

Greetings,

Welcome to Foster Elementary School, home of the **Eagles**! My name is Dr. Antonio Smith and with great excitement I would like to introduce myself to you as the principal of Foster Elementary School! It is a pleasure and honor to serve a school community of great teachers, staff, scholars and families. I am a dedicated educator who served scholars of Pinellas County, Florida since 2006. My leadership experience includes 8 years serving as an Assistant Principal and Principal at several schools, which include Traditional, Magnet, Turnaround, and Fundamental schools. As classroom teacher, I taught grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th. It brings me great pleasure to join Hillsborough County Public Schools and the Foster Elementary School community.

As Principal, I bring to this position my love for scholars and their success, enthusiasm, hope, and high expectations for student learning. I believe in the power of knowledge and understand the ways in which education can open doors for scholars to accomplish their aspirations and goals. **Foster Elementary School has the BEST equipped faculty and staff to help your scholar(s) on their academic journey.** We are a diverse learning community who believe in making decisions based on the best interest of scholars, engaging in professional development, maintaining high expectations for learning, fostering collaboration, building meaningful relationships with stakeholders, and helping scholars unlock their potential to achieve academic excellence. Scholars of Foster Elementary School are a tribe of learners who maximize educational opportunities by striving for academic success each day...**It's the Eagle Way!**

As your principal, everyone is welcome here at Foster Elementary School. I operate with an open-door policy and welcome your input and feedback. If there is ever a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, front office, or myself at (813)-276-5573.

This will be an amazing school year!

I look forward to working with you, our faculty and staff, scholars, families, and community partners!

Antonio Smith, Ed. D.

Principal

Go Eagles!