



Una escuela bilingüe con énfasis en STEM
A Dual Language STEM School

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Foster Elementary
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Principal's Page

Dear Families,

Here comes February – the month we need to really make sure we are taking care of ourselves and each other. It is always a hard month at Foster. We also have conferences coming up the week of the 12th and another book fair so be sure to mark your calendars!

Four of the nine winners of the Colorado Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) "Proud to Be Bilingual" essay contest are Foster Dual Language students! The students will be honored at the CABE conference in early February.

Middle School Category:

• Second Place: **Karla Audra Soto, Foster Elementary** (sponsoring teacher: **Amanda Duncan**)

Third Place: **Valeria Dominguez, Foster Elementary** (sponsoring teacher: **Amanda Duncan**)

Elementary Category:

• Second Place: **Jaere Erives, Foster Elementary** (sponsoring teachers: **Vicky Ortiz** and **Carissa Soto**)

Third Place: **Elizabeth Ramirez, Foster Elementary** (sponsoring teachers: **Vicky Ortiz** and **Carissa Soto**)

Way to go Foster!

In Peace, Leigh

February 2018

12-16 . . . Book Fair

13 & 15 . Parent/Teacher Conf.
4—8 PM

14 PTA Movie Night

16 Early Release

19 NO SCHOOL
Presidents Day

20 PTA Mtg.

26-3/2 . Outdoor Lab: Mt Evans

27-8/31 . . 2nd Rnd Choice Enrol

Foster Accountability Committee

Our next Accountability Committee will take place on February 8th at 3:00 in Leigh's office. During these meetings, we will focus on school data, trends, and discuss the Unified Improvement Plan for the school year. Please consider becoming a part of this important group! Let Leigh know if you have any questions.





Kindergarten Newsletter



Hello Kindergarten Families,

January has been a great month. We especially enjoyed watching all of our learners show off their growing abilities at our PBL night, as well as sharing everyone's awesome timelines!

Next month is looking like another busy and fun time of learning. We will celebrate our 100th Day of school on Friday, February 2nd. Then we will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th with a party in our classrooms starting at 2:30pm. We will be sending home more information about these celebrations Re-

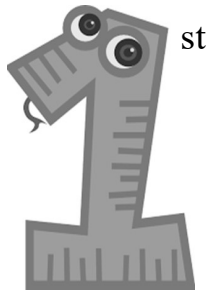
minder: Parent/teacher conferences will be held on

Tuesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 15th.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support of
your child's learning!

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Marcela, and Ms. Stephanie





Grade

First grade has been working hard learning how to edit papers and adding using tens and ones.

We are very excited about our upcoming field trip to The Arvada Center. We will see the play Seussical: The musical on February 13th.

We are really enjoying reading non-fiction books .

Be on the lookout for our upcoming PBL information (Project Based Learning) at the end of February. Thanks for all that you do!

Miss. Brie, Miss Stephanie and Sra. Rosa

Ms. Rosa, Ms. Brie and Ms. Stephanie



2nd Grade ROCKS

Greetings From Second Grade!

Hello Families,

The second graders have grown so much this year! They have been taking their role as leaders in the classroom very seriously and it shows. Please compliment your child on how well they are doing at following their Peace Promises and being a positive community member. We see a lot of kindness daily in our classrooms. We have been busy in all subjects!

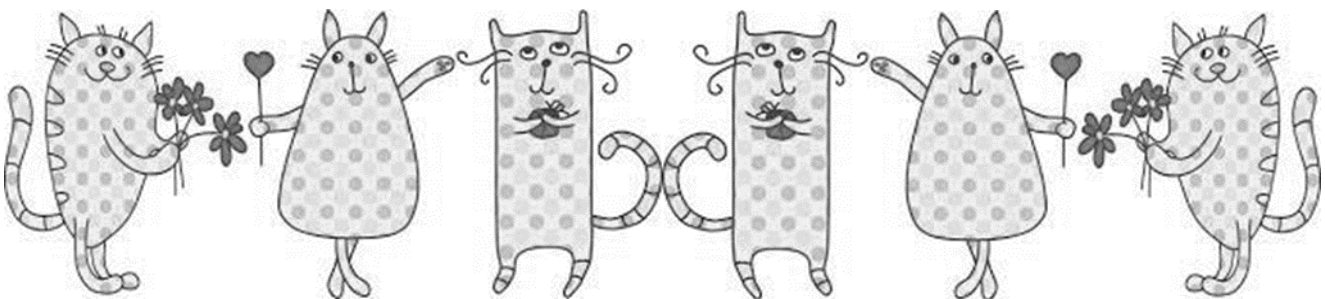
In math we are finishing up practicing word problems by being able to visualize the equation, show our strategies that are being used to solve the problem and then justify the process in word form. Next up, we will be learning about measurements and geometric shapes.

