



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

January ~ 2024

Dates to Remember

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 2 (Tuesday) - School Resumes
January 3 - *Rescheduled* 3rd Grade Field Trip to Children's Theater **leaving at 8:10am**
January 8 - 2nd Semester Milk Money Due
January 8 - FES PTO Meeting - 6:00 - FES Conference Room 111
January 8 - Pajama Day
January 9 - Tropical
January 10 - Glow Day - *Wear Neon*
January 11 - Twinning - *Wear MN Twins gear or match with a friend*
January 12 - White Out - *Wear White*
January 15 - NO SCHOOL
January 18 & 19 - Preschool (4/5 year old) Grandparents Day
January 16 - Early Childhood Screening
January 29 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop
January 26 - Falcon Friday (Wear Foley Gear)

Milk Break Reminder



Payments for the second half of the FES milk program are due on Monday, January 8th. To ensure that your child receives milk for the second semester, please pay \$30.00 – online, by cash or check. If you paid for the full year at the beginning of the school year, no further action is needed.

Pay Online: <https://foley.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/home/>
Scroll down to Foley Elementary School

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found has been filling up!
Please remind your student(s) to check the lost and found for any missing items.

Morning Drop-Off

Elementary Doors open at 7:50 AM

Parent Pick-Up

3:00 PM Door E1

DO NOT exit your vehicle until the PPU attendant is present

A.M. Student Drop Off Reminders

Families that drop-off students in the morning should plan to use the student drop-off lane with students exiting the vehicle on the passenger side directly to the sidewalk or park in the lot and walk their child(ren) to the front doors. The number of students being dropped off by parents in the morning has increased from years past. With more students being dropped off, comes an increase in traffic. Please slow down in the parking lot and plan for drop-off to take a little longer. We understand this may be inconvenient, but our primary goal is to make sure everyone is safe.

If you park and walk your child in, please be vigilant as you cross the drop-off lane. Please hold your child's hand as you cross traffic exiting the parking lot until you are on the sidewalk.

If you use the drop off lane, please be vigilant as you drive away and exit the parking lot, as some parents walk their children up to the building. Please, do not stop and let your children out of your vehicle until you are in the drop-off lane and pull forward as far as you can in the drop-off lane before allowing your children to exit the vehicle. This allows for more cars in the lane and a faster drop off for all.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Early Childhood Screening

*Required by the state for all children.

The screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is doing at the age of 3 ½ to 4 ½ years old. During the screening, your child's vision and hearing will be checked along with skills in all developmental areas. The screening is free of charge to families through the school district.

Please register at the link below -

<https://sites.google.com/apps.isd51.org/foley-ecfe/early-childhood-screening>

Any questions please email: lsteen@apps.isd51.org

Donations

If you'd like to donate, our social worker is looking for these specific items to give to students in need throughout the year especially during the winter months!

***Waterproof gloves/mittens**

***Snow pants sizes: 5 to 14/16**

***Boots sizes: 11 & 12, 1-5**

***Tennis Shoes sizes: 11 & 12, 1-5**





FES Music Concerts



3rd Grade Concerts:

Thursday, February 1 @ 6 & 7 pm

2nd Gr Concerts:

Thursday, March 21 @ 6 & 7 pm

1st Gr Concert:

Thursday, April 11 @ 6 & 7 pm

KG Concert:

Wed & Th, April 24 & 25 @ 2 pm

All performances are in the FHS Auditorium.

More details to come as the dates get closer.
Ms. Brauen & Ms. Runyon

3rd Grade Concert Details!

The third grade students are working hard and having fun getting ready for their concert on **February 1, 2024**. They are learning a clapping game, a song from Puerto Rico, and practicing accompanying themselves with different instruments.

Naber, Hageman, Henry & Lyrenmann - 6:00pm
Brule, Kramer & Faith - 7:00pm

They are excited to share their music...mark the date on your calendar!

Foley Elementary Yearbooks!

Jostens

Order at jostens.com/2024yearbook
*Find Foley Elementary School

Yearbooks start at \$15
1-877-767-5217

SOAR Classes of the Month



The Golden Maracas winner for music is...
Mrs. Kramer's third grade class!
The Golden Shoe winner for physical education is...



Mrs. Faith's third grade class!



The Golden Spoon winner for the cleanest
lunchroom is... **Mrs. Nelson's** 1st grade class!



The Golden Broom winner for the cleanest
classroom is... **Mrs. Rahm's** 2nd grade class!

FALCON SOAR NEWS

Michelle Lyrenmann is the FES staff member recognized for the month of September. Ms. Lyrenmann is a third grade teacher at Foley Elementary. She is calm, caring and thoughtful when working with students and staff. Ms. Lyrenmann has excellent leadership skills, especially in her role in the teacher's union. She is a team player who sees the big picture and goes above and beyond to help anyone and everyone.



Thanks for all you do, Ms. Lyrenmann!

♥ Falcons SOAR!

2nd Grade Spotlight

In second grade our word of the month is “generosity”. During the month of December our second grade teachers have challenged their students to do something generous outside the classroom. During our morning meetings, teachers shared emails or notes they received from parents highlighting the generous acts! Students have enjoyed hearing what their classmates have done.

Recently, 2nd graders at Foley Elementary School had the opportunity to take a field trip to the Paramount Center for the Arts to see the GREAT Theatre play, “Beauty and the Beast.” This field trip aligned well with our Language Arts and Fine Arts standards. It also allowed students to see a well-known

Disney classic in a different medium, as it brought the familiar storyline to life. The students were kind and respectful as they clapped and cheered to support the actors and actresses. Many smiles were witnessed by teachers throughout this memorable experience.



