

DECEMBER 24-25

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FOSTER ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As we welcome December, I want to express my gratitude for the support and partnership you bring to our school community. This season reminds us of the importance of kindness and compassion—two of Foster’s guiding characteristics. Together, we’ve made wonderful progress toward fostering a learning environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to lead.

As we approach winter break, let’s continue to encourage our students to show global leadership by spreading kindness and embracing diversity both in and outside of school. Thank you for all you do to help make Foster a remarkable place for our learners to grow and thrive.

*Best,
Mrs. Van Fossen*

WINTER BREAK

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Classes Resume January 2, 2025 with a school-wide Pajama Day!!

FOSTER DAILY SCHEDULE



Boys and Girls Club Begins	7:00 am
Playground Supervision Begins	8:10 am
First Bell Rings	8:22 am
Final Bell Rings	8:27 am
School is Dismissed	3:20 pm
Boys and Girls Club Ends	6:00 pm

<https://foster.aasd.k12.wi.us/>

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Parking Lot Barricades

8:00am-8:45am
3:00pm-3:30pm

The Parking Lot is limited to staff and the occasional delivery truck during these times in order to keep students safe as they arrive to and leave from school.

Service Club

will be bell ringing at
Pick n Save on Calumet

December 11

4-6pm



SILLY SWEATER DAY
Dec 18- put on your cozy holiday sweaters today

DRESS LIKE A TREE DAY
Dec 19- pop on your tree skirt or wear GREEN

WINTER WONDERLAND DAY
Dec 20- wear lots of WHITE today

WRAP UP 2024 WITH A HOLIDAY DRESS-UP

Does your student need Winter Gear?

If your family needs help providing winter gear for one or more of your students at Foster, please fill out this [form](#). We'll do our best to get them in something warm.

Do you have any of the following items at home? Would you like to see them be used again? Consider donating to our building!

OUR OFFICE NEEDS:

Boys & Girls Comfy Pants (joggers/leggings)

Sizes

4-5'

6-7'

8-10'

10-12

14-16

OUR STUDENTS NEED:

Boys & Girls Winter Gear

-Snowpants

-Snowboots

-Winter Jackets

-Winter Gloves

Boys & Girls Club Early Pick-Up

Please call this number to get your student between 3:20-3:45pm

920-750-8152

Upcoming Dates

- No BGC Friday...Dec 6
- FFN & Charter Board Meeting...Dec 10
- Service Club Bell Ringing @ PicknSave...Dec 11
- BGC closes early (5pm)...Dec 12
- Heritage/Hibernation Day...Dec 17
- Winter Break Begins...Dec 23
- Classes Resume...Jan 2
- No BGC Friday...Jan 3
- Kindergarten/1st Grade Concert...Jan 9

FIRST BELL
8:22AM
CLASS BEGINS
8:27AM

RELEASE BELL
3:20PM

- med forms
- health condition
- dental bus
- dietary needs
- BGC is Hiring!!
- 24-25 calendar
- lunch menu
- too sick for school?
- community opportunities
- birth-5

Boys and Girls Club Before and After School Care

NO BGC FRIDAY DEC 6

BGC closes early @ 5pm on Dec. 12

Register for
Boys & Girls Club
Here!



24-25
calendar

Wait Until 8th: A Parent-Led Initiative

The Wait Until 8th pledge is a parent-driven initiative designed to support families in delaying the introduction of smartphones to children until at least the end of 8th grade. This effort aims to help parents reduce distractions and social pressures, creating a healthier balance for kids during their elementary and middle school years. While this initiative is supported by some Foster parents, it is not mandated by the school and participation is entirely optional.

Why Wait? Research suggests that smartphones can impact children's time for play, reading, and family connection. This pledge encourages parents to connect with others in the community who share similar goals. For families who need communication options, basic phones or smartwatches that call and text are still compatible with this pledge.

How It Works

- If at least 10 families from your child's grade take the pledge, it becomes active.
- Participating families are connected with others in the same grade for community support.

Privacy and Inclusivity

This initiative respects all parenting choices and aims to create a judgment-free space for families who wish to delay smartphone use. Participation is voluntary, and personal information is only shared with consent.

To learn more, visit [Wait Until 8th](#).

