



2025-26

A Note from the Office

This year is off to a wonderful start! Our Foster Falcons are really jumping into our new leadership curriculum this fall! They've been practicing leadership in big and small ways all around school. Ask your child about what they've been learning – their answers might surprise you!

Mrs. Van Fossen



UPCOMING EVENTS

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	<u>29</u>	30	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	<u>31</u>	

HELPFUL LINK MENU



- 2025-26 CALENDAR.....
- ABSENCE FORM.....
- AASD CAREERS.....
- BGC CALENDAR.....
- BGC CAREERS.....
- DAILY SCHEDULE.....
- ENTRANCES/EXITS.....
- HEALTH DOCUMENTS.....
- IMMUNIZATIONS.....
- LUNCH MENU.....
- MEDICATION FORMS.....
- PARENT PORTAL.....

10/14 Parent / Teacher Conferences 10/16

- JANSEN - kindergarten
- VANDER LOOP: - kindergarten
- MADER: - first grade
- SMITH: - first grade
- DANIELS (Nelson): - second grade
- LABARGE: - second grade
- MANGOLD: - second grade
- SCHULTZ: - third grade
- WALLACE: - third grade
- SCHMITZ: - fourth grade
- FINK: - fifth grade
- TIMM: - fifth grade



School Membership History Museum at the Castle

Your school has a School Membership to the History Museum at the Castle. That means every student gets free admission to the Museum with a paid adult through August 31, 2026! Visit as often as you'd like.

Benefits For Students

- Free child admission - just say your school's name at the admission desk!
- Discounts on Museum events
- 20% discount in the Museum gift shop



HISTORY MUSEUM
330 E. College Ave.
920.735.9370
myhistorymuseum.org



Scan the QR code for information about hours, admission, parking, and more.

Thank you to History Museum at the Castle and Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, for partnering up with Foster Elementary Charter School!



BOOK FAIR

Oct 13-17

7:30-8:20 M-F

click on calendar for pm hours



Click here to support the staff during conferences by treating them to dessert and refreshments!



Oct 15

Parents required to fill out request on last proofs in order to get retakes. This is also for anyone who missed picture day.

Greetings AASD Birth-Five families-

AASD Birth-Five OUTREACH

It may still feel like summer, but the leaves are starting to change, and cooler days are just around the corner. We'll soon be moving our Learning Through Play playgroups indoors again, and we're planning plenty of fun activities for you and your little ones to enjoy!

In this monthly email, we will share our activity calendars, playgroups and events offered throughout October as well as resources for you and your family. Just a reminder, all of our events and playgroups are FREE to all participants. Please note that registration is required for all playgroups and events during the school year and Appleton families continue to have first priority.

As always, if you are looking for resources or have specific questions, please reach out to us via email or you can call us at 920-832-6470 and one of our resource coordinators will be happy to connect with you. Wishing you kind thoughts from our Birth-Five Outreach Team!

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October Play Idea Calendars: Attached you will find two calendars, one for infants/toddlers and one for preschool-aged children, with fun activities and ideas for each day of the month. You'll find songs, crafts, outdoor activities and more. It's a simple way to add in that "special time" each day with your child.

Calendars are linked here: [Infant/Toddler Calendar](#) and [Preschool Calendar](#)

[Play with Purpose \(flyer\)](#),

[Learning Through Play at CELC \(Flyer\)](#),

[Positive Solutions for Families](#)

[Pumpkin Pabooza \(flyer\)](#).

Free or Reduced Carry-Over Status Ends October 15, 2025

AASD families approved automatically or through an application for Free or Reduced Meals for the 2024-25 school year, we want to remind you that carry-over status, which allows families time at the start of the school year to submit a new annual application, will expire on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

All families without a current and completed Free or Reduced application will revert to full pay for meals on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Please submit your completed Free or Reduced application to determine eligibility for meals for the remainder of this school year.

[Learn more here.](#)

Speaking of lunch...if you need to buy regular white or chocolate milk, it is \$0.50 this year.