In reading we spent the end of the year deepening the students comprehension and understanding of what they read by asking questions, finding the main idea and identifying the beginning, middle and end of a story. Next we will be reading "how to's" or procedural texts.

In writing we spent time recognizing that adjectives can really bring our writing to life. We also practiced using our five senses to "spice" up nouns!!!! Coming up our writers will be learning to write "how-to's" that we will be reading about in reading.

In science students have begun their Zoo project. Students are learning how to be zoologists and are designing habitats for animals in a zoo. Next steps for our "zoologists" is research and collecting items from home/school for building their actual habitat projects. The projects will be completed the first week of February.

Your Friends,
Ms. Hollie, Ms. Marissa and Ms. Kathy



3rd grade ROCKS!

Hello Third Grade Families!

We began the New Year with renorming the classrooms and we have gotten off to a great start!

Thank you so much for your support with Mini-Society. We will be sending a separate information sheet with more details.

We HEAVILY rely on iPads to get our work done! Please remind your child to bring their iPad charged daily. It is an extreme interruption to student learning when the iPad is inaccessible; either because it is not at school or not charged. Please also make sure that your student is bringing the hard cover for their iPad, which is expected in order to keep the iPad safe when in transit.

We recently finished our Math unit on solving word problems. This month we will jump into geometry. We will be learning the difference between area and perimeter. Ask your child to explain the difference. Also, as always, please continue practicing multiplication facts at home to be fully ready for fourth grade.

In Reading and Writing, we are all about Nonfiction! We will use this opportunity to complete a research project topic students are passionate about. Applying the reading and writing strategies we have learned throughout the year, students will also learn about researching, note taking, and citing sources. Our upcoming writing unit will involve persuasion.

Following our Living and Working in the Big City and Mini Society units, we will be launching our Project-Based Learning Unit centered around our Science topic of Changes in Matter. Students will be answering the driving question of "How can we, as third graders, use our understanding of the states of matter to make a positive impact on the future of alternative Energy options?" Within this project, we will explore the three states of matter (solids, liquids, and gases), climate change, alternative energy sources, and then students will discover their own answer to the driving question. Students will also be reading nonfiction texts to gather information about these concepts, and use that information to write a Public Service Announcement, make a movie, or create a photo essay that informs our community about ways we can make a positive impact on climate change. If you know of any resources in our community, or would like to get involved in this project, please contact us!

Thank you for all of your support!
The Third Grade Team

Miss Laura, Miss Julie, Miss Valentina





4th Grade News!

So far 2018 has been a very productive year in 4th grade! We have our middle-of-year MAP tests, DRA's and ELD's as well as Access tests all behind us now. We are in the homestretch for our second trimester which ends on March 2nd. There is a lot going on in February, so please make sure to keep up to date with our Friday Folders, Class Dojo and/or our class websites.

Here's what we will be studying in February:

Reading: Analyzing Text Structures and beginning to Synthesize to Summarize

Writing: Conclusion of Informational Research Writing and beginning of Persuasive writing

Math: Conclusion of Measurement and beginning of Fractions and Operations

Social Studies: Colorado!

Science: Healthy Competition (ecosystems)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Monday, February 5th: Teachers out for Long Term Planning

Friday, February 9th: Field trip to History Colorado Center (watch Friday folders for permission slips. This field trip costs \$6.00)

Tuesday, February 13th & Thursday, February 15th: Conferences

Wednesday, February 14th: Valentine's Day Party (more information to come)

Friday, February 16th: Early Release @1:10pm

Monday, February 19th: No School

Sincerely,

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Grade 5

Happy February!

As we begin testing this Spring, please make sure your students are sleeping well, eating well, exercising, and practicing test-taking strategies at home.

There are also some stress reducing strategies that we use here at school, so please help reinforce those at home as well. Some of the strategies are taking a deep breath, taking a break, or using your growth mindset and utilizing all the skills and concepts you already know to persevere through tough problems.

