Dear Foster Families,

Congratulations to our PTA and community for raising more money in the Fun Run this year than we ever have before. A total of $25,893 was raised! Since this fundraiser is created and run completely by our PTA, all of the money raised after paying for prizes, supplies, etc. will be going right back into your child’s classroom. Thank you for your support and a big thanks to the parents that spent all day in the hot sun, along with long hours planning, for making it happen!

I am happy to share that I was given the CO-CABE (Colorado Association for Bilingual Education) President’s award this year for my work in Bilingual education. This is a very prestigious award and an incredible honor.

Dr. Peter Vigil, CABE director, wrote:
“Your courageous leadership and commitment to bilingual education is evidenced in your almost twenty years as Directora of one of the most innovative and equity-based bilingual programs in the state. The recent expansion of Foster Dual-language school to middle school grades ensures that Foster will remain in the forefront of innovative bilingual programs in Colorado and beyond.”

This recognition is great for Foster!

Choice enrollment time is coming up next month. We will share a flyer in this newsletter and next month’s so that you can share with families who might be interested in enrolling for Foster next year. It is important to know that we always are full after the first round of enrollment. Any child already enrolled in our school, including in PK, will be rolled up to the next grade level unless you opt to go to another school program. Word of mouth is our best publicity and we have several tours set for the next few months.

November is a great time to be more aware and grateful for the good we have in our lives. This has been a very challenging year for many, certainly my most challenging year as an administrator. I am incredibly grateful for this community and for our amazing school, construction and all. It has been a struggle, but we are almost finished with construction and the school already feels like a whole new building.
Here is a Construction Update:

- The Middle School wing is officially open and is BEAUTIFUL!
- Our new furniture has arrived for our Library, Maker Space, and Cafeteria. It looks AMAZING!
- Our new flex classroom behind the gym should be ready to occupy November 12th.
- The area behind the school and around the outside of the cafeteria has been cleaned and the trench has been covered up. The workers are pouring asphalt and concrete, they should be done with this in the first week of November.
- The new 1st/2nd grade playground should be finished in early November. This includes an awesome new structure and swings that are all ADA accessible.
- On the west side of the building the crew is installing the storm drain. We will have some land in that area that we can dream about next steps for.
- Landscaping will be ongoing and completed this spring. It will be a beautiful campus that we can all be proud of!

Our school and community are amazing and I feel grateful to lead in such a dynamic environment. Thank you all for sharing your children with us and supporting Foster.

Leigh Hiester
Principal

**Foster School Accountability Committee**

Our Foster School Accountability Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 15th from 3:00-3:40 in Leigh’s office (or in the maker space if we have too many people.). We will be learning about our school UIP and talking about our school budget/October count. All are invited to attend!
Hello Preschool Families!

We hope you are doing well and we are so excited to share with you the things we are doing in preschool along with what our next unit’s focus will be.

**Study Unit**
Currently we are in the middle of Inquiry Study 2, What is Different About Today? In this unit, students have been working to understand that their natural environment goes through many changes over time. We have focused on the properties of Earth materials, the differences between day and night, and the changing seasons and weather. Through these investigations, students will gain an understanding around what science is, the job of a scientist and different ways to approach learning with a science focus. On November 15, we will begin the next inquiry study, Past, Present, Future: What is Different About Today? In this unit, we will use a lot of the same questions as in Unit 2, but we will investigate through the lens of a historian. Through investigating different concepts students will gain understanding around what history is. As students record their own life story within this inquiry study, they are doing the work of a historian: recorder of events and changes created by people. Historians celebrate the numerous lifestyles people have in the world and appreciate the way diversity enriches our lives.

**Literacy**
In literacy, we continue to use the Estrellita curriculum to build on phonological awareness in Spanish. We do the chant daily to practice the alphabet through picture names and the initial sound of the picture name. We will continue to introduce and focus on two sounds per week. We encourage you to practice at home along with the chart that was sent home. In addition, we are focusing instruction on isolating syllables in words, distinguishing rhyming words, letter recognition and initial sounds. Listening comprehension is an essential skill in literacy. Therefore, we encourage you to read to your child daily and engage them in conversations about the book. Talk to us if you need any tips or have any questions about this.

