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Message from the Principal...

Greetings Foster Families,

November is officially here and this gets us close to being 1/4 of the way through the school year. We have finished our 1st grading period. Teachers are working hard to ensure that your child makes a year or more of progress by the end of the school year. Our Foster Eagles are also doing their part by engaging in learning activities and we are proud of the progress they are making each day.

At the end of the month, Thanksgiving is celebrated!! This is a time when we reflect on all that we have and the gratitude we feel. Here at Foster, we are grateful for all of you and your children. We have the BEST jobs ever and enjoy educating your child(ren), watching them learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support! **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Dr. Antonio Smith,
Principal



*Swimming toward
Success...it's the
Foster Way!*

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Happy Veterans Day! November 11th is a federal holiday to honor the women and men who served in our United States Armed Forces.

Thank you for your service!

****No school for students on
Friday, November 11th.***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 7: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Nov 10: All Pro Dads (7:10AM-7:40AM)
- Nov 11: Veterans Day—No School
- Nov 14: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Nov 15: HeadStart Parent Meeting (7:30AM-8:00AM)
- Nov 16: SAC Virtual Meeting (5:30PM-6:00PM)
- Nov 17: Great American Teach-In
- Nov 21-25: Thanksgiving Holiday Break –Schools Closed
- Nov 28: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Nov 28: Kona Ice at Foster
- Nov 29: Picture Retake Day
- Dec 5-Jan 27: FAST State Testing Window for VPK through Grade 5 students.
- Dec 5: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Dec 12: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Dec 15: All Pro Dads (7:10AM-7:40AM)
- Dec 15: Parent Conference Night (3:00PM-5:30PM)
- Dec 15: SAC Meeting (5:30PM-6:00PM)
- Dec 19: Kona Ice at Foster
- Dec 19: No Early Release (Student Dismissal-1:55PM)
- Dec 23: Pajama Day-Students may wear pajamas
- Dec 26-Jan 9: Winter Holidays—No School
- Jan 10: School Reopens



We are seeking volunteers, business and community leaders to visit our school to share their careers, hobbies, and life lessons with our students on Thursday, November 17th.

If you are interested, please contact the front office at (813)-276-5573.



We believe that family engagement is a critical part of student success. Thank you, families for attending our recent **Parent Conference Night!** Our next parent conference night will be held on Thursday, December 15th from 3:00PM-5:30PM.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference

Thank you to all the dads who attended our All Pro Dad event on Thursday, October 20th. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 16th** from 7:10AM - 7:40AM in the cafeteria. Join Us!

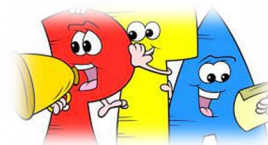
Advice. Events. Family.



PTA President & New Members Needed!

We are looking for a PTA President & active PTA members for our Foster PTA. If you are interested, please

Email Lenor Holsey
Lenor.Holsey@hcps.net or
contact the school at
(813_276-5573).



i-Ready at home for Students!

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year.. *Ready Personalized Instruction* provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn. Students may access *i-Ready* through the Clever app then login using their district username and password information.



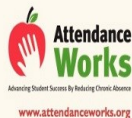
ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS build skills and develop good habits for showing up on time	ELEMENTARY STUDENTS read well by the end of third grade	HIGH SCHOOLERS stay on track for graduation	COLLEGE STUDENTS earn their degrees	WORKERS succeed in their jobs
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Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



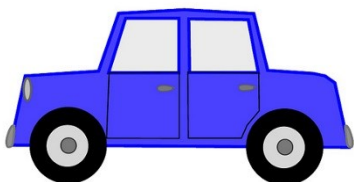
Mandatory Uniform School

Students are expected to dress in our school uniform each day. **Tops:** Red, Navy Blue, or White. **Bottoms:** Khaki, Tan, or Navy Blue. Please avoid sending students to school out-of-uniform.



A big **THANK YOU** to all of our families that drive through car line with a bold car tag for students— this saves so much time!

Thank you for making our car line safe and smooth!



Title I Parent Station & Budget

We have a Title I Parent Station in the office that has resources for families. You will also find a copy of our **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)**.

Lunch Pals

Hello Families! We are looking for mentors again for our Lunch Pals Program! Please contact our Community Resource Coordinator, Lenor Holsey. Email— Lenor.Holsey@hcps.net Call—(813) 276-5573.



5 Ways to Prevent the Holiday Reading Slide



The holiday season is known to cause a pronounced dip – or 'slide' – in children's reading skills. With an abundance of distractions and a shake-up of routine, getting your child to read over the festive season can be a great challenge as a parent.

But with a bit of thought and preparation, the holidays can actually be the perfect time to enjoy fun and meaningful family activities based around books and reading. Here are some great holiday ideas to keep the magic of reading alive at home.

- 1. Pair books with day trips** The night before you visit a museum, landmark, or special exhibition, find books and websites to read with your child to help plan your trip together.
- 2. Create a holiday reading list** Take a trip to the library and put together a list of books your child would like to read during the holidays. Display the list somewhere you'll see every day, like on the refrigerator, and reward your child with something small each time they check off a new title.
- 3. Make 'DEAR' time fun time** DEAR stands for 'Drop Everything and Read', where everybody in the house must drop what they're doing and read a book. Make it spontaneous and exciting, similar to announcing a special treat!
- 4. Read to relatives** Encourage your child to show off their new reading skills to grandparents or relatives by reading them a story. Most children love being the focus of attention, and grandparents are usually more than happy to encourage their progress.



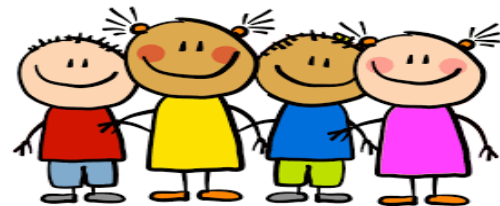
Congratulations to all Student of the Month recipients!



Congratulations to all students who made Honor Roll for Quarter 1!

Congratulations to the following 5th grade students for being **semifinalists** for the **Hillsborough County Tag Art Competition!**

- Auriya Hernandez
- Iliana Rivera
- Cristina Zelaya
- Carlms Poisson



Mr. Kane's Counseling Corner

You can help prevent bullying! Research shows that bullying incidents can be decreased with intervention. By recognizing the warning signs and taking action, you can help prevent bullying. If your child has experienced bullying behavior there are actions you can take to report it. Foster Elementary School is a BULLY FREE ZONE. Every effort will be made to provide a safe learning environment for all staff and students. Incidents of student bullying will be addressed by staff members immediately. Instances of bullying can be reported to the front office by contacting the school. You may also make a report online by accessing the link [HCPS Anonymous Bully Report \(office.com\)](http://HCPS Anonymous Bully Report (office.com)). This website will direct you to the Reporting Site where you can submit a bullying tip. In addition, we have added a BULLY REPORT BOX that is located in the front office. Students will be able to anonymously report a bullying situation by filling out a slip and putting it into the box. Our school counselor will check the box daily.