



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear FGIS Families,

We wanted to remind you that Parent conferences will begin on Friday, September 22 until Friday, September 29th. During that time, we will be having **minimum days** so please plan accordingly and arrange to have your student picked up on time. In addition, **Monday, September 25th there will be NO SCHOOL.**

Updates from Director Robles: Director Robles has met with Superintendent Ochoa regarding next steps for our school. He is looking forward to joining us soon to be able to meet with and respond to parent questions. Information regarding when will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Community School Survey: By now you should have received our Community School Survey that has gone out in your students Wednesday folder. If you haven't filled it out please make sure to either scan the QR code to complete it or return the paper copy to the teacher or office. As we become a community school we want to make sure we hear from all of you, your voice matters! QR code below or click [here](#) to be directed to the survey.



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. 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.

Community School Engagement Meeting: Next week, join us for our Community School Engagement Meeting. As we transition into a community school it is very important to hear your thoughts to help build a stronger community.



The poster features the school logo with the motto 'LIVE • LEAD • LEARN', a 'WELCOME TO ALL' sign, and a green box with the text: 'Join us for Community School Engagement! Your Participation is Your Voice'. Below this, the school name and address are listed: 'Fiesta Gardens Int'l School, 1001 Bermuda Drive'. The dates for the meetings are: 'SEPTEMBER 20, 2023', 'NOVEMBER 1, 2023', 'JANUARY 10, 2024', and 'FEBRUARY 28, 2024'. A list of three goals follows: '1. Learn what is currently offered', '2. Give input on how to spend grant money to build a community school', and '3. Build community to be stronger'. At the bottom, service icons include 'BABYSITTING AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES', 'DINNER SERVED FOR ALL', 'TRANSLATION SERVICES PROVIDED', and 'MEETINGS HELD 6:30-7:30PM'. The background shows a stylized school building with four pillars.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Spirit Week: Next week, Fiesta Gardens will have a spirit week from September 18-22nd to bring awareness to childhood cancer. Please wear gold or yellow next week at Fiesta Gardens!

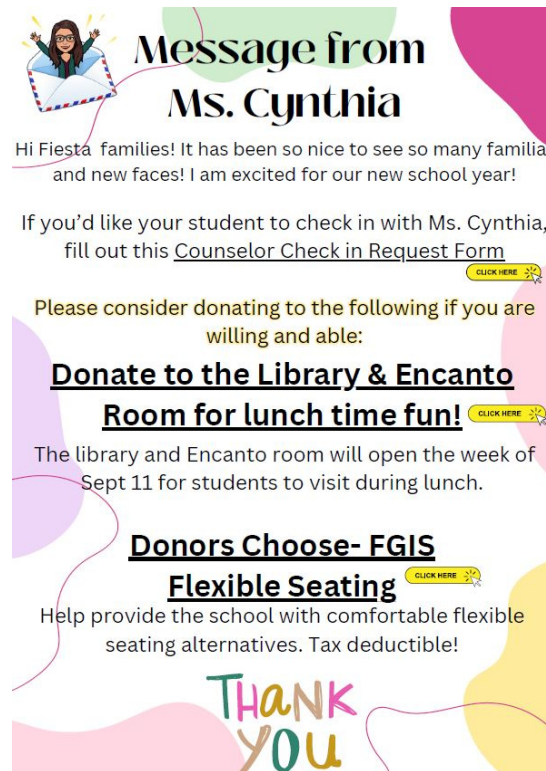


The poster has a yellow background with a white ribbon and a star. The text reads: 'CHILDHOOD CANCER Awareness Week'. Below this, it states: 'Fiesta Gardens stands in solidarity with children and families affected by childhood cancer. Join us by wearing yellow and/or gold September 18-22'. At the bottom, it lists resources: 'If you would like to learn more, visit: [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Kids@Art: Healing Pediatric Cancer through the Arts](#), [American Childhood Cancer Organization](#), [Okizo Camp: Supporting Families](#)'. The bottom image shows hands holding a white stuffed rabbit and a yellow ribbon.

Camp Okizu: For more than 40 years, Okizu has been committed to the continuing support of the Oncology, Siblings, Family, Bereavement, and Teens-N-Twenties programs.. The specific purpose of Okizu is to operate peer support programs for children and families affected by childhood cancer based on the community-forming nature of a residential camp experience.

In 2020, Camp Okizu was devastated by a wildfire. As such, it still serves to help families through the challenges of living with cancer. As such, if you feel inclined to donate to this wonderful organization, please do so by clicking [here](#).

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](#) CLICK HERE

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

Donate to the Library & Encanto Room for lunch time fun! CLICK HERE

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

Donors Choose- FGIS Flexible Seating CLICK HERE

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

THANK YOU

Donors Choose Flexible Seating Options: On September 20, Donors Choose is DOUBLING donations to all projects from Latino/a teachers and projects from schools where the majority of students are Latino/a. Please consider joining in the festivities [here](#) for Fiesta Gardens.

Girl Scouts: To register click [here](#).

Rosh Hashanah: Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset Friday, September 15 and ends at nightfall on Sunday, September 17. Rosh Hashanah, literally the "head of the year" is the Jewish New Year. It is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement.

Yom Kippur is the holiest, most important day of the year in Judaism, known as the "Day of Atonement." Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 24th and ends the following evening on September 25th.

We would like to wish our Jewish families, students, staff, and community members a year filled with prosperity, happiness, and good health both mentally and physically! Shana tova u'metukah!

Upcoming Events:

09/15 Fiesta Hispana – 5:30-7:30 pm

09/18-09/22 Semana de concientización sobre el cancer infantil | Childhood Cancer Awareness Spirit Week

09/20 Junta de la Escuela Comunitaria | Community School Engagement Meeting - 5:30pm

09/22 SMFC ED Foundation Gala

09/22-09/29 Parent Teacher Conferences & Minimum Days | Conferencias de padres y maestros(as) & Días Cortos

09/25 No School | No hay clases

09/26 General PTA Meeting | Junta General de PTA – 6:00pm MPR

09/27 Jog-a-thon assembly | asamblea - 12:00-12:25 K-2nd & 12:30-12:49 3rd-5th TBD

09/27 International Walk to School Day | Día Internacional de Caminar a la Escuela