**Math**
In math, students are given many opportunities to count daily. Please find opportunities at home to count with your child. We continue to work on 1-1 correspondence when counting, that is touching one object at a time when counting, continuing and creating patterns, sorting, and number recognition.

Please continue to look for our daily updates and use them as a way to engage your child in a conversation about their day!

**Important Dates:**
- 11/3 PTA Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 11/5 Picture retakes 9:00-9:15
- 11/22-11/26 Thanksgiving Break

Ms. Mari and Ms. Anilu
Hello 1st Grade Grownups!

We have had such a great year with your students so far and are so excited to continue this school year with you and your students!

We are becoming experts at 1st grade classroom expectations and routines. Halloween was so much fun! Thank you for bringing things in so we could have an awesome party!

We have been working on a new literacy program that the students are doing so well with and growing in their skills. They have done Reading with Ms. Rosa in Spanish for three weeks while doing Writing with Miss Brie for three weeks, also known as Module 1.

Then we switched for three weeks to do Module 2, Reading with Miss Brie and Writing with Ms. Rosa. It has been so much fun seeing them grow with their reading and writing skills in both languages.

Starting this week, we will be doing Module 3 and students will be doing reading with Ms. Rosa in Spanish and writing with Miss Brie in English. Each Friday we will continue to send home the worksheets that were not done in class, and these will continue to be OPTIONAL.

In Math, we are continuing to add and subtract numbers with and without unknown numbers as well as solving word problems. Please practice math facts within 20 for fluency and counting forward and backward to 120 with your children.

We finished our Light and Sounds Wave Unit where we made musical instruments to make sounds.

We will be starting our new unit in Social Studies where we will be learning about notable people, places and symbols in History.

We hope you have a wonderful break at the end of the month!
Hello third grade families!

Thank you so much for all of your support so far this year. From making sure your student’s Chromebook is charged for each day of school, to sending snacks, to volunteering, to supporting your students at home, it is all much appreciated and noticed! Below you will find information about curriculum as well as a variety of announcements.

Literacy (Reading: English/Writing: Spanish)
Here is a description of our upcoming module from our curriculum, Into Reading/Arriba la lectura: Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about the documents and symbols of the United States, with a focus on the nonfiction genre. We will read texts and view videos about why certain things came to represent the values and ideals of our country. Children will also write an informative article for a display about U.S. places, documents, and symbols. In the writing workshop, students will engage in the full writing process to produce a descriptive essay during this three-week module.

Math
This month, we are working on all the multiplication tables and divisions Unit I. We will start a brand new unit 2 of multiplication and division. In this unit, students apply their understanding of multiplicative properties (associative, commutative, distributive) as they reason through facts and solidify their understanding through application in real world problems.

Content (Science & Social Studies)
We are concluding within a week our studies about the Southeastern part of Colorado regions of the United States November 5th. On November 9th Students will be starting a new Science Unit. Students will be learning about A variety of hazards resulting from natural processes (e.g., earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, severe weather, floods, coastal erosion). Humans cannot eliminate natural hazards but can take steps to reduce their impacts.

Miscellaneous announcements:
- For optimal performance, student Chromebooks should be completely powered off each night. If you could please help your student add this to part of their daily routine, along with charging their Chromebook every night, it would be most helpful!
- Parent liaisons: Hello wonderful 3rd grade families! We just wanted to introduce ourselves, Suzanne (Breck’s mom) and Caitlin (Sinead’s mom). We just wanted to let you know that we will be the class liaisons for 3rd grade this year and hope to provide help to the parents and teachers. The first thing we need is your phone number and/or email so that we can be in touch. Please contact Caitlin at caitlinefitzpatrick@gmail.com or 720-272-1530. Thank you!
- Pajama day: Friday, November 5 will be a pajama day because we filled our first class pom-pom jar after lots of collaboration, compliments, and overall excellence! Students may wear pajamas to school and bring one additional item (stuffed animal, pillow, etc).