Please keep in touch and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Hello sixth grade families,

Well, here it comes! This is the month that all the sixth grade classes go to Outdoor Lab! Make sure to check the packing list. All the students have access to this list on Google Classroom.

We leave Monday February 26 and the students need to be at Foster at 8:00 am that morning.

We will return on Friday March 2 at around 1pm.

Please be here at that time to take your student home. We are so excited for this incredible experience! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions at all.

Thank you!
The sixth grade team

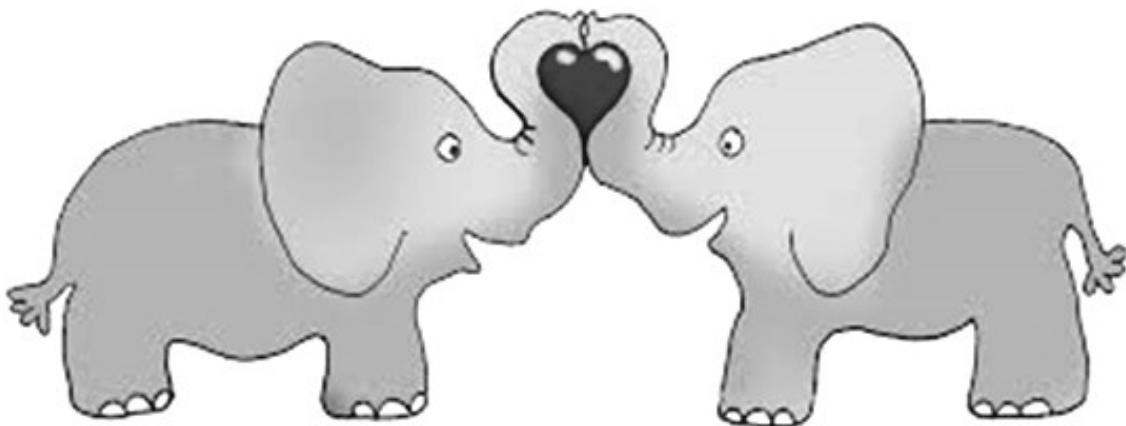


Fit Bits: News from the Foster P.E. Department!

This February, students at Foster will learn about the Winter Olympics. Students in PE will learn about the history, the athletes, the location of the games (PyeongChang, South Korea) and of course, the ice and snow sports included in the games. Visit www.pyeongchang2018.com and www.olympic.org for more information about the 2018 Winter Olympics!

We are approaching our annual Jump Rope for Heart time in February! Our official kick-off will begin February 23rd and the fundraiser will run until spring break. All donations benefit the American Heart Association and we will have a chance to earn some PE equipment as well. Information fliers will be sent home in Friday folders on February 23rd so stay tuned! If you'd like a head start, visit the Jump Rope for Heart website at <https://goo.gl/jZRVrU> Feel free to contact Ms. Sammy with any questions or concerns!

Stay Healthy, stay happy!
Ms. Sammy



Music Notes

Grade levels will be using our Jeffco Music Curriculum to guide learning. It is my goal to provide varied musical opportunities for all students including singing, moving, playing and technology.

Here is a list of things that each grade level will be working on:

6th- 12 Accidentals and scales, harmony , form, cut time, improvisation, sixteenth-dotted eighth, suite

5th- 3 and 4 part canons, bass clef, syncopation, accidentals, diatonic scales, improvisation, recorders, slur

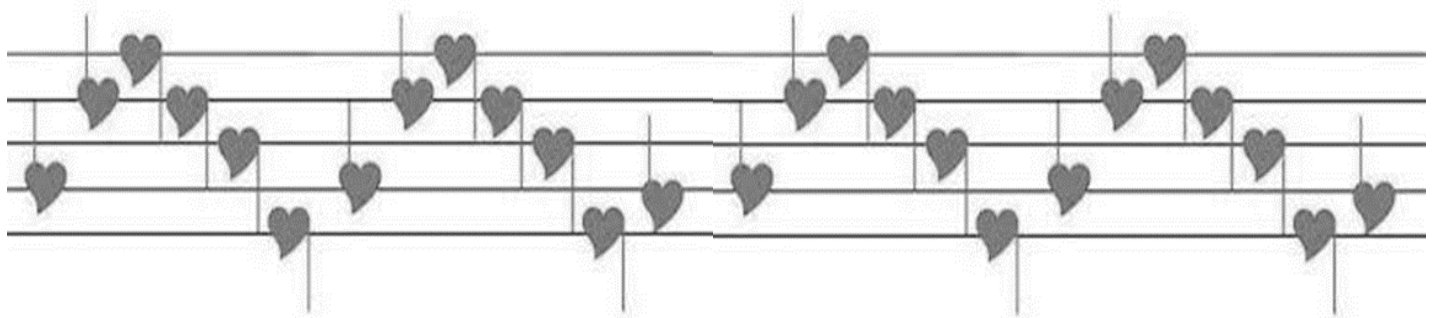
4th- Melodic and rhythmic ostinato, interlude, accelerando and ritardando, solfege,dotted quarter and eighth notes, dynamics and performance skills