Note: Foster Elementary shares this information to support parent-led efforts.



Reminder

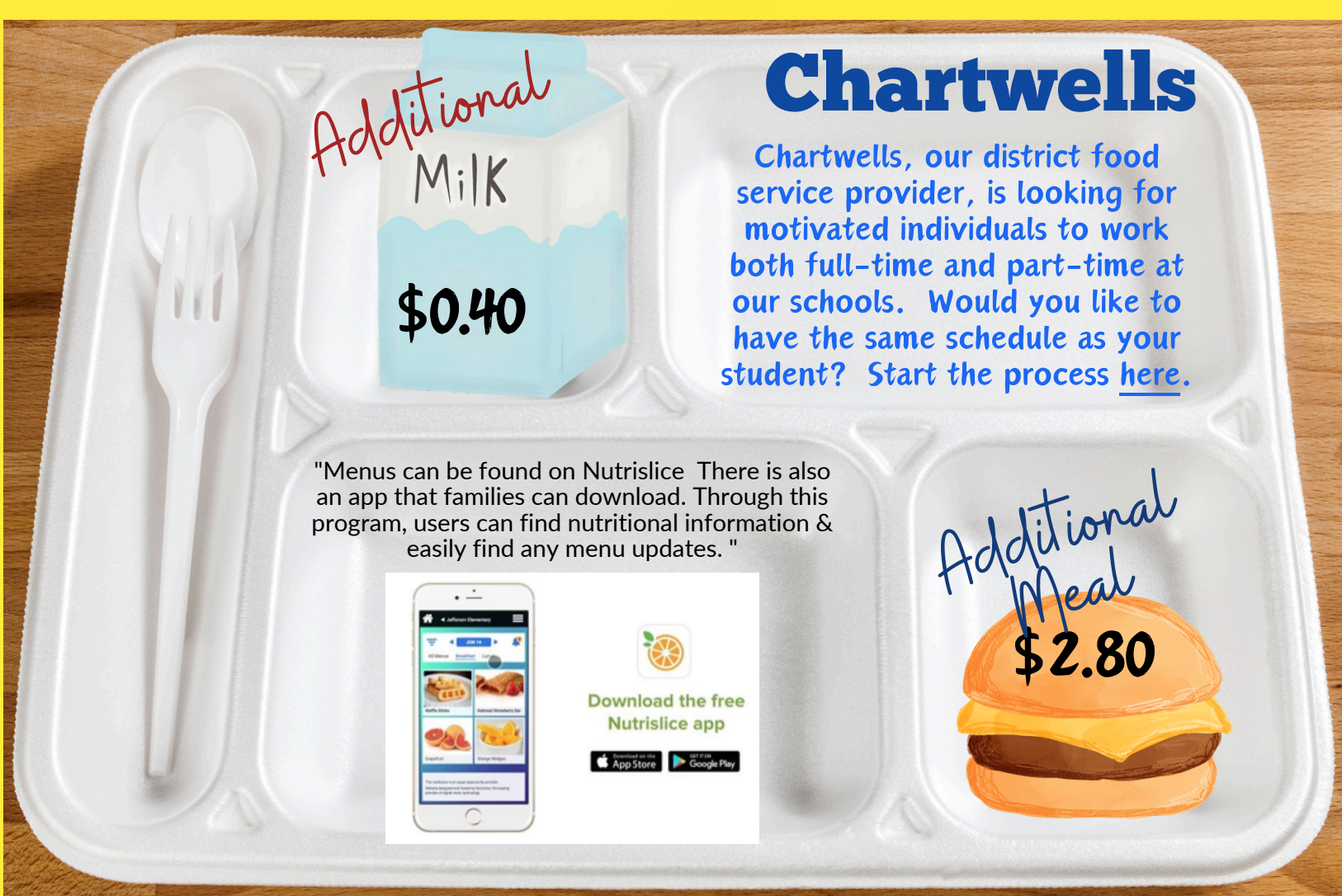
With the holidays near, many new toys appear! We kindly ask that all toys be kept at home. This ensures that our classrooms remain distraction-free and that all students can fully engage in their activities. Thank you for your support in keeping our learning environment the best it can be!

