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Principal's Page

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support of our Foster Fun Run! We raised lots of money and had a great time doing it. We appreciate the leadership of Dina Heese, Nikki Mohaupt, Christina Hubbard and Catherine Wood who worked their "tailfeathers" off to make this a successful and fun event for ALL of our little roadrunners. Our teachers were very supportive as well and we are so grateful to our amazing community.

The PTA is helping to sponsor the Frontrange Child Assault Prevention organization. CAP will be in our school during the month of November teaching our students to be safe, strong and free. There is more information about this in this newsletter, as well as an opt OUT form for those who do not want their child to participate. There will be a parent meeting on November 1 from 6:00-8:00 in the library. We will have childcare and welcome all who would like to learn more about what these sessions will look like.

I wanted to remind you that our Jeffco School Board decided to allow the 6th grade to remain at Foster. This is largely due to our Dual Language program but impacts our Traditional strand as well. Our current 5th graders will be able to attend Foster next year, even though the rest of the area will have their 6th graders transitioning to middle school. The school board listened to us about how important that year in a 50/50 Dual Language program is and we are thankful of that.

In Peace,
Leigh

Accountability Committee

The Accountability Committee met last month and discussed our Universal Improvement Plan (UIP). We hope you will join us for our next Accountability meeting which will be on Thursday, November 9th at 3:00 in Leigh's office. Please join us!

November 2017

- 2 . . . Hearing/Vision Screenings
- 3 . . . Picture Retakes /
Early Release 1:10PM
- 9 . . . 5th G Program 6PM
- 13 . . . PTA 6-7PM
- 17 . . . Report Cards go Home
- 20-24 . . NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
- 30 . . . Holiday Market



WHAT CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD?

Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the next few weeks, **Foster Elementary** will be participating in the **Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program**. **As parents concerned about the safety of your children, we hope you will participate in this program with us by attending this adult in-service.**

CAP seeks to prevent child assault by training children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations (bullying, stranger abduction, & sexual assault). CAP also prepares adults who are a part of the child's community (teachers and parents) to help children in this journey.

The success of the CAP program depends on the support of the school community. Because we encourage children to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important that parents and school personnel be willing and able to respond to these concerns. **We invite you to attend the CAP Parent training on November 1, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Foster Elementary.** Parent participation is crucial for optimal effectiveness. Please make every effort to attend. **This meeting is for adults only.** Childcare will be provided.

This presentation will be a comprehensive discussion of the following topics:

An overview of sexual assault issues & dynamics including:

Definitions and prevalence of sexual assault

Blame, denial, & lying

Myths & Facts of Victims & Perpetrators

The cycle of abuse & how to stop it

Tips and Tools for parents regarding issues of safety (Bullying, Stranger Awareness, Body Safety)

Warning signs of possible perpetrators

Why children are vulnerable to assault & how to and empower them

CAP's successful prevention model to decrease children's vulnerability to assault

A complete description of the children's classroom presentations

Question & Answer

In the days following this presentation, we will be conducting CAP classroom workshops at Foster Elementary School. **Please attend this parent in-service so we can all help our children be Safe, Strong and Free!** For additional information regarding the CAP program please visit their website at www.FrontRangeCAP.org

Sincerely,

Leigh Hiester
Principal

Negative- permission slip-ONLY SIGN IF YOU DO **NOT** WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

I DO **NOT** give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Child Assault Prevention Program at Foster Elementary.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Kindergarten News



Hello Families! Our school year continues to be moving fast and we thank you for your continued support with all the various activities. We especially appreciated the opportunity to meet with each of you at conferences earlier this month.

In Reading we will soon turn our focus to developing an understanding of the elements of books (characters, problems, and events). In mid-November we will begin our How To Unit of Study in Writing. In Math we will continue working on these Big Ideas: 5-Groups in Numbers 6 to 10, Addition and Subtraction Stories and Understanding +1 and -1 Pattern.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 31st at our Halloween Parade and party. Please note we will be out of the classroom on Thursday, November 2 for Long Term Planning.

Thank you again for all of your support!



Kindergarten Team



Ms. Melissa, Ms. Marcela and Ms. Stephanie





We have had quite an exciting month with the fun run, conferences, and our Majestic View Nature Center field trip.

Our students just finished up our Science unit on living organisms and enjoyed making connections with that knowledge and what they learned on our field trip. The students are very excited to be diving into our Social Studies unit on holidays and traditions. We loved hearing all the amazing traditions that your families have started.

