



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

No school next week 11/20-11/24 for Thanksgiving break. Enjoy the week off! School will resume on Monday, 11/27.

Message from Director Robles:

I would like to share this important announcement with you.

Margarita, one of our Community Services Specialists, has accepted a new job in the district offices with the equity and inclusion department. We celebrate this new beginning and are proud of the years of effort that Margarita has dedicated to our community.

She has been for many a trusted colleague, a support in difficult times and a pioneer in initiatives for our school. Without a doubt, this new position with the district will mean that more people in the San Mateo and Foster City area will receive her support and celebrate her work just as she has done at Fiesta Gardens for many years.

Margarita, we congratulate you on this new chapter of your life and we are grateful for the time you have invested in our community. Please know that at Fiesta Gardens you are always welcomed and for many of us, you will always be a spectacular example of what it means to support a community.

We wish you the best and thank you for all your efforts.

Gratefully, Director Robles

Message from Margarita:

Dear Families, beautiful students, and excellent co-workers,

I don't have enough words to thank all of you for these wonderful years that I have been able to share in this very special school and community; I have enjoyed every day coming here, watching beautiful children grow up, listening to songs that transported me to my happy childhood and my country. It was not easy for me to make this decision because when you are happy doing a job it is more of a life mission than a job but for family reasons I made the decision, and took the great opportunity to work for the District serving all schools.

I leave with the satisfaction of having contributed to the creation of a group of parent volunteers who are leaders in the education of their children and support each and every one of the students. To the teachers, my total admiration, to my coworkers, thank you for your camaraderie and for working as a team, and to the children

of this school who have filled my heart with joy and good energy. I thank you all for helping me discover that my mission is to serve the community.