Per our PBIS reward system, your student or student's class may earn a stuffed animal day or electronic party. The items must stay in their backpack or designated area until it's time for the item to be out or used.

Lunch Reminders

Foster students eat FREE this year, however, if a student would like an additional milk or meal, there must be funds in their lunch account in order for them to purchase those items. Students who bring cold lunch will also be required to purchase a milk if they'd like one with their meal.

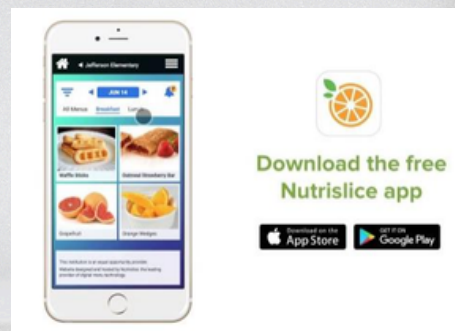
FIND THE LUNCH OPTIONS HERE!



Chartwells

Chartwells, our district food service provider, is looking for motivated individuals to work both full-time and part-time at our schools. Would you like to have the same schedule as your student? [Start the process here.](#)

"Menus can be found on Nutrislice. There is also an app that families can download. Through this program, users can find nutritional information & easily find any menu updates."



Charter Applications for 25-26 School Year

Current Foster Students do not need to fill out the Charter Application for next school year. They will automatically be enrolled for the next school year.

The charter application is open for new students for next year, however; so please share about our wonderful school with others! February 21, 2025 is the cutoff to be placed in the lottery. Applications after that date will be put on the waiting list if no spots are available in the order they are received.

Current 4K students, who are not in our home attendance area, must fill out a charter application to attend Kindergarten here in the Fall 2025.



[Apply Here or share the link!](#)

Exciting Partnership: Foster and New Apple Corps Robotics Team Present FIRST LEGO League!

Foster Elementary is thrilled to partner with the New Apple Corps Robotics Team, housed at Appleton East, to bring FIRST LEGO League to our school!

For Kindergarten and 1st Graders: FIRST LEGO League Discover Team
Students will explore engineering concepts, develop problem-solving skills, and enhance teamwork abilities—all while having fun with LEGO® Education.

For 2nd-4th Graders: FIRST LEGO League Explore Team
Using LEGO® bricks and powered by the LEGO® Education SPIKETM Essential, students will develop crucial STEM skills and learn to collaborate as a team.

