



WEDNESDAY, AUG 16 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome to the New School Year 2023-24

Our staff and PTA have been busy planning for a successful launch of the 2023-24 academic year.

Thank you to all those that participated in our many start of the year events. The Kinder BBQ and playdate, our first *Cafecito con los directores*, and our Kinder Back-to School Night were all a success thanks to your valued participation. We especially want to recognize all those that volunteered to take part in our PTA-FGIS committees. Most notably, we have now formed our official FGIS Community School Steering Committee! This important committee will focus on responding to the unique needs of our FGIS community through the Community School Planning Partnership Program Grant. Please look forward a survey in the coming weeks which will help us determine how to best use the grant funds provided to our fabulous school. Your feedback will help ensure that all the needs of our community are in our focus and being responded to. While only a handful of volunteers were selected for the committee, we are grateful for all those that expressed interest.

Rodeos, Toolbox and classroom Bill of Rights

A number of noteworthy things are going on around campus this week for all FGIS students. Students are currently participating in our FGIS Rodeo. Classrooms switch from station to station around campus to have a discussion regarding norms and behavior expectations. All students are receiving an overview of our [Toolbox](#). Toolbox is a set of tools and practices that support students in their social and emotional growth. Lastly, all of our classrooms are preparing their classroom Bill of Rights. Unlike a set of rules, a class Bill of Rights is a student generated set of agreements regarding behavior expectations and class norms. Each classroom Bill of Rights is unique. You are encouraged to ask your child about their classroom Bill of Rights and how they feel about their shared classroom norms.

Back to School Nights

Thank you to our wonderful Kindergarten teachers for a fantastic back to school night this past Monday, August 14.

Grades 1-5, please look forward to joining us from **6-7 next Tuesday, August 22** for Back-to School night. Remember to review this year's [FGIS Rules and Expectations Matrix](#) with your child/children. Please sign the document and have it ready to return to your child's teacher on Back-to-School night.

Copies of the matrix should have been distributed to all students. We have more copies in the office if they are needed. Please also feel free to print.

TK families, while we were unfortunately unable to include TK families in our Kinder Back-to-School Night on the 14th, I am happy to announce that Maestro Roberto will be hosting a TK Back-to-School night on **Wednesday August 30, from 4-5 pm**. We look forward to having you join us. More information will be forthcoming.

The First FGIS TK classroom!

We send a warm welcome to our first class of Fiesta Garden's TK students! Thank you to Maestro Roberto for taking on the role of long-term substitute for the class. We are fortunate to have an established FGIS educator with strong planning and teaching skills to lead our first TK classroom! Still, we are searching for a permanent classroom teacher for this year's TK classroom and hope to have an update soon.

Upcoming SMFCSD job fair

This Saturday, August 19, from 10-2 pm, San Mateo-Foster City School District will be hosting a Job Fair. Please spread the word. Director Robles will attend and is especially hopeful about finding strong TK classroom teacher candidates. Please review [this flyer for more information](#).



The flyer is for a job fair held at the District Office on August 19th. It features a circular image of a young boy watering a plant. The text includes the district name, a list of departments, a QR code, and a phone number for a job hotline. The flyer is designed with a blue and green color scheme.

WORK WITH WONDERFUL STUDENTS!

JOB FAIR THIS SATURDAY!

District Office
1170 Chess Drive Foster City

- Annex
- Child Nutrition
- Preschool
- Maintenance & Operations
- General & Special Education
- Elementary & Middle School

¡Hablamos español!

Job Hotline
650-312-7701

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Important Reminders

- Questions have arisen regarding the 2 packets of forms which have been sent home for signatures. Please complete and return the forms if you have not responded digitally on Aeries.
- Labels- We highly recommend labeling your child's possessions (sweaters, water bottles, lunch boxes, back packs, etc...) so that they do not become lost or misplaced. Many students may have replicas of the same item and labels may help avoid confusion.