In writing, we are really working hard on our handwriting and making sure our stories have a beginning, middle, and end. We will continue to encourage your students to add more details to their stories and adding words that signal event order to make their stories flow.

In math, our first graders are working on word problems and learning different strategies to help solve them. You can also have your students practice counting because our goal for the end of the year is to count to 120.

Keep reading at home and encourage your students to write. The more practice they have, the more confident they become.

We love parent volunteers helping us set up apps on the iPads, getting our homework ready, and putting our Friday folders together. Just let us know if you are available to help out and we would love to put you to work. Our students get a kick out of seeing their parents helping out in the classroom. Plus if we have enough volunteer hours we could earn prizes from Ms. Angie our Parent Liaison.




Thanks for all that you do!

Ms. Stephanie Mrs. Rosa Miss Brie



Hello 2nd Grade Families! The school year is now in full swing. Academics are starting in earnest now that procedures and routines are in place. The students are coming into their own and are contributing members of their classroom family. Please continue to check Class DoJo to see how your child is doing each day. We are using DoJo frequently to guide the students in maintaining the classroom procedures and expectations. If you need help signing up just let us know! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us during the Fun Run! This is such a fun activity for the students and a way for our families and community to support the school. We also want to thank everyone that attended Parent Conferences. It is a vital way to grow our parent/teacher partnership!!! Please let us know if you have any questions. Our goal is for your students to be happy, healthy and productive students that grow and learn at their best!

-Ms. Hollie, Ms. Marisa and Ms. Kathy

Notes and Reminders 	Upcoming Events 	 Peace Promise of the Month: Be Brave
<p>1. Please no toys at school!</p> <p>2. Please check our Class Dojo frequently!</p> <p>3. Please let us know about volunteering in the classroom. This could be weekly, monthly or as needed.</p>	<p>Nov. 3: Early Release</p> <p>Nov. 9: End of 1st trimester</p> <p>Nov. 17: Report Cards go home</p> <p>Nov. 20-24: Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>Reading: A big focus is retelling a story, including 5 sequential events. Each evening after your child completes their 20 minutes of independent reading, ask them to retell what they just read!</p> <p>Writing: We have been working on personal narratives and adding transition words like first, second, next and finally.</p> <p>Math: We have been working on doubles, doubles +1, anchor 5 to 10, and can use reasoning strategies to solve equations.</p> <p>Science: We will be studying animal habitats. As part of science there will be a field trip to the Denver Zoo, so be on the lookout for a parent permission form.</p>





Hello third grade families!

Thank you so much for attending conferences and taking time to strengthen our partnership in supporting your students! If you were unable to attend a conference, please contact us so we can schedule a meeting. Also, thank you so much to the friends, families, and community members who contributed their time and money to the Fun Run! We so appreciate all of the support!

In Reading, we are exploring nonfiction texts and their “nuts and bolts.” Students will be using their knowledge of nonfiction text features to understand how they impact the way we interpret texts as readers. Writing is transitioning from narrative storytelling and into writing to explain. Our connection between reading and writing is strong as we can use our nonfiction texts to explain new concepts!

In Math, we are switching from multiplication to measurement, graphs, and time. Students will be exploring custom and metric measurement, and learning how to tell time on a clock. Then, students can apply these understandings to using a variety of units and tools for measurement. Please continue to study multiplication facts at home. Fluency of math facts will help throughout third grade and prepare them for fourth grade.

In Social Studies, we are finishing up our Big City unit by sharing our powerpoints with a Denver City Council member (Nov 6th). They worked very hard to convince “Amazon” to come to our area. To culminate our unit, we will be going on a field trip to Denver on November 16. During this field trip, students will witness how Denver has changed over time, as well as experience the difference between urban and suburban areas. After the Big City, we are switching gears to Science where students will study changes in Earth’s materials. We will focus on the processes of weathering, erosion, and deposition and their impact on the surface of the Earth.

We wish you all the best as we begin the Holiday Season!

Thank you!

Ms. Laura, Ms. Julie, and Miss Vale





4TH GRADE



4th Grade News!

It's hard to believe that the first trimester of 4th grade is almost over! Please keep a lookout for report cards in Friday Folders on November 17th.

November will be a busy month in 4th grade.

*In **reading** we are digging into text features and exploring how they better help us understand non-fiction text. We will be moving into a unit where we will be working on identifying the main idea and details.

*In **writing** we are finishing up our unit on writing fictional short stories. The students have worked hard planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their writing and are now working hard at creating Stop Motion Videos of their stories with Legos. We will then begin a unit on informational/expository texts.