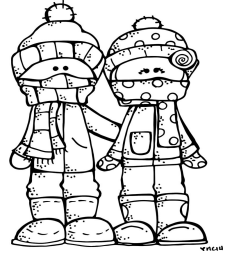
Nutrition News:

With the winter upon us, if the school district is doing a 2 hour late start, breakfast will not be served that day. Students do not arrive until 9:45 or after, so we do not have the time to make this happen.

We are also struggling with a few menu items when we are ordering. We are trying to do the menus as close as we can with a sub. Fresh vegetables are tight right now, or the cost is outrageous, hopefully we will see some relief soon. Again, we will continue to provide the best menu and nutrition that we can for our students. Thank you for understanding.

Winter Gear because Winter is Here!

Students may go outside every day unless the weather is exceptionally cold. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather every day with coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens!!



Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House



Your child can turn their tabs into the large house outside the Elementary Office.



Don't forget to designate Foley Elementary as your preferred school for your Coborn's MORE Rewards account.

[Login](#) to get started today!

Manage My Membership > School Rewards > Enroll > Select Foley Elementary School



Foley Elementary PTO Corner
10 Uses Per Card



Pizza Cards (\$15) - FREE medium single topping pizza with the purchase of any large specialty pizza

Donut Cards (\$10) - 6 FREE cake donuts with the purchase of 6

Stop at the FES Office to pick up a card today.

Foley Elementary PTO Meeting
Monday, January 8th
6:00pm in the FES Conference Room
Childcare Available



PTO Event Dates
Movie Night - February 9
Carnival Night - May 3

ECFE Opportunities:

FAMILY PLAY & LEARN! Ages Birth-5

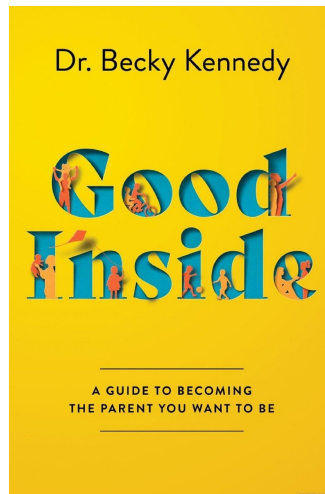
Stop by and have fun in our Early Childhood Classrooms. Participate in activities with your child and meet new parents. A variety of activities will be available for all ages, and you're welcome to bring a snack for your child. . Parents and children will remain together in this session. Attend any or all days, whatever fits your schedule!

Wednesday mornings, starting January 10 • 9:30-11:00 am

FES Room 125 • You can attend whichever weeks work for you! \$5 per session, Please call 968-8569 to register.

Virtual and In-Person Opportunity

for parents of children ages 3 to 10



Dr. Kennedy has been named “The Millennial Parenting Whisperer” by Time Magazine

In this group, we will dive into Dr Becky’s parenting philosophy as well as discuss actionable strategies that can help parents move from uncertainty to confidence. We will troubleshoot specific scenarios including sibling rivalry, separation anxiety, tantrums and more. A guide to becoming the parent you want to be offers hope to parents who feel helpless when it comes to managing conflicts in their homes.

Flexible dates and times will be offered both virtually and in person. Dates and times will be set by the group after registration is complete.

Please email lsteen@apps.isd51.org

Upcoming *January* Community Ed Classes

■ **DIY Monster Truck Craft Kit, PreK-Gr 3**

This monster truck kit allows students to learn how to use a screwdriver and complete a fun toy. Complete woodworking kit includes all wood parts, screws, screwdriver, and sticker set. Class Fee: \$20 • Jan 16 • 3:00-4:15pm • FES Conference Rm 111

■ **No Bake Cookies, PreK-Gr 3**

Packed with oats and creamy sunflower butter, these no bake cookies make a delicious treat and are a healthy lunchbox snack for schools that are nut free. Kids love them as an after school bite or post-game energy recharger, too. Class Fee: \$15 • Wed, Jan 24 • 3:00-4:00pm • FES Room 117

■ **Pop Art Landscape Draw & Paint, Gr 3-6**

Pop Art is short for "Popular Art", and this project simply asks students to take the idea of large colorful patterns like those found sometimes in popular comic books, and apply them to a simple landscape. Class Fee: \$15 • Thu, Jan 25 • 3:00-4:15pm • FIS Cafeteria

■ **Valentine Cookie Decorating, Gr K-8**

Child Nutrition Staff

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE? Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some Valentine's cookie decorating! At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated Valentine cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying. Class Fee: \$25 • Wed • Jan 31 • 3:00-4:30pm • FIS Cafeteria

■ **Valentine's Crafts, Gr K-5**

Come and get creative and take home a variety of Valentine crafts! Class Fee: \$15 • Mon, February 5 • 3:00-4:00pm • FES Room 111

Community Education Registration Form

Name _____ Grade _____ Which Class? _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Class Name: _____

Parent(s) _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to: Community Ed

Charge to my: Visa/MasterCard Card Number _____ Exp date _____

Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

*Please note that pictures may be taken during these classes for use on social media. Please let us know if you are not okay with this. Yes, okay _____ No, not okay _____

Register here: https://foley.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/getcategory/program_id/4

Utilize the "search" bar on the right if you are having trouble finding a class.