



FOSTERTOWN SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

October 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Happy October! We hope everyone had a wonderful start to the school year. As we settle into our routines and the leaves begin to change, October brings many opportunities for learning, growth, and fun throughout our school community.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students have embraced the school year. Each day, we see students challenging themselves, building friendships, demonstrating kindness, and growing as learners. Thank you to our families for partnering with us and supporting your children each step of the way.

October is a wonderful time to focus on kindness, responsibility, and perseverance. We encourage our students to continue making positive choices, showing respect to others, and giving their best effort—even when something feels challenging. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day!

As the weather becomes cooler, please remember to send your child to school dressed appropriately for changing temperatures. We also encourage families to review school routines, attendance expectations, and upcoming events with their children.

This month, our school will be celebrating learning in many ways through classroom activities, school-wide events, and opportunities for students to connect with one another. We look forward to seeing our families at our October events and appreciate your continued involvement in our school community.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being such an important part of our school family. Together, we can make this a year filled with learning, laughter, kindness, and success!

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and wonderful October!

Warmly,

Dr. Vazquez and Mrs. Cameron

EVERY
GOLDBACK
every day

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/2 Wear Pink for Pink Day
- 10/5 Fire Prevention Day
- 10/7 PTC Meeting @ 6:15
- 10/8 Family Science Night @ 5:30
- 10/9 Early Dismissal Drill / Salsa Con Salsa @ 5:30
- 10/12 No School Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day
- 10/14 Picture Day
- 10/15 Peachy The Elephant Visit
- 10/16 Ghostly Games @ 5:30
- 10/22 ½ Day for Students
- 10/28 District Trunk or Treat
- 10/23 State Trooper Drone Assembly for students



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our goal is to have **95%** attendance.

September's attendance was **93%.**

Please be aware of late arrivals and early pick-ups. This affects your child's instructional minutes and attendance. You will begin to see this reflected in the portal. If your child is absent or arrives late/leaves early, be sure to send a note within 5 days of the absence.



Toys Should Stay at Home

Please remind your child to leave toys and personal items at home. Toys can be distracting and may interfere with learning and classroom activities.

If a toy or personal item is brought to school and becomes lost, damaged, or misplaced, the school is not responsible for replacing or locating the item.

Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms focused, safe, and ready for learning!

REMINDERS

- Fridays- Blue and Gold Fridays representing Fostertown and NECSD. Wear your blue and gold gear.
- Parties / Celebration - For safety, visitors must exit the building no later than 3:20pm. This will allow time to begin dismissal.
- At **9:28 a.m.**, the carline officially closes, and our security team will secure the back lot.
- The team will then move to the main entrance to receive late arrivals starting at **9:30 a.m.**
- **Please note that students arriving after the carline closes and entering through the main entrance are marked late.**
- Car line Dismissal - begins at 3:45pm, after 4:05pm it is tardy pickup, please ensure to pick up on time before the car line closes.
- During car line dismissal all cars must be placed in PARK. Students should not walk in between cars. Parents, if you choose to get out of your vehicle to greet your child and assist them; please stand next to your car, be mindful of the time and flow of traffic to keep us moving.
- Let's be kind and respectful to each other as we all want the carline process to run smoothly.
- Please ensure all of your contact information is up to date on Parent Portal.
- Please return completed emergency cards.
- If you are a Carline Pick up, your tag **MUST** be displayed in your car **AND** your child must have their carline number attached to their backpack.
- Cell phone and smart device use is not permitted in school.

DISTRICT NEWS

TEXTING BEGINS!

The district will begin sending texting messages this fall. To receive the messages, make sure your cell phone number is correct in the cell phone field. The number can be listed twice if that is your primary number. All parents/guardians who wish to receive a text should make sure their number is listed in the correct spot in their personal Parent Portal Account.

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FOSTERTOWN PARENT HANDBOOK

EARLY PICKUP / CHANGE OF DISMISSAL INFORMATION

- If changing your normal dismissal for the day, please fill out [the dismissal change form](#) online.
- Early pickup must be before 3:20pm at the main entrance.
- Please do not drop off students in the main entrance before 9:30am. Drop offs must go through the carline in the back loop.
- There should be no cars in the circle before 9:30am as we have a small bus that unloads in the front at 9:25am and there should be no cars in the circle after 3:30pm as this small bus loads our students after that time.