year of education any of us have ever been through.

We promise to come back rested and ready to make next school year the best year ever!

In Peace,
Leigh





May 19th Last day of In Person Learning

The construction remodel and addition project is huge and will impact nearly every part of our existing building. To remove and replace the old carpet in much of the school, asbestos abatement must be done. This process alone can take five to six weeks and we cannot be in the building while it happens.

To finish the construction for an on-time, in-person start in August, every classroom and even most of the closets and storage areas will need to be completely packed up and moved out so that the abatement company can get started as soon as possible. Due to this, the district has given us permission to **move to remote learning for the last six days of the school year.**

What this means:

- **Our last day of in-person learning will be May 19th.** This will be a full day of school.

- Students will participate in **remote learning May 20th-27th.**

We will still have class gatherings and parties--including continuation celebrations for Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th grades--the last week of school, just not on school property.

Thank you for all you have done to support your child's learning this year. This has been, without a doubt, the most challenging year ever for parents, educators, community members, and especially our children.

Even with these changes, we will do everything we can to make this end of the year special.



Family DIGITAL WELLNESS

INFO SESSION

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MAY

9:30 AM

CARECERO

Navigating the benefits and challenges of remote learning at school and at home is our new normal. Foster staff invites you to join us as we explore **DEVICE MANAGEMENT** at home including filtering and care.

DIGITAL WELLNESS at home including balance and considering a Family Media Plan.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP at home and at school.
PRESENTATION IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH

Ana Valdes-Behrens is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Digital Wellness / Bienestar Digital

Time/date: May 7, 2021 09:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://jeffco-k12-co.zoom.us/j/81703962202?
pwd=WlFNbjlQRzIzOUZzcVBnUElzMzAwZz09](https://jeffco-k12-co.zoom.us/j/81703962202?pwd=WlFNbjlQRzIzOUZzcVBnUElzMzAwZz09)

Meeting ID: 817 0396 2202

Passcode: 452660

Wellness



Even though the school year will be ending soon, it is very important to apply in School Year 2020-21 for Free and Reduced-Price meal benefits if you previously qualified for Free and Reduced-Price meals or you believe you may qualify for this current school year.

The Free and Reduced-Price meal application is used for many other benefits within the District (not just free and reduced-price meals); and, approval of an application is necessary to receive any of these additional benefits.

Benefits may include waiver of fees for AP testing, standardized tests (SAT, PSAT, etc.), general school fees, textbook fees, technology fees, transportation fees, and may even include additional funding for your school!

If you have not already done so for the current school year, please log in to SchoolCafe to apply for Free and Reduced benefits before July 1, 2021.

If you have further questions, please contact Lexie Kermani at Lexie.Kermani@jeffco.k12.co.us or call 303-982-6916.



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 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 MAY 13 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 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 13 DE MAYO 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