



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Reminder that Friday, 12/15 will be minimum day! For TK-Kinder dismissal is at 12:35 pm / Grades 1st-5th dismissal is at 12:49 pm.

There will be no school from 12/18-1/3. Enjoy your Winter Break! School will resume on Thursday, 1/4.

Also, reminder that students should NOT be bringing any toys to school. If your student needs a fidget they need to have it cleared by the office first as fidgets should not be a toy. Thank you!

Message from Isabel on Food Distribution: Please see below the dates for our monthly MAP Food Boxes Distribution. The boxes of food arrive at our school between 8:30 am-10:30 am. The boxes of food will then be distributed as soon as they arrive until 4:00 pm. Please be mindful that the need for food boxes are high and the food boxes are limited and we want this help to be received by the majority of our families.

If you are interested in receiving a box of food please contact our Community Service Specialist Isabel Jimenez at 650-638-2927 / ijimenez@smfcsd.net.

Food Boxes Distribution Dates:

Dates
Wednesday, 12/13/23
Wednesday, 1/10/24
Wednesday, 2/7/24
Wednesday, 3/6/24
Wednesday, 4/10/24
Wednesday, 5/8/24

Sing-a-long Event: Join us Friday, 12/15 for our Sing-a-long. It will also be a free dress day students are welcomed to dress in festive wear. Please see below for the time your students class will sing.

10:55 am - 11:30 am		
Grado/Grade	Maestr@/Teacher	Salón/Room
TK	Maestra Jaquelyn Picazo	22
K	Maestra Karina Marquez	2
1st	Maestra Vicki Paganini	7
1st	Maestra Cathy Noceda	8
2nd	Maestra Shirley Casco	10
3rd	Maestra Patricia Ruiz Lopez	18
3rd	Maestra Raquel Figueroa	19
4th	Maestra Stephanie Konstan	25
5th	Maestra Karin Shaver	14
5th	Maestro Martin Castellanos	26



11:35 am - 12:10 pm		
Grado/Grade	Maestr@/Teacher	Salón/Room
Kinder	Maestra Juliana Gomez	1
Kinder	Maestra Tedi Mills	3
1st	Maestra Pati Flamenco	5
2nd	Maestra Leticia Navarro	12
2nd	Maestra Caroline Chinchilla	13
3rd	Maestra Karina Velasquez	16
4th	Maestro Douglas Byrd	23
4th	Maestra Andrea Benitez	24
5th	Maestra Reene Vence Marson	15

Personal Care Products Needed: Parents have started a Personal Care Pantry to support families in need in our community. We are continuing to accept Personal Care Product donations. The school is already receiving food box donations from Moms Against Poverty (MAP) for identified food-insecure families, but toiletries and similar items are very expensive and hard to access. Any help will be appreciated.

Please check out the list [here](#) with the items that can be donated. The donations can be dropped off at the office or to Isabel in Room 20.



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



Message on Fiesta Gardens Rethink Waste School Recycling and Compost Program:



For further information:
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RETHINKWASTE SCHOOL RECYCLING AND COMPOST PROGRAM November 2023 – Fiesta Gardens International School

RethinkWaste is very excited to partner with Fiesta Gardens International School to provide students and staff with access to recycling and composting services at no-cost to the school.

The RethinkWaste team was on campus the week of November 27th, working directly with students and school staff to help identify the needs of Fiesta Gardens and deliver resources and technical assistance.

- **Materials:** Fiesta Gardens received new recycling, compost, and liquid containers, posters and stickers, and educational materials.
 - **Environmental Education:** Students learned about the new program and the importance of recycling and composting at assemblies presented by RethinkWaste and San Mateo County Office of Sustainability staff.
- Training:** During every lunch period, the RethinkWaste team coached staff and students about what lunch items go into each bin.

By participating in the new program, Fiesta Gardens has already drastically reduced the amount of material sent to the landfill. Check out the image to the right to see exactly how much!

Congrats to the Fiesta Gardens community! We hope you “talk trash” with your student(s) at home and continue supporting them in practicing their new bin sorting knowledge with your family and friends.

Check-out the attached sorting guide for reference or play this fun online bin sorting game:

<https://rethinkwaste.org/residents/interactive-carts/>.

We are always available if you have any questions or would like additional information! You can also visit our website at <https://rethinkwaste.org/>.

Warmly,
The RethinkWaste Team

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City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District



Recycling Guide

Liquids



Empty All Liquids

Landfill



WATCH OUT FOR:
No food scraps
No recyclables



Compost



WATCH OUT FOR:
No food wrapped in plastic
No plastic utensils



Recycling



WATCH OUT FOR:
Empty out containers
No plastic wrap



Message for 5th Grade Families that Live in the Borel Area and are Considering Attending for 6th Grade:

Information meetings are for incoming 6th Grade families for the school year 2024/2025.

Tuesday, December 12th, 3:30pm-4:30pm

In person, Borel Barneson Gym

or

Wednesday, January 24th via Zoom

Link will be posted on Borel's Website



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!



Community School Engagement Meeting at Fiesta Gardens: Make sure to mark your calendars for our next Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday, January, 10 at 5:30 pm. We will have dinner, daycare, and translation services. Join us!



**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



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:

12/12 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6:00 pm

12/13 Distribución de cajas de comida de MAP | MAP Food Boxes Distribution

12/15 Canciones de temporada y Vestimenta libre estilo festivo | Sing-a-long and Festive Free-Dress

12/15 Día corto | Minimum Day

12/18-1/1 Vacaciones de invierno | Winter Break

1/2 Día de Trabajo del Personal - No Hay Clases | Staff Work Day - No School

1/3 Día Profesional para Maestros - No Hay Clases | Teacher Professional Day - No School

1/4 Regreso a clases | School Resumes