



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

# Falcon Community Connection

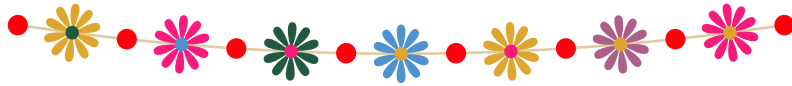
STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Dear FGIS Families,

We want to give **Alma Morales** our super parent volunteer a huge THANK YOU for taking the lead and collaborating alongside other wonderful parents to help her create a day of the dead altar in representation of our school at the King Center Day of the Dead Event on Saturday, 10/14. Each one of them brought dedication, passion, and hard work in representing our school and they **WON FIRST PLACE!!**





**Day of the Dead Altar in the Library:** Our day of the dead altar will be on display from Monday, 10/30 through Friday, 11/3. If you would like your student to bring a picture to place in our altar please let them know to turn it in to Ms. Veronica in the Library by Wednesday, 11/1. Please don't forget to put your students name on the back of the picture so we know who it belongs to.



**Message from Director Robles and Sub Director Mak on 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 out of your car while in the drop off or pick up zone and please be patient.
- It is very important that we do not park in the red zones as it can block traffic and become a safety concern.
- Our crossing guards are there to ensure that everyone crosses safely. Please show respect for the STOP and GO sign.

- In the event that you would like to walk your child to class, please park in an unassigned parking spot that is available.
- State law mandates that handicap parking spaces be made available to those with a Handicap Permit ONLY. Occupying those spaces takes that spot away from someone that really needs it.
- Please be mindful of our neighbors and show respect for our community by not blocking driveways on Trinity St.

Thank you for your cooperation!



**Costume Parade Information and Guidelines:** On Tuesday, 10/31 at 1:45 pm we will be having our costume parade in the playground area. A friendly reminder on costume guidelines:

- Masks are allowed only for the parade
- Costume accessories like weapons, blood, and face painting are not allowed
- Costumes have to be school appropriate and not scary
- Inflatable costumes are allowed only for the parade
- If a student doesn't want to wear a costume they can wear their pajamas for the day

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by our office or give us a call!



**Message from Director Robles and Colorful Connections Event:**

Dear FGIS community, at our school all students and families are welcome! 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. All San Mateo Foster City School District families are invited to this community building event.

In addition to *Colorful Connections*, we look forward to hosting an online virtual forum for families on gender diversity in January. More information to come.

**Colorful Connections**  
An Inclusive Space for ALL

Join us for an inclusive celebration, fostering unity, love, and diversity in our school district community. Open to LGBTQ+ families, allies, and LGBTQ+ identifying students and staff. Be a part of this heartwarming event!

**Date:** October 28, 2023 | **Time:** 10am-11:30am | **Location:** Sunnybrae Elementary  
1031 S. Delaware St., San Mateo, CA 94402

*Please contact Israel Cruz, LGBTQ+ Counselor on Special Assignment, with any questions at [icruz@smfcsd.net](mailto:icruz@smfcsd.net) or 650.663.8771 (texts accepted)!*



Please RSVP using the QR Code or Link by October 25, 2023

[bit.ly/3FhKTMh](https://bit.ly/3FhKTMh)

**Message from Margarita and Isabel on Emergency Bags:** Please don't forget to send your student with their **Emergency Bag** to receive a **Gold Fiesta Feather** by Thursday, November 9th.

## Emergency Bags School Year 2023-2024

Draw your family to complete the Emergency bag that each student should have in their classroom. We invite you to be creative!

Deliver your Emergency bag and receive a **Gold Fiesta Feather** on **Thursday, November 9**

The drawings will be kept in the emergency kit in case an emergency occurs. Please also send the following items to the school to complete the Emergency Bag

### Inside a Ziploc Bag deposit:

1. Water Bottles (2)



2. Snacks (2) granola bags (No peanuts, no allergy-causing foods)



Family Photo (make a family drawing and/or print a photo)



If you need help or have any questions please contact our Community Services Specialist:

Margarita Astudillo Velasco

[mastudillovelasco@smfc.k12.ca.us](mailto:mastudillovelasco@smfc.k12.ca.us) and

Isabel Jimenez [jjimenez@smfc.k12.ca.us](mailto:jjimenez@smfc.k12.ca.us)

650-312-7517



**Community School Engagement Meeting at Fiesta Gardens:** Join us for our second Community School Engagement Meeting! We will have dinner, daycare, and translation services Wednesday, 11/1.



FIESTA GARDENS INT'L SCHOOL



**Join us for  
Community School  
Engagement!  
Your Participation is Your Voice**

Fiesta Gardens Int'l School  
1001 Bermuda Drive

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023  
JANUARY 10, 2024  
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

1. Learn what is currently offered
2. Give input on how to spend grant money to build a community school
3. Build community to be stronger


**BABYSITTING AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES**

**DINNER SERVED FOR ALL**

**TRANSLATION SERVICES PROVIDED**

**MEETINGS HELD 5:30-7:30PM**



**TK and Kinder Bilingual Tours:** Our Bilingual TK and Kinder Tours will be starting back up in November. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in registering. The dates are as follows 11/1, 11/15, and 11/29 all at 9:00 am and at 6:00 pm.



**FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
A California Distinguished School

# BILINGUAL TK/KINDER TOURS

 **Fiesta Gardens International School**  
1001 Bermuda Dr, San Mateo

**TOUR DATE AND TIMES** 

- Wednesday, November 1 - 9:00 am | 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 15 - 9:00 am | 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 29 - 9:00 am | 6:00 pm

**REGISTER HERE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**



To learn more visit our website [www.fiestagardens.smfcsd.net](http://www.fiestagardens.smfcsd.net) or contact our Community Service Specialists Margarita Astudillo Velasco and Isabel Jimenez at 650-312-7737

Date	Time	Registrados // Registered	
11/01/2023 Wednesday	9:00am-10:00am	Recorridos // Tours 1 of 50 slots filled	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Recorridos // Tours 1 of 50 slots filled	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>
11/15/2023 Wednesday	9:00am-10:00am	Recorridos // Tours 50 slots available	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Recorridos // Tours 50 slots available	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>
11/29/2023 Wednesday	9:00am-10:00am	Recorridos // Tours 50 slots available	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Recorridos // Tours 50 slots available	<a href="#">Sign Up</a>

**Coffee Chat:** Join us for a coffee and chat with Director Robles.

# COFFEE CHAT

**Join us for a coffee and  
a chat with Director  
Robles**



**Friday  
November 3  
8:30 am - 9:00 am**

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

**Fiesta de Bicicletas:** We hope you can join us for a fun and free event located in our school playground. If you registered your student for a bike at our Super Sabado you will be contacted only if your bike is ready. You will also have the opportunity to register your student on a first come first serve basis at our Fiesta de Bicicletas event and you will receive your students bike at our next event or when the bike is ready. In addition, we will also be accepting bike donations at our Fiesta de Bicicletas but only those that meet our criteria please see guidelines below.



NOV 4,  
2023

10AM TO 12PM

FREE  
@FGIS LARGE  
PLAYGROUND



# FIESTA DE BICICLETAS!



A FUN, INTERACTIVE AND  
EDUCATIONAL EVENT TO TEACH YOUTH  
HOW TO BE SAFER PEDESTRIANS,  
BICYCLISTS AND SCOOTER RIDERS.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN  
BIKE OR SCOOTER AND HELMET. THERE  
WILL BE MUSIC, GIVEAWAYS AND TIME  
TO RIDE WITH FRIENDS.



CONTACT  
HEATHER WOLNICK

HWOLNICK@GMAIL.COM

## Fiesta de Bicicletas - Bike Donation Guidelines:

We will accept kids bikes of all types and sizes, but especially 24" and bigger. Flat tires and broken or missing parts are okay; however, we can't restore paint and we can't reverse corrosion.

Before donating your bike, ask yourself:

- Could an experienced mechanic make this bike functional and safe in one hour or less?
- Is the bike substantially free of rust and corrosion?
- Is the bike clean enough that you could offer it as a gift without embarrassment?

If the answers are all "yes" then we'll gladly receive the bike. If you're unsure, snap a few pictures and send them to [hwolnick@gmail.com](mailto:hwolnick@gmail.com).

If the bike needs parts, it will cost us money and we're doing this all as volunteers. If you're able, \$10 along with the bike will really help us cover the costs of parts and the helmets and locks we give out with the bikes! You can give the money on our [go fund me page](#).

If you would like to learn more please check out the [Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange Website!](#)

**Message from the District:** Attention staff, parents, community members, and agencies who serve at one of the five Community Schools in the Making: We are looking for members to join our District Community School Steering Committee! Please consider joining the district-level input process by submitting your name on this

form (more information about the purpose and meeting expectations on the form): [Click Here to Submit Your Name to be considered for the District Steering Committee](#)

**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.

**Upcoming Events:**

10/30-11/3 Altar del Día de Muertos en la Biblioteca | Day of the Dead Altar in the Library

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

11/1 Junta de la Escuela Comunitaria | Community School Engagement Meeting - 5:30 pm

11/1 Recorridos Bilingües de TK/Kinder | TK/Kinder Bilingual Tours - 9:00 am / 6:00 pm

11/3 Cafecito | Coffee Chat - 8:30 am

11/4 Fiesta de Bicicletas | Bike Fiesta - 10:00 am

11/8 Chocolate con Libros | Hot Chocolate and Book Swap - 7:00 pm

11/9 Emergency Bags

11/10 No Escuela Día de los Veteranos | No School Veteran's Day

11/14 Día de caminar a la escuela de Ruby Bridges | Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

11/14 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm

11/15 Recorridos Bilingües de TK/Kinder | TK/Kinder Bilingual Tours - 9:00 am / 6:00 pm

11/20-11/24 Vacaciones de acción de gracias | Thanksgiving Break

11/28 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm

11/29 Recorridos Bilingües de TK/Kinder | TK/Kinder Bilingual Tours - 9:00 am / 6:00 pm