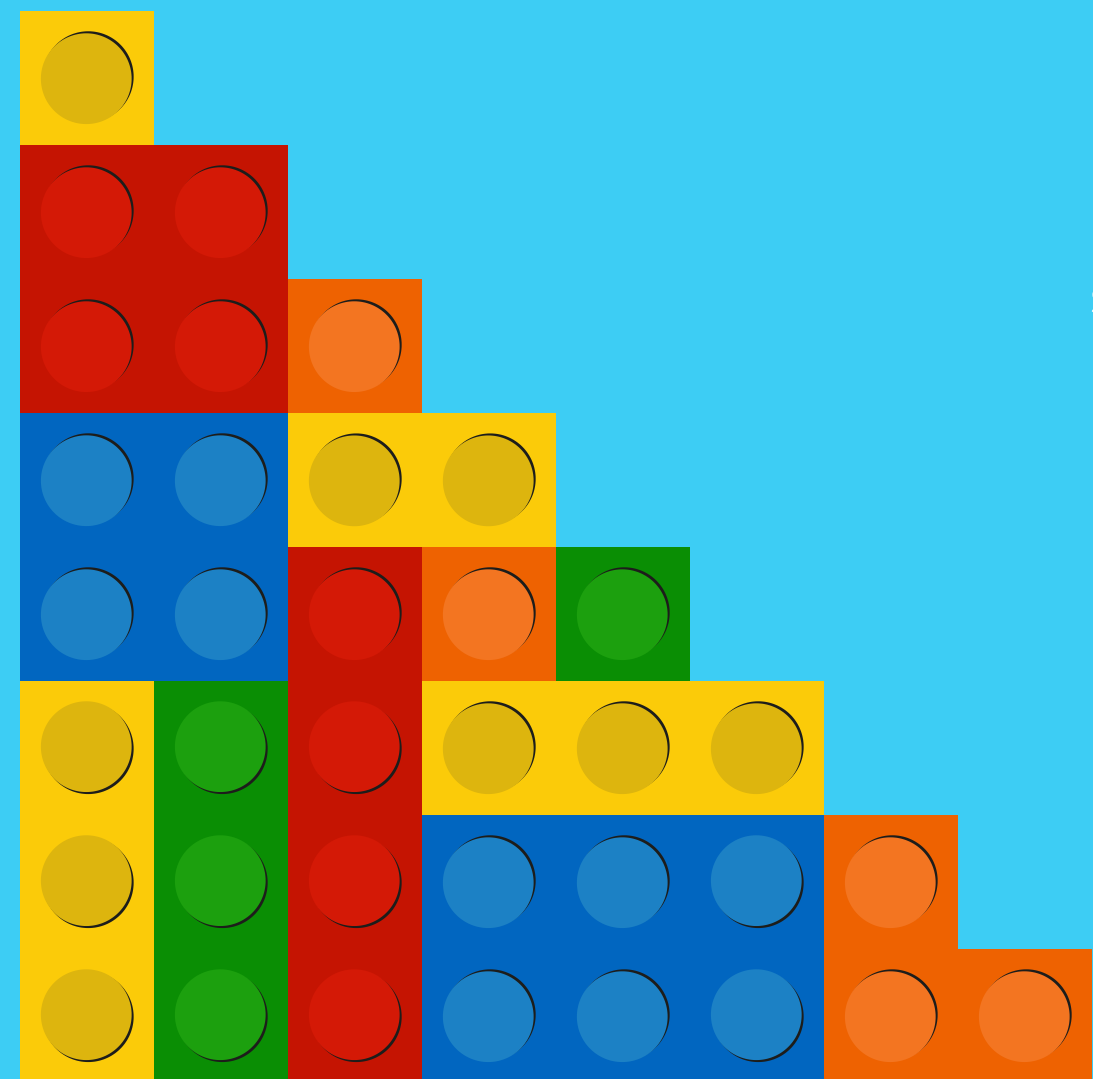
Program Details:

- When: Lunch/recess once a week, starting at the end of January.
- Duration: 10-12 weeks, depending on the specific team (Discover or Explore).

Registration & More Information:

Stay tuned for details on how to sign up and participate! We're excited to watch our young global leaders grow in their love for learning and innovation.

LEGO



NEW BUS LANE/PICK UP

Updates on Parking Lot Safety Protocols

To improve traffic flow and enhance student safety during drop-off and pick-up times, a designated bus zone has been added to the front of our school. Thank you for your patience as we wait for the city to install the updated signage to support this change. We are also reinstating some of our previous safety patrol procedures. You will see student leaders assisting with parking lot safety, and a staff member will be stationed near the main entrance until 8:35 AM to provide supervision for any students arriving after the second bell at 8:27 AM.

