

STEPHEN FOSTER ELEMENTARY

Back to School Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Hello Foster Families! I am excited to extend a warm welcome to all Steamers for the 2022-2023 School year.

We have been working diligently all summer to prepare for what I know will be an exceptional school year. We have added several new teachers to our talented staff. We are fortunate to continue to grow our staff and retain the talent that is abundant here at Foster.

This year we will be focused on infusing STEM into each classroom starting by sharing the STEM lab experience with all students on a weekly basis. This is an exciting change for Foster. We will also be using the B.E.S.T. Standards in each grade level this year. These replace the former learning standards.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all volunteers. Your presence has been missed tremendously. Please contact the main office, or your child's teacher, to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

I hope that the summer has been restful and filled with memories. I can't wait to see you at meet the teacher.

Mistic Rodriguez, Principal

Dates to Know

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| August 8 | 5th Grade Safety Patrol Meeting 9am-10am |
| August 8 | Meet the Teacher (all students) 10-11am |
| August 10 | First Day of School! Dismissal at 12:37pm |
| September 5 | Labor Day, School Holiday |
| September 15 | Interim Reports |

Contact Information

Main Office: 352.955.6706

All staff emails are located on the Stephen Foster Webpage

Daily School Hours

M, T, Th, F - 7:45am - 1:57pm

Wednesday Early Release 7:45am - 12:37pm
Students arriving after 7:45am will need to be signed in at the main office.

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Student Safety

I understand that the first days of school are exciting and I want you to make connections with your child's teacher. This is why Wednesday, August 10 - Friday, August 12, we welcome you to walk your students to their classroom.

As we have done for years in the past, beginning on Monday, August 15, all students will be dropped off at the gates and parents will not accompany their Steamer Leader inside. We will have adults and Safety Patrols to help all students get to class safely. My number one priority is your child's safety and well-being.

Thank you for supporting this proactive approach to campus security.

Eating Breakfast or Lunch with your child

Beginning on Monday, August 22, 2022 adults on student emergency cards will be permitted to sign up to eat breakfast or lunch with their student. Be on the look out for this sign up! All visitors on campus must be screened and documented through the district system. This does require a valid photo I.D.

We will happily host lunch visitors on each day **except Wednesdays**.

Why August 22? - It takes some time for structures and procedures to fall into place. We appreciate your patience with this as we begin to welcome back families on campus.



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Morning Drop off and Afternoon Dismissal

If you are a returning Steamer Family, you know that our morning drop off and dismissal lines can be long at the beginning. Enhancements to our system are being made to elevate our student safety protocols each day.

Morning Drop Off

- Please pull to the front of the line, do not stop at the first gate.
- Do not stop at the cones to drop off or within the parking lot. Drive to the gates where adults are present to assist your child.

Parent Walk up

We will no longer use the gate at the far end of the parking lot for walk up drop off or pick up. **If you are escorting your student, you will need to walk them to the gate at the main office.** This will also be their pick up location, no longer at the carline area.

No students will be called out to the car line gates for walk ups.

Afternoon Dismissal

We call students from the classrooms as you pull into the parking lot.

To expedite this process:

- Please have your Car Pick up card displayed with your student's name written in bold letters and their grade or teacher's name.

Dismissal Changes: Please submit to Mrs. Settles in the main office before 1p.m.