3rd- Rondo form, ostinato, music alphabet, solfege, dotted half note, largo and allegro and performance skills

2nd- Solfege, ABA form, rhythm, 1 chord accompaniments, 4 and 8 beat patterns, skips and steps and performance skills

1st-beat, notation, vocal qualities, musical opposites, rhythmic and melodic patterns, cues, Introduction, phrase and performance skills

Ms. Allison Bequette



February Health Room News

A reminder to our families about immunizations:

If your child is not compliant with their vaccinations, please get their shots as soon as possible. Vaccines prevent the spread of serious illnesses and are crucial to keeping our community healthy. If you have any questions about vaccine compliance please feel free to contact me anytime during normal school hours at 303 982 1680 or email me at hmulholl@jeffcoschools.us.

The MCPN Dental screening bus is coming on February 22nd 2018!

This is a wonderful free resource for our students, dental hygienists come to our school and screen our children for cavities during the school day!

We will definitely be in need of volunteers to help guide our students through the process, please reach out if you are available to assist with this.

As always, please continue to promote healthy habits in your household to keep our community healthy and thriving!

TAKE ACTION: FIGHT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

Get your flu shot. It is not too late to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu. Call your health care provider and get your vaccine. Many clinics offer the vaccine for free.

Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

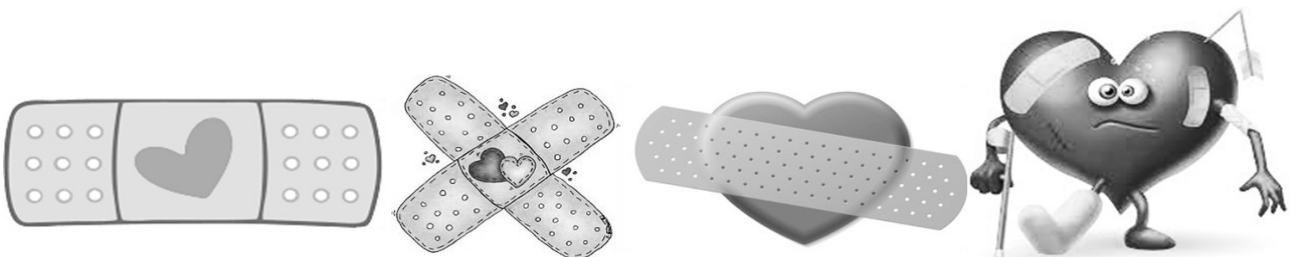
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

Holli Mulholland Health Aide



February 14- Valentine's Day Family Movie Night /

Noche de película ~ Día de amor y amistad

Join us for Dinner, a prize drawing, and a movie. 5:30p

February 15- Parent Teacher Conference Dinner /

Cena para los maestros durante las conferencias

PTA provides Dinner for Staff. Please bring a dish and leave it in the teacher's lounge.

March 22 - Library Night / Noche en la Biblioteca

Learn about Jeffco Library services, receive free books. Dinner included 5:30p

April 12 - Carnival / Carnaval

STEM Based Games and Experiments along with Arts Activities and Entertainment 5p

April 30 to May 4- Staff Appreciation Week / Semana de aprecio hacia los maestros

A week of activities to celebrate the teachers and staff who support our students.

May 4 - Tamale Throw Down / Concurso de tamales

Community Competition for Best Tamales with Entertainment for Project Prepare 5p

May 15 - Family Formal / Baile elegante

Wear you best clothes and bring your family for a formal dance 6p

