



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

# Falcon Community Connection

**STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

We have some exciting updates to share! In the morning during arrival all four gates at the front of our school will be opened! Families may come onto campus for the morning meeting that happens in the yard behind the MPR. Families should then exit the campus after the morning meeting. However, if you plan on remaining on campus to volunteer or for any other reason please make sure to sign in at the front office.



## **Spirit Week Kindness Awareness:**

Next week is Kindness Awareness week, we will be promoting and encouraging various activities created by our student council. Students will get printable bingo cards where they will get an act of kindness demonstrated and signed off by their teacher. If students achieve "kindness bingo" they will receive a 5 point fiesta feather.

## **50 Fiesta Feather Big Prize:**

February 21st will be our 50th Fiesta Feather Big Prize if your student wishes to participate please have them turn 50 fiesta feathers to their homeroom teacher. The prize will be a dance party with Fernando our school mascot as well as various games.

## **New Staff Update:**

Please help us welcoming Perla Rebello our new TK Para Educator! Perla is familiar with our community, she has previously volunteered at our school, and has 3 children who currently attend Fiesta Gardens.

## **Spring Auction Tickets:**

PTA sponsored spring party and auction tickets for March 9th 2024 are still available. This is our annual adult event for the community.

## **Winter Dance:**

Tonight's Winter Dance has SOLD OUT!



## RECORDATORIO | REMINDER

MAÑANA ES EL BAILE DE INVIERNO | THE WINTER DANCE IS TOMORROW

**GRACIAS** comunidad de Fiesta por la gran participación en nuestro baile de invierno. **¡Las entradas se han agotado!**

Lamentablemente no podemos aceptar más solicitudes de entradas ya que estamos al límite de capacidad. No se venderán entradas en la puerta. Apreciamos su comprensión.



**THANK YOU** Fiesta community for a great turnout to our winter dance. **We have sold out!**

We unfortunately cannot accept any more requests for tickets as we are at capacity. No tickets will be sold at the door. We appreciate your understanding.

### **Lost and Found:**

The lost and found is now located in our Community Room 20. If your student has lost something recently please make sure to stop by and look at our lost and found. We will be donating forgotten lost and found items every Friday at the end of the day.



### **California School Parent Survey (CSPS)**

Parents/Guardians : We want to know your thoughts about how our school is -

- supporting your child's learning and development

- creating a safe and supportive environment
- welcoming and involving parents in the community

Please let us know by taking our school-specific California School Parent Survey. Your answers will be anonymous and will help us in our efforts to support all students to achieve their full academic, social and emotional potential. Take the survey here [CSPS Survey Link](#) or if you need help to access the survey, please stop by the school office. If you have more than one child in our school, complete it once thinking about your oldest student.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback, your voice matters. Please make sure to respond to the survey by Friday, February 16.

### **Parent Project:**

The Parent Project Team from Star Vista's Differential Response wants to invite you to join the upcoming Spring 2024 Parent Project classes for English and Spanish Speaking families starting February 28 and 29. Classes will be offered in person and virtually.

The Parent Project classes is a 12-week course that gives parents, grandparents, and caregivers the tools to build strong and healthy families. They provide an opportunity to develop the skills to prevent and/or address risky behaviors such as:

- Youth Delinquency
- Gang Participation
- Illicit Substance Use
- Truancy
- and others

Class logistics below:

- In person classes start Thursday, February 29
- Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Location: Connect Community Charter School (635 Oakside Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063)
- Language: English and Spanish

[In Person Classes Flyer \(English\)](#)

[In Person Classes Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

- Virtual classes start Wednesday, February 28
- Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Location: Zoom Link
- Language: English

[Virtual Classes Flyer \(English\)](#)

[Virtual Classes Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

Please contact our Community Service Specialist Isabel Jimenez ([ijimenez@smfcsd.net](mailto:ijimenez@smfcsd.net), 650-638-2927) if you are interested in registering, have any questions or would like to learn more.

**In Person**



Find answers to your parenting questions

## Do you want to build a stronger relationship with your kids?

The Parent Project® is a 12-week class that gives parents, grandparents, and caregivers the tools to build strong and healthy families.

*All classes are free!*

Sign up for the Parent Project® and get:

- Resources to help you and your kids
- Tools to increase your child's success and attendance at school
- Tips to improve communication with your child
- Strategies to prevent their use of alcohol or drugs
- Practical tools that work for your family

*Dinner and childcare provided!*

*Childcare limited to first 20 children who sign up, ages 3-15, pottytrained.*

### DATES

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**Thursday, February 29, 2024**  
**6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Connect Community Charter School  
635 Oakside Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94063

**Class dates:**  
2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9,  
5/16, 5/23

**Class language:**

**Spanish**

**Register in advance:**

Gaby Berber & Lilia Quezada  
parentproject@star-vista.org  
GB: (650) 465-6939, LQ: (650) 465-6792



[www.smchealth.org/ParentProject](http://www.smchealth.org/ParentProject)



**Virtual**



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**6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

#### Virtual Via Zoom

**Class dates:**  
 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17,  
 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15

**Class language:**

**English**

#### **Register in advance:**

Eddy Caldera  
 parentproject@star-vista.org  
 (650) 554-0656



[www.smchealth.org/ParentProject](http://www.smchealth.org/ParentProject)



**ELAC Meeting - Topic: ELPAC Test:**

Fiesta Gardens International School



## ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

# JOIN US!

February 15, 2024

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Fiesta Gardens Multipurpose Room

**Dinner and childcare will be provided. We will have raffles, gifts, and a performance from 1st Grade!**

### Agenda

- ELPAC Test Components
- Tips: How to help your child at home

For more information contact our Community Service Specialist,  
Isabel Jimenez, 650-312-7737

### **Scholastic Book Fair in the Library - Seeking Parent Volunteers:**

**Dates:** March 18th to March 22nd

The Book Fair is approaching and volunteers are needed to make it a success. Volunteers will help with: setting up the fair, helping shoppers, checkout, and packing up the fair. If you are interested in helping please review the available spaces and register [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Veronica at [vnunez@smfcsd.net](mailto:vnunez@smfcsd.net) or at **650-312-6817**.