Family Engagement Survey Results 🎉

Thank you to all of our Foster families who shared feedback on last year's family engagement survey. Your input helps us celebrate our strengths and identify opportunities to keep growing together as a school community.

Foster's Top 3 Strengths

Families shared that they feel strongly about:

- ❤️ Respect: "My family is treated with respect at this school."
- ⭐ Care: "The staff members at this school demonstrate a genuine concern for my child."
- 🏠 Safety: "My child's school maintains an environment that is safe, respectful, and conducive to learning."

These affirmations mean so much, as they reflect the values at the heart of our mission as a Global Leadership school.

Foster's Top 3 Opportunities

While these are our lowest-scoring items, they are still high scores overall—and each one improved from last year! 🎉

- ✅ Feedback: Families report more often receiving feedback on their child's learning (up from 4.00 → 4.35).
- 🌍 Reputation: More families say they would recommend Foster to others (up from 4.35 → 4.56).
- 👤 Principal Connection: Families feel an increased sense of genuine concern from school leadership (up from 4.05 → 4.56).

We are thrilled to see progress in every one of these areas, and we are committed to building on this momentum.

Our Next Steps

Based on your feedback, here's how we plan to continue improving:

1. Increase Family Feedback Loops
 - Teachers will continue using multiple ways (Seesaw updates, phone calls, conferences, newsletters) to provide meaningful updates on student learning progress.
 - We'll highlight examples of student work and celebrate growth more regularly.
2. Strengthen Foster's Reputation Together
 - We'll keep showcasing our unique leadership mission and student successes through social media, newsletters, and community partnerships.
 - Families will have more opportunities to share stories and experiences that highlight what makes Foster special.
3. Enhance Principal & Leadership Connections
 - Mrs. Van Fossen will continue to be visible and accessible through school events, drop-off/pick-up greetings, and parent listening sessions.
 - We'll add more two-way opportunities for families to share ideas and feedback directly with school leadership.

Together, these steps will help us continue to build a safe, welcoming, and thriving school where every child grows as a global leader. 🌍❤️



SOCKTOBER



Kids can make a difference!

Every night in the United States, a large number of people live on the streets. They have no homes and are in need of the most basic items, including clothing. This October, we want to kick-off our annual "SOCKTOBER" service project. As inspired by "Kid President" and other kids from around the nation, we want to prove that small acts of kindness, like donating a new pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors. During the month of October we are going to collect as many pairs of new socks as possible, which we will donate to the Community Clothes Closet in Menasha. Will you help us? Let's show our community that the students of Foster Elementary really do care. We might be kids...but we CAN make a difference!

Who can help? You!

How? Simply bring in a donation of new socks! We are collecting socks for people of all ages.

Where? Place your sock donations in the designated bin sitting in the school lobby across from the office.

When? October 1st – October 31st

Thank you for your support!
Mrs. Schmitz and the awesome 4th graders

From the school nurse: Beginning of Year Reminders

Hello and welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to see your students back and we look forward to working with them. In order to help ensure we have the most up to date information for those students with health conditions, please remember to fill out an updated health condition plan which can be found [here](#). Please return these to your student's school office once completed.

Any medication that will be kept at school must have a new [medication administration form](#) completed each school year. Please note, if your student has a health plan that lists their medication and dosing, you do not need to also complete a medication administration form. All medications must come in their original packaging or pharmacy bottle with the student's name and dosing information.

Per Wisconsin law, students are required to be fully immunized or have a signed [waiver](#) on file. To see the current state requirements please see this [letter](#) from the Department of Health Services. If your child has not yet received the appropriate immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your health care provider or the City of Appleton Health Department/Outagamie County Health Department. Additional information about vaccination requirements can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please reach out to your school nurse.

Lastly, every day your student attends school matters! If a student misses 10 days per year for the lifetime of their school career, that adds up to 140 days... almost a full school year. Research and experience teach us that students with poor attendance are at greater risk for school difficulty. Making up missed schoolwork is very helpful, but missed classroom instruction cannot be made up. If you have concerns about getting your student to school or have questions about when to keep your student home, please reach out to their school to discuss.

Thank you and make it a great year!
AASD Nurses

