



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

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



We have some exciting news to share! Please help us in congratulating Sub Director Mak in welcoming his new child as such he will be on leave when we return from our -winter break. Sub Director Mak will return on February 1st.

Fiesta Gardens Rethink Waste School Recycling and Compost Program:

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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MEMBER AGENCIES: City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough
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

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

Wednesday, January 24th via Zoom

Link will be posted on Borel's Website

**BOREL INCOMING 6TH GRADE
INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

THESE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS
ARE FOR INCOMING FAMILIES FOR
THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 3:30pm-4:30
pm in person, in our Barneson Gym.

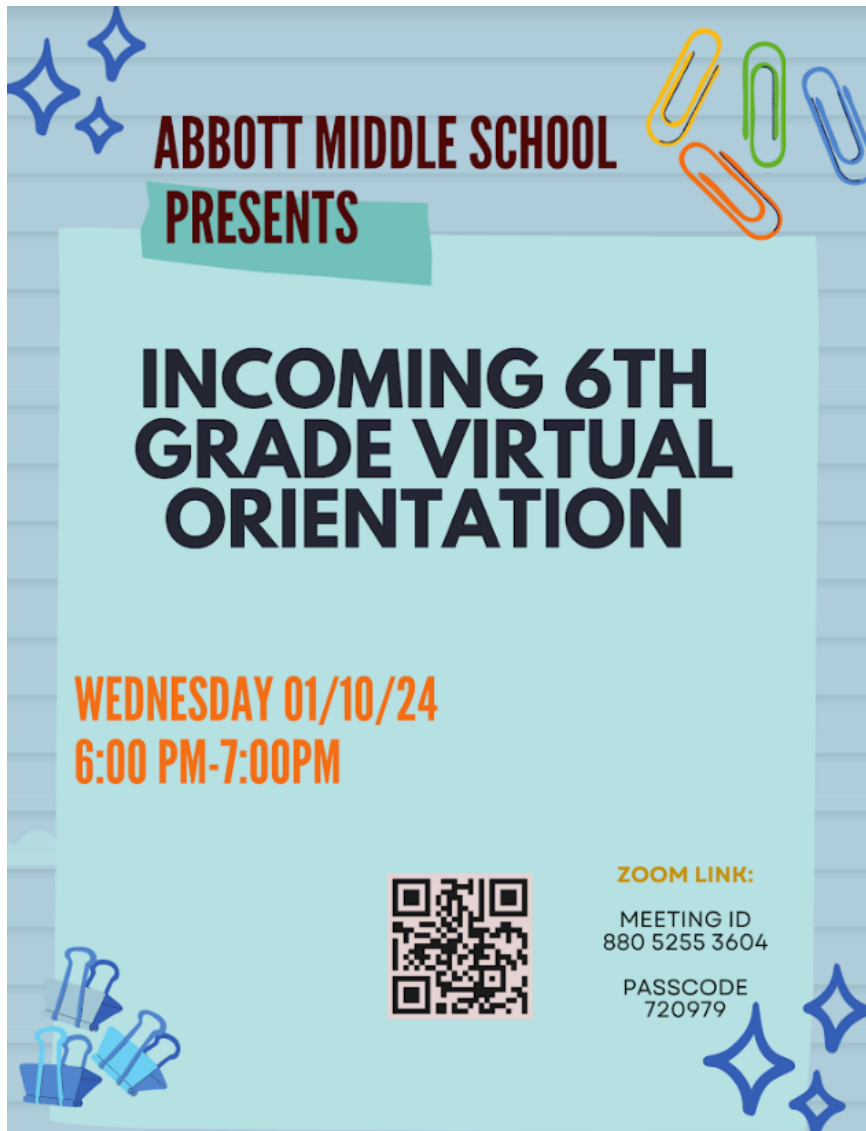
Hear from our Principal, Staff & Students
and tour the school

Wednesday January 24, 2024 via Zoom.
Link will be posted on our website

Students and families together are
welcome to join! You are also welcomed
at our Open House 4/17/24 & we'll have a
new student orientation in May/June!

 **Borel**
Middle School


Abbott's Incoming 6th Grade Virtual Event:



**ABBOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

**INCOMING 6TH
GRADE VIRTUAL
ORIENTATION**

**WEDNESDAY 01/10/24
6:00 PM-7:00PM**



ZOOM LINK:
MEETING ID
880 5255 3604
PASSCODE
720979

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!



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**

Integrated Student Support **Expanded and Sustained Learning Time and Opportunities** **Collaborative Leadership and Planning** **Active Family and Community Engagement**

Food Boxes Distribution Dates: 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](mailto:isabel.jimenez@smfcsd.net) at [650-638-2927](tel:650-638-2927) / jjimenez@smfcsd.net.

Food Boxes Distribution Dates:

Wednesday, 1/10/24
Wednesday, 2/7/24
Wednesday, 3/6/24
Wednesday, 4/10/24
Wednesday, 5/8/24

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.

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:

12/18-1/1 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

1/9 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6:00 pm

1/10 Distribución de Cajas de Comida | Food Boxes Distribution

1/12 Charla y Cafe | Coffee Chat - 8:30 am

1/15 No Hay Clase - Dia de Martin Luther King, Jr. | No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/23 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm

1/31 Noche de Matemáticas y Pizza | Math and Pizza Night - 6:00 pm