With gratitude, Margarita Astudillo Velasco

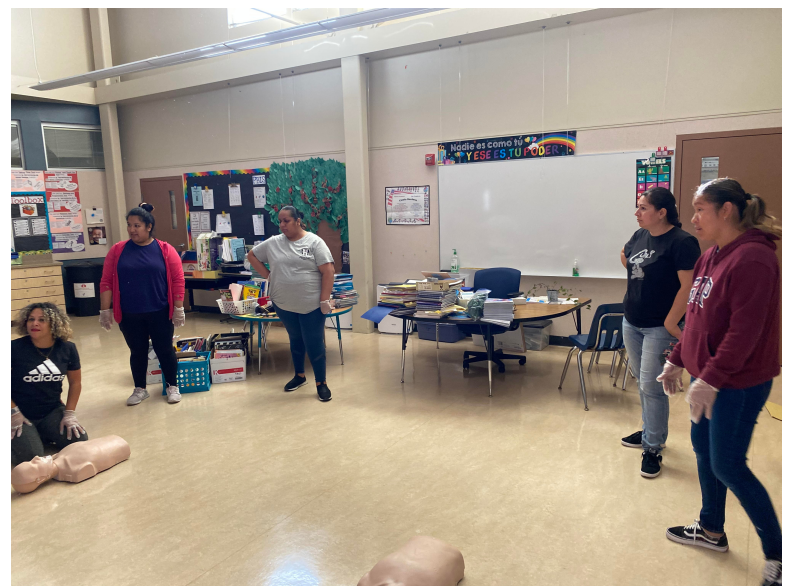
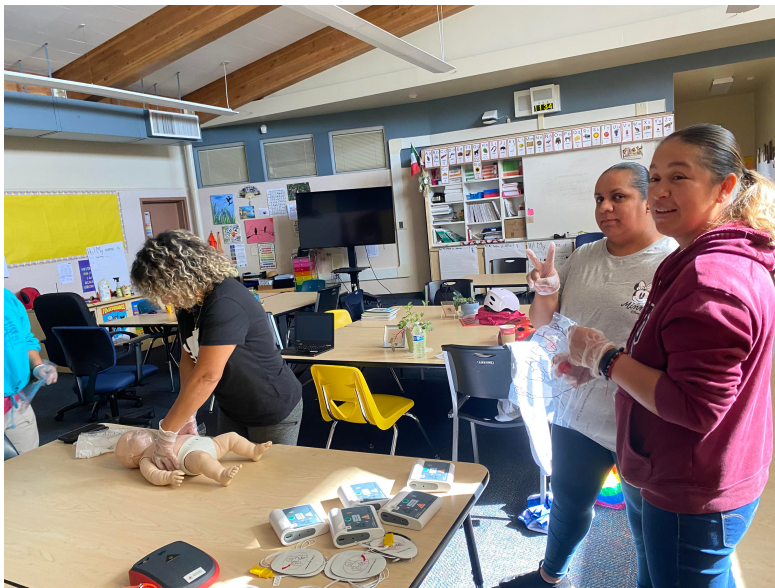
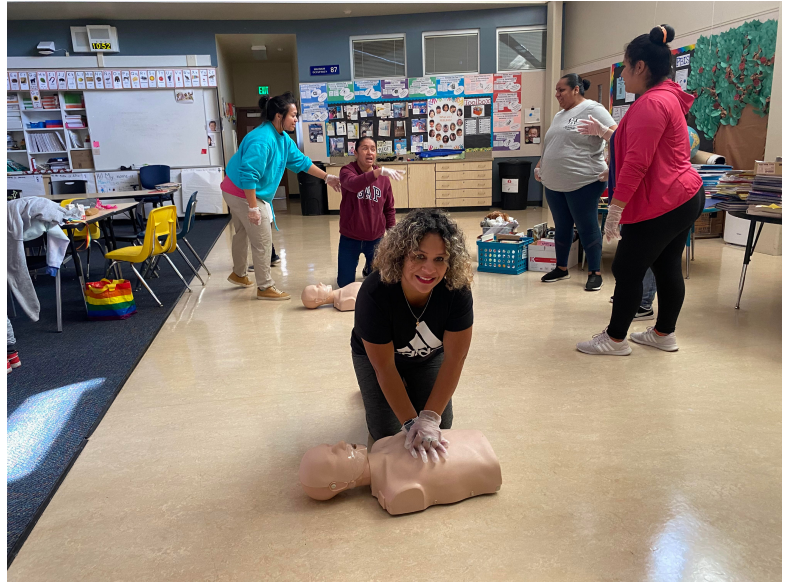


Fiesta de Bicicletas and CPR Training: On Saturday, 11/14 we had our Fiesta de Bicicletas were our super parent **Heather Wolnick** in partnership with Highway Patrol and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition donated bikes to our community! It was a successful fun, interactive, and educational event where students were taught how to be a safe pedestrian, bicyclists, and scooter rider. In addition, we had another wonderful parent **Althea Avice de Guzman** provided a CPR Training to our parents. Check out some pictures!

