



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear FGIS Families,

Please remind your students that they should take their Chromebooks home for the Fall Break so they can continue practicing on their learning apps. We also wanted to remind you that there will be **NO SCHOOL** from 10/2 - 10/9. School will resume on Tuesday, 10/10. Enjoy your Fall Break!

As a reminder, TK/K families when we return from fall break on Tuesday, 10/11 all TK/K students will be on full day schedule and dismissal will be at 2:35 pm with the exceptions of Wednesday which is minimum day and dismissal is at 12:35 pm.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

GRADE	START	RECESS <small>*Breakfast will be provided during recess.</small>	LUNCH	DISMISSAL
TK & Kindergarten	8:25am	10:30 - 10:50am	12:10-1:00pm	2:35pm

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Wednesdays)

TK & Kindergarten are on a minimum day schedule from August 15th, 2023 through September 29th, 2023 (Kinders start full days on October 10th, 2023 Dismiss is at 2:35 for both TK & kinders.

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TK & Kindergarten	8:25am	10:30 - 10:50am	12:35pm

Additionally, on Friday, 10/13 we will have our fall picture makeup.

Message from Director Robles: We are happy to share with you that, beginning after fall break, parents and families are invited to join us on Fridays for our morning meetings. These meetings are held every day on the playground with students from first to fifth grade.

Fridays in particular are special because we sing our school song with drums and other fun instruments.

If you would like to join us for one of these meetings, please take the following into account:

- Around 8:17 a song starts playing over the speakers around the playground.
 - Upon hearing the song, our supervisors blow their whistles 1 time to indicate that it is time for all children to stop and take a knee or sit.
- After all the students have "frozen", we blow the whistles twice to indicate that it is time to put balls away.
- We blow our whistles 3 times to indicate that it is time for students to line up.

After most of our students are in line, we begin our meeting.

A short message is shared, we sing our school song and then the students are dismissed to their classes.

Our routine moving forward will be to dismiss parents first and then students. We ask that, upon dismissal from the playground, parents and families exit through the main entrance as the exit to Bermuda Street will not be available at this time. We ask that there are no crowds in the walkways so that our students do not encounter difficulties or obstacles getting to their classes.

If you would like to stay on campus after our morning meeting, please make arrangements with the teacher or staff you will be working with or visiting beforehand and sign-in at the front office as a volunteer/visitor.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, October 13th, for our first morning meeting with parents this year!

Sincerely, Director Robles

Message from Margarita and Isabel: This year MAP- Mothers Against Poverty has generously provided us with 45 Halloween Costume donations! Due to the high need it will be on a first come first serve basis. If you are in need of a Halloween costume for your child please make sure to register with Margarita and/or Isabel via email, phone call, or in person, contact details below. To register you will need to provide us with your child's age, size, and costume of choice (please keep in mind the costume of choice is not guaranteed). *Please make sure to register by Friday, 10/13.*

- **Margarita Astudillo Velasco:** mastudillovelasco@smfc.k12.ca.us | (650) 312-7517
- **Isabel Jimenez:** ijimenez@smfc.k12.ca.us | (650) 638-2927



School Safety and Parking lot: Please remember that we strive to provide a safe environment here at FGIS. We ask our families to follow our drop off and pick up guidelines to keep our students safe in the parking area. Remember to pull all the way forward on the white zone to drop off or pick up your child. Do not double park or get off your car. If you'd like to walk your child to class, park in a space that is available and not a designated parking space. Lastly, if you do not have a handicap permit, do not park in our Handicap parking as it takes that spot away from someone that really needs it. Please do NOT block driveways on Trinity St. Thank you for your cooperation.

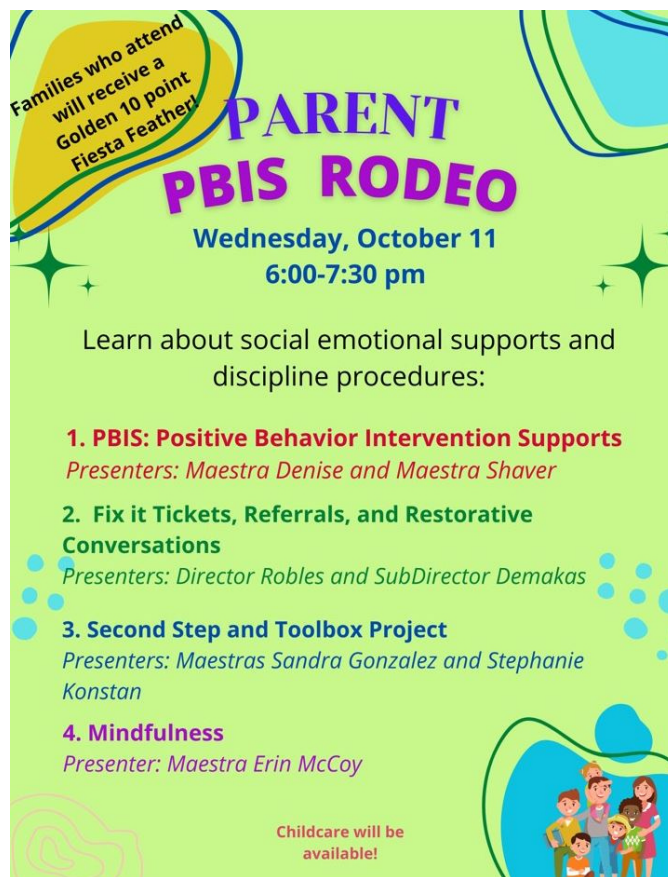
Uniform Donations Needed: If you have any uniform items that your child has outgrown please consider donating them to our school by dropping them off with Margarita Astudillo Velasco in Room 20. We have many families who could benefit from this.

