

# STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful holiday break and a great start to 2024!

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



**<u>ELAC Meeting</u>**: Join us <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 11 at 6:00 pm</u> to know if your student is an English Learner and to learn more about the Reclassification process. Dinner and childcare will be provided!



Coffee Chat: Join us for a coffee and a chat with Director Robles. Friday, January 12 at 8:30 am.



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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 <a href="https://rethinkwaste.org/">https://rethinkwaste.org/</a>.

Warmly, The RethinkWaste Team

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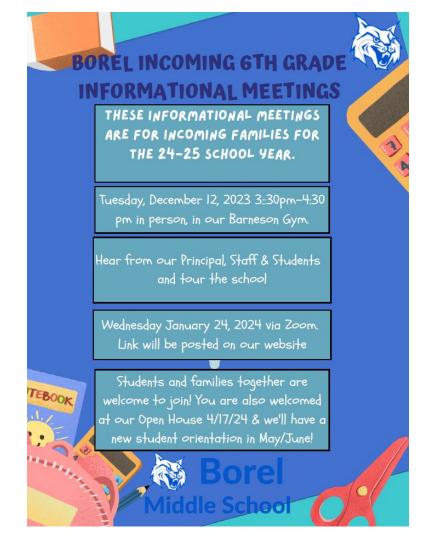
MEMBER AGENCIES: City of Belmont + City of Burlingame + City of East Palo Alto + City of Foster City + Town of Hillsborough City of Menlo Park + City of Redwood City + City of San Carlos + City of San Mateo + County of San Mateo + West Bay Sanitary District



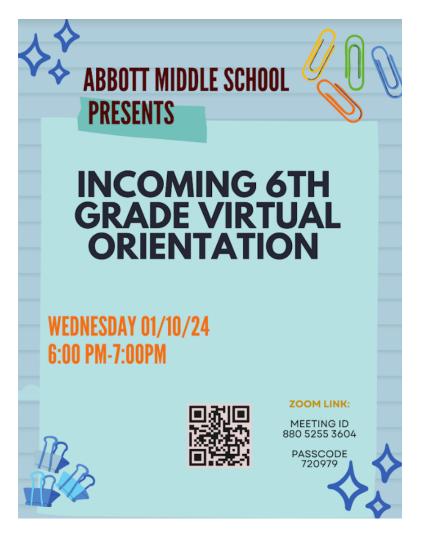
### 5th Grade Families that Live in the Borel Area and are Considering Attending for 6th Grade:

Wednesday, January 24th via Zoom

Link will be posted on Borel's Website



Abbott's Incoming 6th Grade Virtual Event:



**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 <u>Isabel Jimenez</u> <u>at 650-638-2927 / ijimenez@smfcsd.net.</u>

Wednesday, 1/1	0/24
Wednesday, 2/7	7/24
Wednesday, 3/6	6/24
Wednesday, 4/1	0/24
Wednesday, 5/8	3/24

# Food Boxes Distribution Dates:

<u>Personal Care Products Needed:</u> 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 <u>here</u> with the items that can be donated. The donations can be dropped off at the office or to Isabel in Room 20.

<u>Uniform Donations Needed</u>: 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 <u>click here</u> to read more about it. All students should follow the dress code expectations as explained in this document.

## Upcoming Events:

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

1/10 Junta de la Escuela Comunitaria | Community School Engagement Meeting - 5:30 pm

1/11 Junta de ELAC | ELAC Meeting - 6:00 pm

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