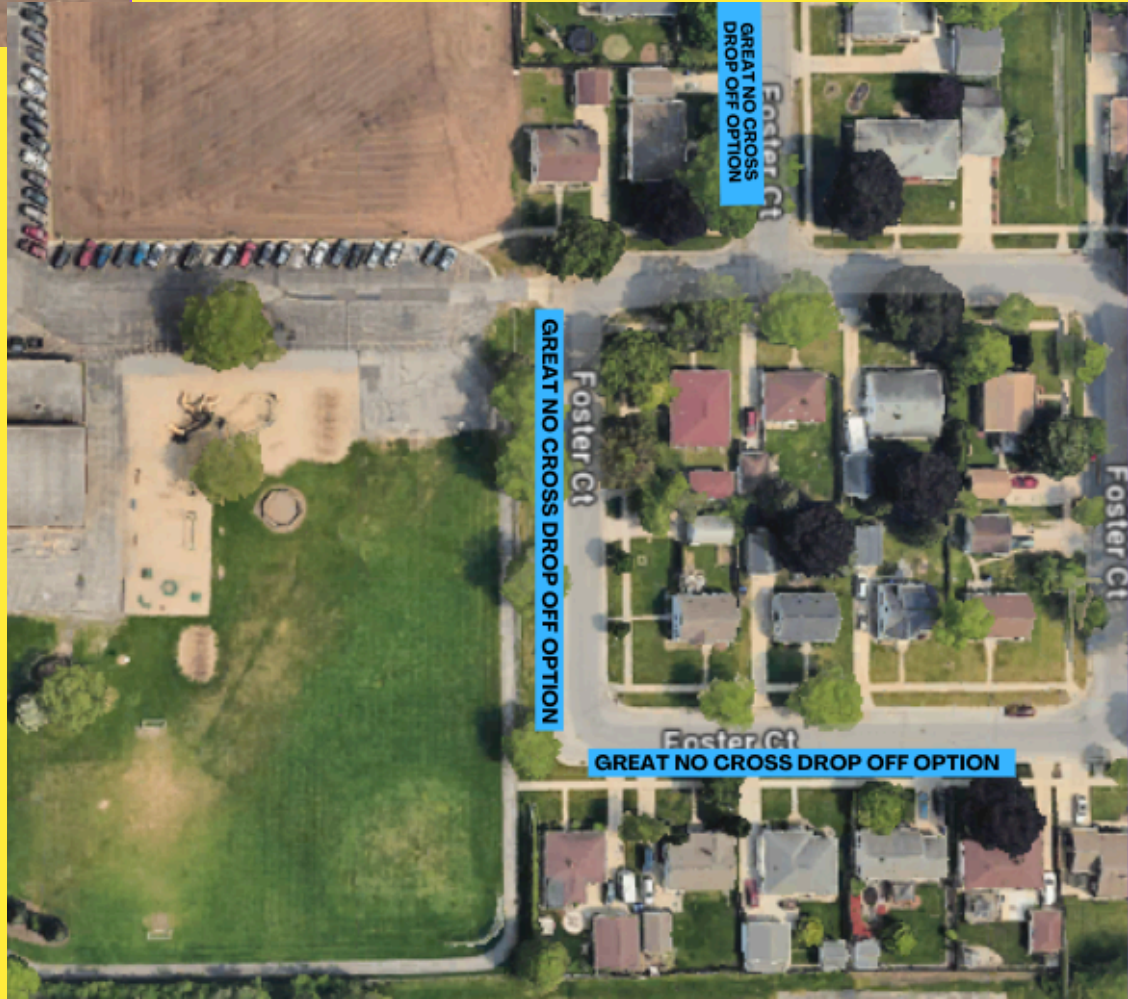


Parking Lot Safety Reminders

To keep everyone safe during drop-off and pick-up, please remember:

- **Bus Zone:** The area between the 4K sidewalk and school driveway is for buses only.
- **Drop-Off/Pick-Up:** Use the blue-marked areas for student drop-off and pick-up.
- **Parking Lot:** Reserved for staff—do not bypass barricades or enter in reverse.
- **Safety Patrol:** Barricades should remain in place; do not ask patrols to move them unless due to an accessibility need.
- **Handicap Parking:** Spaces require a valid handicap badge.
- **Plan Ahead:** Discuss plans with your student each morning.
- **Stay Alert:** Use caution as everyone adjusts to the new procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe!



Please communicate the end-of-the-day plan with your student in the morning, before drop off, reducing end-of-the-day plan changes.

If your student is signed up for Boys & Girls Club in the afternoon, create a schedule or plan to send them daily. If you create a schedule, please communicate this with your student and have it written for their teachers.

BGC will open their doors closer to 3:45pm, reducing the end-of-day congestion. If you need your student from BGC before 3:45pm, please call their cell phone number, posted on the white fencing outside Door A.

If pick-up at 3:20pm is a struggle at times, consider signing up for Boys & Girls Club. Your student(s) will have the opportunity to have a snack and be with their friends for a bit longer until you can make it for pick-up. All non-club members must be picked up before 3:30pm.

Foster Family Network



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Foster Falcons
FFN - PTO

Join us for dinner at Tom's Drive In on KK/Calumet St, December 17th from 4-8 pm. Always mention that you are there for the Foster Fundraiser, whether you dine-in or drive-through. By choosing Tom's, you will help Foster Family Network (FFN) support Foster Elementary Charter School.



It's not FFUN...without U!



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