



# ROADRUNNER EXPRESS

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## *Principal's Page*

Dear Foster Families,

It has been such a privilege to be back in person with your children this school year. We are learning new ways of maximizing the time we have, of planning, and of engaging students. I can tell you with great certainty that we have never worked harder than we are working now. We continue to strive to be as fluid with our instruction as possible as we learn how to best teach in this new world of education.

As a staff, we are shifting our professional development to central areas: engagement and transfer of language. We have begun to dig into this work and feel it is the best place to focus this school year. The district has added some additional Professional Development days to the elementary K-5 schedule. We will not be having in-person learning for students on these days to allow for staff professional development and planning.

Those days are now:

November 13th

December 21 and 22

January 5

January 29

February 12

February 26

March 12

March 26

April 30 (potential snow make-up day)

May 28 (potential snow make-up day)

We have also added a modified contact day to our calendar: **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a day that we will not have in-person learning but will meet with some students by appointment only. Schools have 4 modified contact days they can add to the calendar each year and this is our third day.

Construction will begin on our building this month! The crews will start with the construction of the new addition, which will house our new middle school and will be located where the west playground is. The goal of the bond was to make enough space in the building to no longer need temporary buildings. With this shift, we will start the new school year with PK-8<sup>th</sup> in our newly renovated building. This will include a new makerspace area connected to our library, a larger cafeteria space, new carpet, new bottle fillers, and more. It is always challenging to have construction taking place during a school year, but we are up for this challenge which will give us such amazing re-



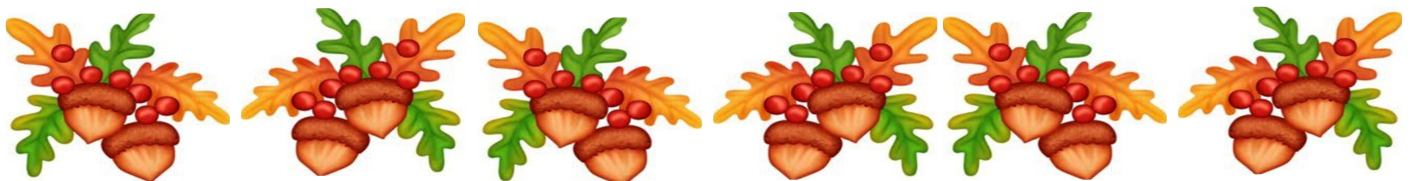
**November  
2020**

6 . . Picture Retakes

13 . . NO School Prof. Dev.

20 . . Report Cards on  
Jeffco Connect

23-27 . Thanksgiving Break



Due to the large number of students in-person for Dual 1<sup>st</sup> grade, we had to make a switch over this fall break in classrooms. The Dual 1<sup>st</sup> has moved into the classrooms near the music room and the Traditional classrooms have moved out to the CHOSA. This will allow us to continue to welcome students back from remote learning and maintain spacing needed at this time.

Thank you to the amazing teachers, para, Mr. Tom and Mr. Frank for making this happen!

Hope you are all having a lovely fall,  
Leigh Hiester  
Principal

## **Accountability Committee**

We hope you will join us for our Accountability meeting which will be on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in via a google meet link. We will give you some updates on construction, professional development, and the UIP. Please join us! Send Leigh an email if you are interested in participating and she will send you the link.





**Attention!**

## **Important Information!!!**

All report cards will be accessible online in Jeffco Connect for Kindergarten through 5th grade students at Foster Dual Language on November 20th.

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.

If you have questions, please call Debbie at 303-982-1680.

Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for being our partners in educating your children. Now, more than ever, we are a team. Please remember to reach out when you have questions and know that we are here to support you.

At Foster, we are working hard to keep your students engaged in their learning. We believe that there is a difference between going through the motions of learning and actually engaging in learning. Here is a tip you can use to help increase your student's engagement when they are working from home, and as a partner in their learning after in-school days:

Instead of asking what your child is “doing” at school, ask them what they are “learning” at school. Example:

Doing Question: What did you do in math today? Or, what do you need to do for your math class today?

Doing Answer: I have to fill out this worksheet.

Learning Question: What skill are you working on learning in math? How will you show your teacher you understand?

Learning Answer: I am learning to add 2 digit numbers. My teacher will know I understand when I can use at least 2 strategies to solve 2 digit numbers and get the same answer both times!

This shift in how you ask questions will help you and your student see more value in the work they do for school.

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 PreK-8 Counselor



## Very dear Foster Families,

Here we introduce you to two forms with which to request assistance regarding winter coats and the Holiday assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Please keep in mind that we will do our very best to provide for every family in need.**

Also, join us for our Viernes de Cafecito every Friday at 9:30 a.m. We will have specialists and resources to share with your family that will bring peace and wisdom. Join us on Bloomz with our code BR8GSK. If you need assistance, call Ana at 303 982 1680; or email [avaldesv@jeffcoschools.us](mailto:avaldesv@jeffcoschools.us)

We wish for your families to be happy, safe and sound.

### Holiday Assistance for Foster Families

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NuSXZPKCxtqCt36aZ2dOF\\_PbJu26GN9xUGXmj0ZDKAg/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NuSXZPKCxtqCt36aZ2dOF_PbJu26GN9xUGXmj0ZDKAg/)

### Winter Coats Assistance

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CwIvQwlJbQcVfharn0\\_8WWZZ3Uz1ubxFZXA419Anmdc/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CwIvQwlJbQcVfharn0_8WWZZ3Uz1ubxFZXA419Anmdc/)



## 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 NOVEMBER 5 AT 5PM (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 5 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 5 (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:

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