*In **math** we are working on division. We are making connections to what we learned about multiplication in our previous unit. Please make sure your child is practicing their multiplication facts every night!

*In **science** we will be working on a unit on energy.

Please remember to visit our classroom websites frequently for up-to-date information about what's going on during the week, field trips and important updates. You can access our websites through the school website. If you haven't already, please sign up for Class Dojo!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 2nd: Field Trip to Jefferson County Fairgrounds, "From Our Lands to Your Hands"

Friday, November 3rd: Early Release @1:10pm

Friday, November 17th: Field Trip to the movies- WONDER

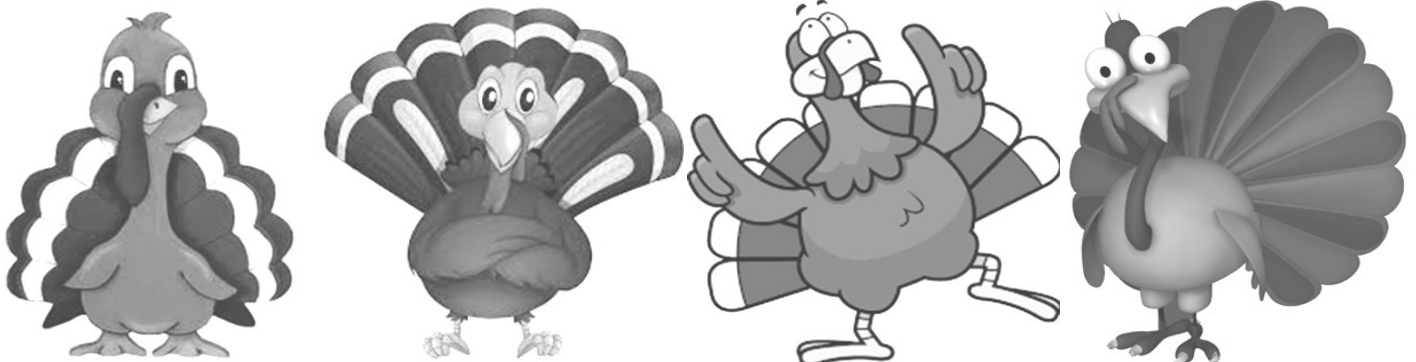
Friday, November 18th: Report Cards Home (Please sign and return)

Monday, November 20th-Friday, November 24th: No School: Thanksgiving Break!

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Vicky
Mrs. Carissa

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Grade 5



Hello 5th Grade Families,

Please join us for our 5th grade exhibit on Thursday, November 9th from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

In math please help students by studying all of their multiplication and division facts. They will benefit from knowing the connection between multiplication and division.

In writing we will be working on informational writing.

In Social Studies we are learning about Colonial America.

We are moving into winter; please make sure your student is dressed appropriately.

We have been enjoying watching your students grow!

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

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It's all about 6th Grade

Hello 6th grade families,

The month of November brings many exciting learning opportunities for our students. In science the students will be studying weight, mass, and density. In math the students continue with their study of numeric operations. They are perfecting their understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Quiz them on their knowledge of how to use these operations with a variety of numbers!

In literacy, they are working on identifying the main idea and most important details in increasingly difficult nonfiction texts. They are also writing nonfiction pieces, including procedural and informational text. They are learning to paraphrase the information they find in the resource. Ask your student what topic they chose to research, and ask to see their writing projects!

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The sixth grade team



From the Library

Carla Coverdell, Digital Teacher Librarian



Please assist your students in returning library books on time. If lost or damaged, library staff can assist families in working out a payment plan so that students can continue to borrow books from the library.

It is important that students bring iPads to school every day, charged and ready to use. If charging cables or boxes are no longer functioning for any reason, students may purchase those components in the library. Cables are \$11.50 and charging boxes are \$11.50.



Having issues with iPad connectivity at home? There is a new home filter for school iPads in place which provides some level of safety for students browsing the web. "GlobalProtect" is the app used to provide this service. While district resources for home support are limited due to the complexity of vendors, modems, access at home, etc., our IT department has created a help document which may be of help. It is important to understand that the login requires students to use their Jeffco Active Directory credentials. This username and password can be provided by your child's teacher. Your child's teacher can also provide this help document or you may request a digital copy by email-ing: carla.coverdell@jeffco.k12.co.us. No filter will block all inappropriate content; parents are encouraged to be aware of their children's browsing habits.

