



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear FGIS Families,

Welcome back from Fall Break!

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 Monday, 10/16.*

- **Margarita Astudillo Velasco:** mastudillovelasco@smfc.k12.ca.us | (650) 312-7517
- **Isabel Jimenez:** jjimenez@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 and/or Isabel 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.

Super Saturday: Please join us for our first Super Saturday of the school year! We will have informative sessions with special guests as well as a bike giveaway to the students who registered at our "Feria de Fiesta" event. If there are any remaining bikes you will be able to register at our Super Saturday event and those will be distributed at our next event. Remaining bikes registration will be on a first come first serve basis. More details will be provided!

Super Saturday



OCTOBER 21, 2023 9:45AM-11:45AM

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED!

JOE **ISTRATION WORKSHOP**
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

ERIN **MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

VERONICA **TK-5 CLASSLINK WORKSHOP**
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

STUDENTS WHO REGISTERED FOR A BIKE GIVEAWAY AT OUR "FERIA DE FIESTA" WILL RECIEVE THEIR BIKE. PARENTS WHO ATTEND OUR SUPER SATURDAY WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER THEIR STUDENT FOR A BIKEGIVE AWAY AT OUR NEXT EVENT. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED!

For more information contact our Community Services Specialists, Margarita Astudillo Velasco & Isabel Jimenez, 650-312-7737

Coffee Chat with Director Robles College Park:

COFFEE CHAT

Join us for a coffee and a chat with Director Robles



Tuesday, October 21
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

College Park
715 Indian Ave
San Mateo

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES SPECIALISTS, MARGARITA ASTUDILLO VELASCO & ISABEL JIMENEZ, 650-312-7737

ELAC at Fiesta Gardens:



ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

October 26, 2023

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Fiesta Gardens Multipurpose Room

Dinner will be provided, raffles, gifts, and much more!

Agenda

- ELAC Purpose
- ELAC Responsibilities
- ELAC composition & election
- ELAC Officers and Duties
- EL needs assessment

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Colorful Connections Event Details: We are excited to announce *Colorful Connections* an LGBTQ+ family event gathering that aims to celebrate and foster inclusivity, diversity, and support for all families. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and show our commitment to creating an inclusive environment.



Upcoming Events:

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

10/13 Noche de Película | Movie Night - 6:00 pm

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

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

10/23-11/3 Altar del Día de Muertos en la Biblioteca | Day of the Dead Altar in the Library

10/24-10/27 5th Grade Outdoor Ed

10/24 Charla y Café en College Park | Coffee Chat at College Park - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

10/24 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 7:00 pm

10/26 Junta de ELAC para Padres Unidos | ELAC Meeting - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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