Ms. Paola (pamoore@jeffcoschools.us) & Ms. Julie (jmenning@jeffcoschools.us)
Happy October!

The students are finally settling into 4th grade and working hard on our curriculum. We are excited to have a new reading/writing program. Every 3 weeks they will change their language of instruction for reading and writing.

In Reading, for 3 weeks we learned about our identity, different cultures, and read some great stories to help us feel more connected to each other in English. We just finished up our Spanish reading unit on the 5 senses. Our next English reading unit is about how we meet and deal with challenges.

In Writing we spent 3 weeks writing personal narrative in Spanish and we just finished researching and writing informational essays about animals in English. Our next unit will be writing an opinion essay in Spanish.

In Math we just finished up our unit on multi-digit multiplication. We also used an Area Based Model to help us, in addition to the traditional method. Please make sure your child is practicing their multiplication facts every night, as many students are really struggling! We just started our unit in Division. Math is taught in one language for 2-3 weeks, and then we switch languages.

In Science we learned all about the different rock layers, different types of energy, and how circuits work. Just like math, we switch languages every 2-3 weeks. We will be starting our new Social Studies unit soon about the history of Colorado before it became Colorado.

Please remember to visit our classroom Class Dojo frequently for up-to-date information about what’s going on during the week and important updates. If you are unable to access Class Dojo, please let us know. Some students still don't have headphones, so please be sure to check with your child to see if they need a pair for school. Don’t forget to have students charge their Chrome books every night.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- November 5th picture re-takes
- November 19th end of the trimester: report cards go home
- November 22-25 Thanksgiving break

-Prof. Stephanie and Prof. Vicky
DATES
Thanksgiving Break 11/22-11/26
Band and Orchestra concert: November 18

Teacher Note
Parents, it appears as though our students are running out of paper and pencils. Please make sure your student has both of these materials with their school supplies.

Our Learning
Reading
Natural Disasters and Nonfiction Text

Writing
Persuasive Writing

Math
Division with Whole Numbers and Decimals

Science
Space Systems: Stars and Solar Systems

Social Studies
Early Colonies

Reminders:
Band and Orchestra: Monday 1:50 Wednesday 10:20
Students brought home a practice log. Students are to be practicing at home.
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The weather is changing so make sure your student has necessary items to be warm outside at recess.
From the Library

The new and improved Foster Dual Language PK-8 library will once again be open for business in November! Each preschool and elementary class will visit the library once per week with their classes to check out books and other resources. Books may be kept for up to two weeks, though they may be returned earlier. Please help your child take good care of their library books and return them on time.

iPads have now been distributed to all K-2 students at Foster and teachers are continuing their use of technology to support instruction. Chromebooks are provided for 3rd through 8th graders. Please help your student care for their device, charge it nightly, and bring it to school daily.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF 5th through 8th GRADERS:

Lenovo is offering a warranty which can be purchased by families to cover the cost of accidental damage. This warranty helps families pay for losses/damage as needed. You will need the serial number of the device issued to your child which can be found on the back of the device. While third and fourth grade students also have Chromebooks, these are not insurable as they are on loan. There are several warranty options available; this document provides additional information:

DHE Accidental Damage Protection Warranty - Lenovo

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Each month, our school and Jeffco address a specific Digital Citizenship topic to ensure our students know and understand how to utilize digital tools in a safe and responsible manner. Families receive monthly resources to support various topics which we hope are helpful in extending this topic into the home setting. November’s topic is News & Media Literacy. Students will be considering how they can be a critical consumer and creator of news and media.