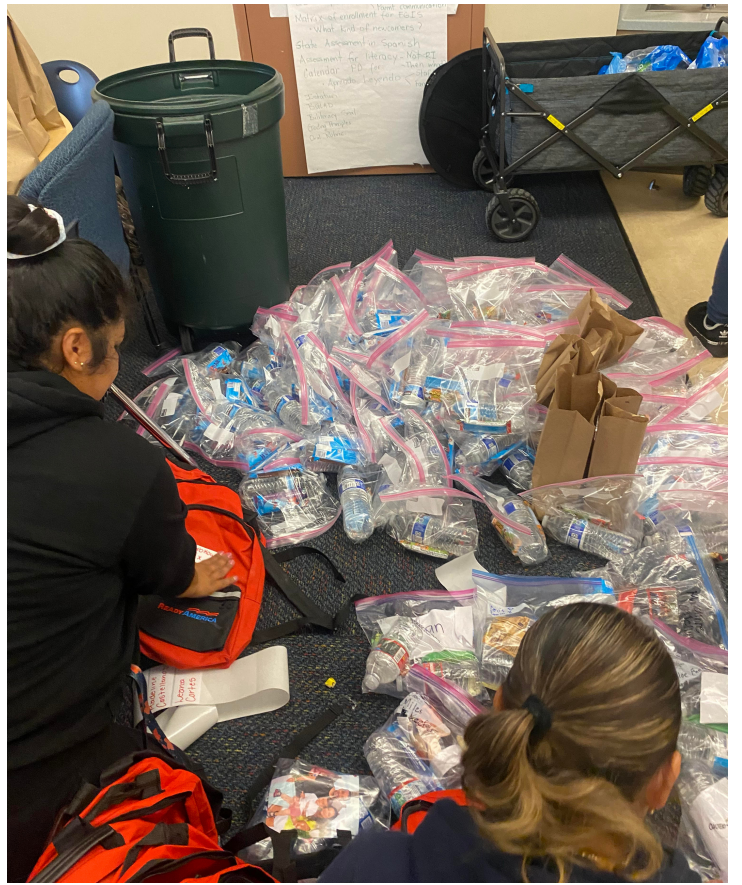




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Emergency Bags Update from Margarita and Isabel: Huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers that supported us in making sure that every student who didn't turn in an emergency bag had one.





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!



YMCA Thanksgiving Camp: ENROLL TODAY! Camp Dates: 11/20-11/22. Please see the flyer attached and scan the QR code if interested.

The flyer has an orange background. At the top left is the YMCA logo with the text 'the Y' and 'FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY'. In the center is a circular photo of three children sitting at a table, painting. The photo is surrounded by white clouds, a yellow sun, and white birds. Below the photo, the text 'Thanksgiving Camp!' is written in large white letters. To the left of this text are the phrases 'FIND YOUR FUN. FIND YOUR Y AT Peninsula Family Y' and 'ENROLL TODAY!'. Below 'ENROLL TODAY!' is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a paragraph of text describing the camp, followed by 'CAMP DATES 11/20-11/22' and 'PRICING NON-MEMBERS: \$240 MEMBERS: \$192'. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a line of text: '**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY.**' and another line: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Lariece Williams at lwilliams@ymcasf.org'.

New Student Registration Update: New student registration for 2024-2025 opens on Monday, November 27 at 12:00 pm! Check out the [Enrollment](#) page of the District website for more information if you have a child that will be entering the SMFCSD as a **NEW** student in grades TK-8 for next school year.

TK and Kinder Bilingual Tours: November TK/K Bilingual Tours. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in registering. The dates are as follows 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 or contact our Community Service Specialists Margarita Astudillo Velasco and Isabel Jimenez at 650-312-7737

11/29/2023 Wednesday	9:00am-10:00am	Recorridos // Tours 50 slots available	Sign Up
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Samaritan House Food Drive:



This year, Fiesta Gardens is hosting a **Winter Food Drive** through the Samaritan House of San Mateo. It starts on 11/6/23 and ends on 12/6/23. **Below are the most needed non-perishable food items.**

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| Baking/Cooking | Canned | |
| Masa Flour | Sweet Corn | |
| All Purpose Flour | Tomatoes | Dry |
| Cake Mix | Pasta Sauce | Ramen Noodles |
| Brownie Mix | Baby Food | Grain Rice |
| Cooking Oil | Baby Formula | Dried Beans/Legumes |
| White Sugar | Canned Legumes | Pasta |
| Brown Sugar | Canned Fruit in Juice | Dried Fruit |
| Shelf Life Chicken Broth | | Fruit Roll-ups |
| Shelf Life Beef Broth | | Cereal |
| Mac & Cheese | Beverages | Crackers |
| | Coffee | Snacks |
| | Tea | |
| Protein | Shelf Life Milk | |
| Canned Tuna | Shelf Life Fruit Juice | |
| Canned Chicken | Hot Chocolate | |
| Nuts | Powdered Fruit Drinks | |

Please drop off all donations to the Fiesta Gardens donation bin or to your child's teacher by 12/6/2023. Thank you for helping and supporting our community!

FOOD | SHELTER | CLOTHING | HEALTHCARE

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!



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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



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:

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

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

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