

Dear Foothill Explorer Nation

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to have you and your students back with us for another fabulous year at Foothill Elementary. Whether this is your first year with us or your final one, we are grateful to partner with you in the growth and learning of your amazing children.

This is my 3rd year as principal here at Foothill, and it continues to be one of the greatest honors of my life. Our teachers, aides, secretaries, and support staff are incredible, and we are ready to make this a year full of fun, learning, and growth—together.

Below are some important announcements and reminders to help you prepare for the school year:

Exciting Before & After School Activities

We hope to have several enrichment opportunities for students to get involved in:

- **Ballroom Dance (Grades 3–6):**
Intro class, Levels 1 and 2 available. Meets mostly **before school**.
Contact **Tami Heaton**: theaton@alpinedistrict.org

Class Assignments & Student Info Update

- **Class assignments** will be available on **Skyward today, August 8th, only after** you complete the **Annual Student Information Update in [Skyward](#)**.
- Students will not have access to **Clever or Gmail** until this update is done.
- Please double-check your **email addresses and phone numbers** to ensure we can reach you!

Grade Level & Teacher Supply Lists

- The much anticipated supply lists are here! Click the link below for all grade level and class supply lists from our world class teachers! If you have any questions regarding supplies, please contact your teacher.
- Some teachers will have specific supplies they would like their students to **donate** to the class. Your child's teacher will provide those lists either through email, mailer, **Back to School**, or other classroom communication methods.
- [Grade Level Supply Lists](#)



Back to School Night

- **Grades 1–6:** August 11th, 2:00–4:00 PM
Meet your teacher, tour the school, and sign up for PTA!
 - **Kindergarten:** August 18th, 2:00–4:00 PM
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Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders

- All car drop-offs occur **in the big parking lot in front of the school by the main entrance.**
 - Use **two lanes**:
 - **Drop-off Lane (Lane 1):** Curbside only, quick exit.
 - **Exit Lane (Lane 2):** Keep moving, **do not block**
 - Please do not use the bus lane next to the front, south east entrance..
 - **Do not leave vehicles unattended** in either lane.
 - Students should arrive between **9:00–9:10 AM** and be on their grade level color ready to enter the building with their teacher.
 - Students **should not** be dropped off before 8:45 AM. The doors are locked and students will not be allowed inside.
 - Parents **should not** walk students into the school. If late, students enter through the main entrance and are helped to class.
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Walking & Biking to School

- Walking, biking, scooters, and more are **encouraged!**
 - Racks are available at all entrances—bring a lock.
 - Once on school grounds, students **must walk** their bikes/scooters for safety.
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Breakfast & Lunch Info

- **Breakfast** served daily from **8:45–9:10 AM.**
- Students must **finish by 9:10 AM** to head to class.
- **Free/Reduced Lunch:** Families must reapply **each year.**
Qualifying students receive both breakfast and lunch at no cost.
- Parents may eat with students (breakfast or lunch) but must:
 1. **Check in at the front office**

2. **Get a visitor pass**
 3. **Stay only in the cafeteria** (not on the playground or elsewhere)
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New Device Policy: No Smart Watches or Cell Phones

In accordance with new **state and district policy**, students may **not use smart watches or phones during school**.

If you need to contact your child, please call the school, and they can also use a school phone if needed.

We welcome your feedback during our upcoming **Community Council Meetings**.



Parent Volunteers – We Need You!

If you want to help in the classroom or around the school, we'd love to have you!

Ideas to volunteer:

- Reading with students
- Preparing classroom materials
- Helping with art or science projects
- Supporting class parties or field trips
- Assisting in the library or lunchroom

To volunteer regularly, you must complete a **fingerprint background check**. Contact your child's teacher to get involved!



Stay Connected – Bookmark Our Website!

Visit our **newly updated website** regularly for school news, calendars, volunteer opportunities, donations, and more:



<https://foothill.alpineschools.org/>



Are You a STAR Explorer?

At Foothill Elementary, we follow **The STAR Explorer Framework**—a commitment to nurturing every student academically, socially, and emotionally.

Learn more here:

 [The STAR Explorer Framework](#)

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We truly believe that **every child matters**, and it is our mission to help each one succeed. Please reach out to me or your child's teacher anytime—we're here to support you and work together.

Let's make this a fantastic school year!

With gratitude,

Principal Kyle Hoopes

Foothill Elementary School



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