



Falcon Community Connection

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Ms. Veronica is in need of parent volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair the week of March 18th-22nd. Students look forward to this event every year, but we need volunteers to make it happen. We invite you to please consider signing up for at least one time slot. Any help is greatly appreciated to help students experience bookjoy and continue to make the book fair a great one. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please contact Ms. Veronica at vnunez@smfcsd.net or at **650-312-6817**. More details below:



Book Fair Volunteers Needed: Please sign up [here](#) to help with the book fair.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABAE28A4FECF8-47772255-book#/>



In-person Book Fair: March 18th to March 22nd. Come and shop with your student during one of our in-person

events for families!

In person Events for Families:

- Date: Monday March 18th ~~ Time: 3:15pm to 5:15pm
- Date: Tuesday March 19th ~~ Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Date: Thursday March 21st ~~ Time: 3:15pm to 5:15pm
- Date: Friday March 22nd ~~ Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Online Book Fair: Date: March 18th to March 31st

Website Update:



Recently, our Digital Literacy Instructor Maestro Dylan has started to revamp our schools website. We want to invite everyone to stop by our FGIS website to familiarize yourself, explore the tabs, and learn more about our school to stay in the know with all the exciting things happening! You can click [HERE](#) or go to the link below.

[HTTPS://FIESTAGARDENS.SMFCSD.NET](https://fiestagardens.smfcSD.net)



In Need of Parent Volunteers:

We are in need of parent volunteers to come help our Kinder teachers and students. Your student does NOT need to be in Kinder for you to help out! In addition, we are also in need of parents to help out during lunch time with either supervision, Encanto, or Library.

- Kinder Help: 8:30am-10:00am
- Lunch Help: 12:00pm-1:00pm (except Wednesdays)

If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer and/or helping in addition to the timeslots above please see our Community Services Specialist, Isabel Jimenez in our Community Room #20. We are always needing parent volunteers!

6th Grade Enrollment Process for Current FGIS 5th Grade Families:

Parents/Guardians of current FGIS 5th grade students please review the following options for 6th grade enrollment.

Options to consider for your current 5th grade students for the school year 2024-2025

- Option 1: Choose to remain at FGIS for 6th grade
 - You can indicate this when the [Fall Plans Survey goes out this Spring](#)
- Option 2: Choose to submit a transfer to the Spanish Immersion Program at Abbott
 - You can submit a transfer request by [4:00pm on Tuesday April 9th](#) (English Transfer Request Click [HERE](#) ~~ Spanish Transfer Request Click [HERE](#))
- Option 3: Choose to enroll in your assigned neighborhood school
 - 6th Grade Verification will be provided in the Spring

If you have any questions or concerns please stop by our main office or call 650-312-7737.

ELAC Meeting - Agenda: School Attendance:



Fiesta Gardens International School

ELAC Meeting
English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

March 7, 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 2nd Grade!

Agenda

- Why School Attendance Matters
- Parent Tips for Improving School Attendance

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

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP):

Please take the time to read a letter from the district in regards to the end-of-year statewide tests.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There are many ways to measure your child's learning. Your child's teacher uses report card grades, classroom work, teacher observations, and end-of-year statewide test results to get a complete picture of your child's learning. Each year, students participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Your child will take the following tests, depending on their grade level or instructional program:

- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English Language Arts and Math, required tests in grades 3rd through 8th grade
- California Science Test (CAST), a required test in 5th and 8th Grade

The CAASPP testing window will open March 1st, 2024. Our students will begin to take it late March, early April.

You are an important part of your child's education. To make sure your child feels comfortable taking tests, you can:

- Explain to your child that these tests are tools to help them learn, and they should not be anxious or scared.
- Explore the practice tests with your child at caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html so they can become familiar with the platform and setup of the tests.
- Remind your child that you and their teacher want them to try their best and are there to help, every step of the way.

You will receive your child's results at or before the beginning of the next school year. The results will identify where your child is doing well or needs more help, so you can better support their learning at home and teachers can better support their learning in the classroom.