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Second grade students completed the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in October. This assessment is one way teachers can know more about the ways students think as well as areas of strength and weakness. Results are part of a body of evidence collected over time to determine helpful interventions for all students. If your child's scores indicate an exceptional strength area or overall performance, we will begin to collect a body of evidence to determine what further steps might be taken to meet their academic needs. Parents of second graders will receive results in late December.

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

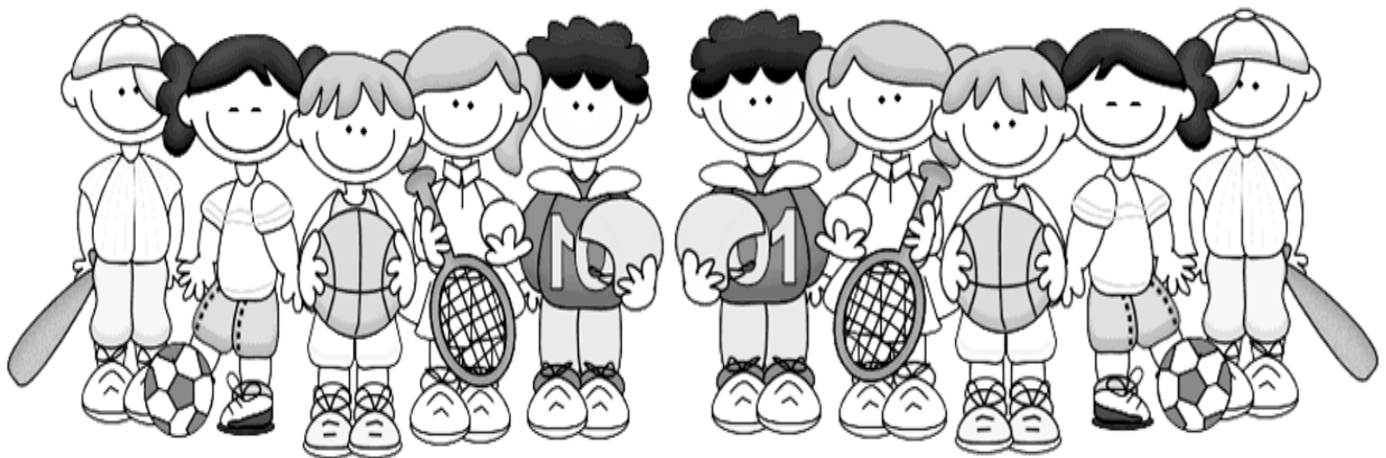
The end of first trimester is approaching and students have been busy in the gym continuing their study of fitness concepts including fitnessgram assessments (only used for goal setting, not grading), goal setting and understanding the importance of an active lifestyle.

Students in 5th and 6th grades will receive a print out of their Fitnessgram scores with their report cards. Students will continue this health focus as we enter our nutrition units next, focusing specifically on the MyPlate guidelines and analyzing food labels.

Finally, I am still looking for more pictures of Foster students, families and staff doing active things on their free time for the "Roadrunners in Action!" bulletin board. You can drop a hard copy in my box in the lounge or feel free to email them to me at samanta.chumacero@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Stay healthy, stay happy!

Ms. Sammy Chumacero



Music Notes

Every homeroom class is developing a community atmosphere in the music room environment. Being a close knit and welcoming family is crucial to our ensemble successes.

All classes are continuing to refine their ensemble skills, instrumental and vocal techniques. Students are reading and performing with music notation. They are also incorporating technology into their everyday learning with music creation and notation software as well as district pushed apps to aid in the implementation of the JeffCo music curriculum.

Feel free to stop by and chat with any questions or wonderings you may have about the music program at Foster!

Allison Bequette
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Health Room News

Hello wonderful Foster families!

Now that the cold weather is upon us I wanted to share some general guidelines to keep in mind to help our community stay healthy throughout the winter.

The CDC recommends taking just 3 simple actions to fight the flu:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year before flu activity begins in their community. Vaccination of high risk persons (young children, pregnant women, people over age 65 and those with chronic health conditions like asthma) is extremely important.
2. Take everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs. Avoid contact with sick people. While sick limit your contact with others and always cover your cough! Wash your hands often with soap and water. Stay home if you are sick, if you have a fever please stay home until you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing drugs. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as germs spread easily this way.
3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick; they may also prevent serious complications.

Flu symptoms include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea.

Visit the CDC's website to find out what to do if you get sick with the flu. www.cdc.gov

Also, Hearing and Vision screenings are coming up on November 2nd! We need volunteers to make this wonderful resource for our community run smoothly!

If you are interested please call, email or come by and see me!

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Thank you!
Holli Mulholland
Health Aide