November Family Letter Chinese French Spanish Russian Vietnamese
FitBits: News from the Foster PE Department
Ms. Sammy Chumacero: K-8 PE Teacher
samanta.chumacero@jeffco.k12.co.us

A belated “welcome back” to everyone in the Foster PK-8 community! I am so glad to be back in our building learning together, even with the challenges that construction has posed during this first quarter of the school year. The gym will see some improvements soon with progress being made every day on the construction of the attached multipurpose room and new gym closet/office spaces.

First quarter’s learning in PE focused on collaboration, responsibility, safety and other important routines for successful participation in our class. K-2 students learned the daily routines, expectations and rules of the gym and how to use some of our beginning equipment in different ways. Students in 3-5 grades reviewed these same concepts while also introducing beginning health and fitness concepts (specifically heart health and cardiovascular endurance exercise). Middle school students completed units in disc golf, the Paralympic games, net games and the new routines of secondary PE.

Special thanks to #9908 Disc Golf Center in Arvada and a group of wonderful families who generously donated disc golf equipment for our PE program this fall. This equipment will be an incredible addition to our PE curriculum and I can’t wait to see our students explore with this new equipment! We are so grateful!

Other updates:
- new electives for middle school students (Personal Fitness and Wellness)
- grades for first quarter middle school electives are now posted
- elementary students will complete units in fitness and nutrition during second quarter focusing on heart health, the MyPlate guidelines and the musculoskeletal system
JOIN US FOR FRIDAY CAFECITO!

9-10AM in the cafeteria beginning November 5

Parent Education - Informative Speakers - Community - Breakfast

Nov 5 - Meet the new Family Engagement Liaison & brainstorm topics

Nov 12 – Learn about COVID-19 vaccine for children

Nov 19 – Plan Winter Festival
Dear Parents,
We are organizing the holiday assistance for our school families who may need it. Below is a form that needs to be submitted on November 3 to the Family Engagement Liaison. Your information is confidential and will only be released to the donating organization. We will do our best to provide for every family in need. **only fill out ONE FORM PER FAMILY.**

Parent/Guardian’s name: ____________________________________________________________
Language(s): ______________________________
Street Address: _______________________________________ City: _________________________
Mobile Phone: _____________________________ Do you have unlimited text messages? __________

THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE
☐ Yes, we need assistance to celebrate this holiday. Our family has ________________ members.
☐ No, we do not need any assistance. However, WE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE one or more $20 grocery gift card (Walmart, King Soopers, Safeway, etc.)

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE
☐ Yes, we need assistance to celebrate this holiday. Our family has ________________ members.
☐ No, we do not need any assistance. However, WE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE one or more $20 grocery gift cards (Walmart, King Soopers, Safeway, etc.)

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE
☐ Yes, we need assistance to get clothes for Jeffco students PK-12.
☐ No, we do not need any assistance.

____________________________________________________________________________________
I allow the school to give my information to donating organizations.

Signature: ______________________________

Questions? Please call the Family Engagement Liaison at 303-982-1680 and press #4
**Up date~Actualizar**

Introducing the Foster Cheerleaders. Presentamos a las porristas de Foster.

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---We want to thank the Arvada High School Cheerleaders for sharing their time and passion with Foster. Queremos agradecer a las porristas de Arvada High School por compartir su tiempo y pasión con Foster.

**The Foster School Store ~ la Tienda de la Escuela de Foster**

Later in November we will introduce the School Store where Foster merchandise can be purchased on line. All proceeds will benefit Project Prepare.

Más adelante en noviembre, presentaremos la Tienda de la Escuela donde se pueden comprar productos de Foster en línea. Todos los ingresos beneficiarán a Project Prepare.
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

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

PTA MEETING IS NOVEMBER 3 at 6pm (via Zoom)
Spanish/English translation is provided.

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

idad 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 visitanos a 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)

REUNIÓN DE LA PTA ES EL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 6 (por Zoom)
Tendremos traducción al español/inglés.

Zoom instructions / Instrucciones para Zoom

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