Absences: If you have any student out sick, not feeling well, your student will be late, or will be having a doctor's or dentist appointment please make sure you call our attendance line at 650-312-7517.

Also, a friendly reminder that Fiesta Gardens has a common/uniform dress code [click here](#) to read more about it. All students should follow the dress code expectations as explained in this document.

Parent PBIS Rodeo: Please join our PBIS Parent Rodeo to learn more about social emotional supports and

discipline procedures. Childcare will be available!



Families who attend will receive a Golden 10 point Fiesta Feather!

PARENT PBIS RODEO

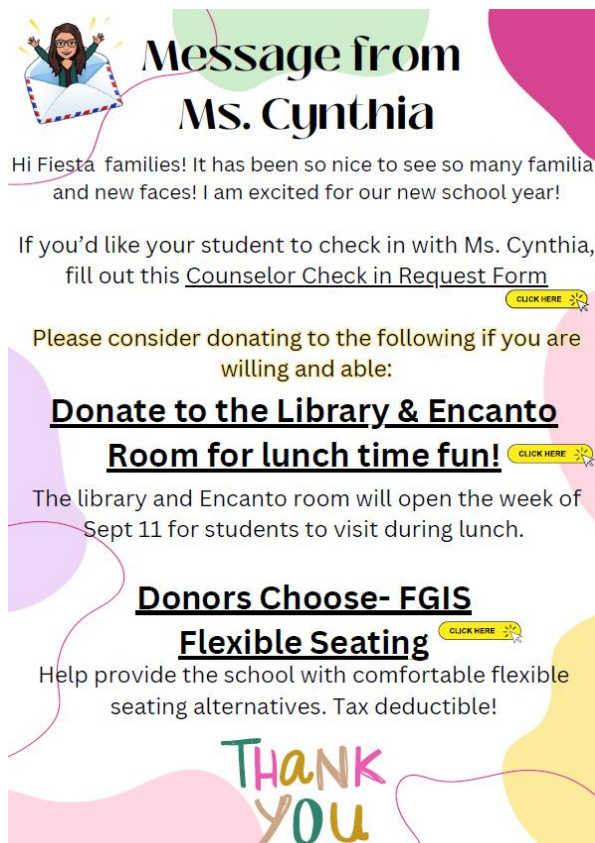
Wednesday, October 11
6:00-7:30 pm

Learn about social emotional supports and discipline procedures:

- 1. PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention Supports**
Presenters: Maestra Denise and Maestra Shaver
- 2. Fix it Tickets, Referrals, and Restorative Conversations**
Presenters: Director Robles and SubDirector Demakas
- 3. Second Step and Toolbox Project**
Presenters: Maestras Sandra Gonzalez and Stephanie Konstan
- 4. Mindfulness**
Presenter: Maestra Erin McCoy

Childcare will be available!

A Message from Ms. Cynthia our Art Therapist: Please help with donations to our Encanto Room. Click [here](#) to see what donations she needs and if you wish to have your child have a meeting with her.



Message from Ms. Cynthia

Hi Fiesta families! It has been so nice to see so many familiar and new faces! I am excited for our new school year!

If you'd like your student to check in with Ms. Cynthia, fill out this [Counselor Check in Request Form](#)

Please consider donating to the following if you are willing and able:

- Donate to the Library & Encanto Room for lunch time fun!** [CLICK HERE](#)
- Donors Choose- FGIS Flexible Seating** [CLICK HERE](#)

The library and Encanto room will open the week of Sept 11 for students to visit during lunch.

Help provide the school with comfortable flexible seating alternatives. Tax deductible!

THANK YOU

Upcoming Events:

10/2-10/6 Vacaciones de Otoño | Fall Break

10/9 Día Profesional para Maestros - No Hay Clases | Teacher Professional Day – No School

10/10 Regreso a Clases, Kinder comienza día completo | School resumes, Kinder starts full day

10/10 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Mtg - 6:00 pm

10/11 Rodeo para Padres de PBIS | Parent PBIS Rodeo - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

10/13 Noche de Película | Movie Night

10/13 Retoma de fotos del Otoño | Fall Picture Retake

10/20 Jog-a-thon 8:30 am- 3:00 pm

10/21 Super Sabado - 9:45 am - 11:45 am

10/24 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm & Charla y Café | Coffee Chat - 8:30 am

10/26 Junta de ELAC para Padres Unidos | ELAC Meeting - 6:00 pm

10/31 Desfile de Disfraz | Costume Parade - 1:45 pm