To learn more about these tests go to the Starting Smarter web page at ca.startingsmarter.org/, or review the Parent Guides to Understanding at cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/parentguidetounderstand.asp.

If you have questions, please contact Dustin DeMakas, Assistant Principal, Fiesta Gardens International School @ddemakas@smfc.k12.ca.us, (650)312-7737.

Sincerely,

Daniel Robles

Principal - Fiesta Gardens International School

SF Giants School Fundraising:



Parents and community members!

Fiesta Gardens International School has partnered with the San Francisco Giants to provide an amazing opportunity for you to attend games at Oracle Park for the 2024-2025 season!

How to attend:

Please use the [link](#) or QR Code and apply the promo code: FGIS to receive \$10 tickets for games that fall on a Monday-Thursday (Dodgers game excluded).

Through ticket revenue purchased through the link/code, \$5 of every ticket purchased will go directly back to Fiesta Gardens! SF Giants School Fundraising Offer is applicable from April to May (April 8, 2024-May 29, 2024).

This is an amazing opportunity for fun while supporting our program!

LINK: <https://fevo.me/giantsfundraiser4>

PROMO CODE: FGIS

QR CODE:



Schedule of Games:

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

MARCH/APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	24	25	26	27	28	29
	OAK	5:05 OAK		SD	SD	SD
	31	1	2	3	4	5
	SD	LAD	LAD		1:35 SD	TBD SD
1:05	7	6:45	8	6:45	9	12:45
SD	WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18	19
	TB	MIA	MIA	6:45	7:15	TBD
1:05	21	6:45	22	6:45	23	12:45
AZ	NYM	NYM	NYM	NYM	24	25
1:05	28	29	30			
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MAY						
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1:05	12	6:45	13	6:45	14	6:45
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COL		PIT	PIT	PIT	25	26
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JUNE						
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JULY						
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	18	6:45	19	6:45	20	12:45
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SEPTEMBER						
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KC	AZ	AZ	AZ	STL	STL	TBD
12:05	29	30				10/20/23
STL						

HOME EXHIBITION ROAD EXHIBITION HOME AWAY (All times, dates and opponents subject to change).
 *Rickwood Classic @ Birmingham, AL **Traditional Double Header - 2nd game will begin shortly after the end of the 1st game.

Watch the Giants on: NBC Sports Bay Area ◊ NBCSBA+ ◊ NBC Bay Area ◊ FOX SATURDAY ◼ ESPN ◊ YouTube ▶ Apple TV ◉ Peacock ◯
 Follow the Giants on radio: KNBR 104.5FM/680AM En Español: KSFN 1510 AM / 99.3 FM ★ | Live Stream on NBC Sports App | MLB.TV

SFGIANTS.COM **SFGIGANTES.COM**

Spring Auction Tickets:

PTA sponsored spring party and auction tickets for Saturday, March 9th are still available. Last day to purchase is Thursday, February 29th. This is our annual adult event for the community.

In addition, the Silent Auction website is now open! You can now see the variety of awesome items available for bidding. The silent auction will remain open until Sunday, March 10th (the day after the Spring Fiesta), so you have little less than two weeks to bid.

Uniforms Donations:

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.

Food Boxes Distribution Dates:

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

Food Boxes Distribution Dates: 3/6/24 ~ 4/10/24 ~ 5/8/24

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.

Personal Care Products Needed:

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.

Please click on the links below to learn more on the following:

[*Fiesta Gardens Website*](#)

[*Common/Uniform Dress Code*](#)

[*H.O.P.E Uniforms Program*](#)

[*Personal Care Products Needed List*](#)

[*Mindfulness for Parents with Erin McCoy at Fiesta Gardens*](#)

[*Parent Project Program*](#)

[*Borel's Cultural Fair - 3/27/24*](#)

[*City of San Mateo - Complete Streets Plan Update - 3/12/24*](#)

[*Save the Date! Golden Sneaker Contest - 2/26-3/15*](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

4/1-4/5 Vacaciones de Primavera | Spring Break

4/8 Regreso a Clase | School Resumes