### **Borel's Cultural Fair:**

Greetings Future Borel families/students,

This school year Borel middle school is starting a new tradition in inviting our feeder schools to get an early start on participating, volunteering, and meeting new people at Borel's annual Cultural Fair on March 27, 2024 from 5pm-7pm.

Please reach out to Susan and Priscilla at [culturalfair@borelbocats.org](mailto:culturalfair@borelbocats.org) if your family or a group of students from your school would like to help with a cultural booth. Details will be provided upon contact.

Please reach out to Claudia Carreño if you are interested in participating by performing a cultural dance, singing in a different language or reciting a poem.

We will be accepting interests until: Date : February 29th- 2024

SE HABLA ESPANOL !

Together ! We celebrate diversity in our school district!

Claudia Carreño

### **Scouts of America:**

Join the Scouts Troop and learn valuable outdoors and life skills.

Event - Pioneering Day Event

- Date - Feb 10th, Saturday
- Location - Boothbay Park, Foster City

- Time - 3:00pm - 4:00 PM
- Website: [T175.com](http://T175.com)


Event - Open House - First Aid

- Date - Feb 28th, Wednesday
- Location - Audubon Elementary School
- Time - 7:30pm - 9:00 PM
- Website: [T175.com](http://T175.com)

**JOIN!  
SCOUTS!**

SCOUTING IS FOR BOTH  
GIRLS AND BOYS!

WITH TROOPS  
175 & 4175

 **5th Graders**

**PIONEERING DAY  
WITH TROOP 175  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH  
3:00-4:00PM  
BOOTHBAY PARK**

**OPEN HOUSE  
FIRST AID  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
7:30PM AUDUBON  
ELEMENTARY**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeremy Wright ([jeremy@myteamwright.com](mailto:jeremy@myteamwright.com))  
for more details. Troops 4175 and 175 hope to see you there!

**Uniforms:**

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.





In addition, if you are in need of uniforms for your student please make sure to scan the QR code to place an order of uniforms with our partner, H.O.P.E Uniforms Program.



**FREE**  
School Uniforms



**Donate**  
School Uniforms

**We have FREE gently used school uniforms**

- \* Boys/Girls of all sizes
- \* Tops, bottoms, shorts, skirts, and leggings



**We accept gently used school uniforms that you may have outgrown or are no longer needed so that we could pass them onto another family.**





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- \* Received **+6,000** donated uniforms
- \* Provided **+4,500** requested uniforms
- \* Helped **+700** families in the community

**Message from Erin McCoy on Mindfulness at Fiesta Gardens for Parent:**

Come join us to improve your own health & well-being, and also to learn strategies to help support your kiddos! We will meet in-person at Fiesta Gardens on Thursdays mornings, 8:40am-9:25am, every other week, for 4 weeks. In person dates are January 18, February 1, 15, 29

I will also offer Zoom meet-ups on Thursday evenings, 7:00pm-7:40pm, every other week, for 4 weeks. Zoom dates are January 25, February 8, 22, March 7

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88224020621?pwd=R3Vab3FSSnNMZTc0bDQvTjZuVXpYUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 2402 0621

Passcode: breathing

Feel free to attend both in-person and Zoom, whatever works best for you!

**Community School Engagement Meeting at Fiesta Gardens:** Make sure to mark your calendars for our next Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday, February 28. We will have dinner, daycare, and translation services. Join us!



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



**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 ([ijimenez@smfcsd.net](mailto:ijimenez@smfcsd.net), 650-638-2927)

**Food Boxes Distribution Dates:**

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|--------------------|
| 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.

**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:**

2/5-2/16 Encuesta de Padres de Familia en Escuelas de California (CSPS) | California School Parent Survey (CSPS)

2/9 Baile de Invierno (Auditorio) | Winter Dance (MPR) - 6:00pm

2/15 Junta de ELAC | ELAC Meeting - 6:00pm

2/19 Día de Presidente, No Hay Clases | Presidents' Day, No School

2/20 Junta General de PTA & Charla y Cafe en College Park | General PTA Meeting & Coffee Chat at College Park - 6:00pm

2/28 Junta de la Escuela Comunitaria | Community School Engagement Meeting - 5:30pm

3/1 Charla y Cafe | Coffee Chat - 8:30am

3/5 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6:00pm

3/7 Junta de ELAC | ELAC Meeting - 6:00pm

3/9 Subasta de Fiesta de la Primavera | Spring Fiesta Auction - 6:30pm

3/12 Reunión Informativa Obligatoria para Padres sobre el Espectáculo de Talentos | Mandatory Talent show parent information meeting

3/18-3/22 Feria del Libro Scholastic | Scholastic Book Fair

3/19 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 6:00pm

3/21 Espectáculo de Talento | Talent Show (Bayside Performing Arts Center) - 6:30pm

3/22-3/28 Conferencias de Padres y Maestr@s y Días Cortos | Parent Teacher Conferences and Minimum Days

3/29 Día Profesional para Maestr@s, No hay Clase | Teacher Professional Day, No School