



Falcon Community Connection

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

PTA Meeting with Special Guests - Agenda: Campus Relocation:

We invite you to join the General PTA Meeting on Tuesday, 3/19 at 6:00pm, location FGIS MPR. The PTA will have special guests *Superintendent Diego Ochoa and Dr. Christian Rubalcaba*! They will join the PTA meeting to have a conversation about the campus relocation and help answer and questions. Translation services will be provided, childcare will be available, and dinner will be served.

The graphic features the 30th anniversary logo of Fiesta Gardens International School PTA (1993-2023) on the left. The main title is 'JUNTA GENERAL DE PTA GENERAL PTA MEETING'. Below the title are two portraits: Superintendent Diego Ochoa and Dr. Christian Rubalcaba. To the left of the portraits is the text 'CHARLA SOBRE REUBICACIÓN DEL CAMPUS CON EL SUPERINTENDENTE DIEGO OCHOA Y DR. CHRISTIAN RUBALCABA'. To the right is 'CAMPUS RELOCATION TALK WITH SUPERINTENDENTE DIEGO OCHOA & DR. CHRISTIAN RUBALCABA'. The date and time are 'Martes 19 de marzo, 6:00pm | Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm' and the location is 'Lugar | Location: Fiesta Gardens MPR'. Below this are three categories: 'COMIDA | FOOD', 'HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL E INGLES', and 'CHILD CARE | CUIDADO DE NIÑOS'. At the bottom, five people hold up signs that say '¡ACOMPÁÑENOS!', 'JOIN US!', the Falcon mascot logo, 'SU VOZ IMPORTA', and 'YOUR VOICE MATTERS'.

30 YEARS FIESTA GARDENS International School PTA

JUNTA GENERAL DE PTA GENERAL PTA MEETING

CHARLA SOBRE REUBICACIÓN DEL CAMPUS CON EL SUPERINTENDENTE DIEGO OCHOA Y DR. CHRISTIAN RUBALCABA

Superintendent Diego Ochoa

Dr. Christian Rubalcaba

CAMPUS RELOCATION TALK WITH SUPERINTENDENTE DIEGO OCHOA & DR. CHRISTIAN RUBALCABA

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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:



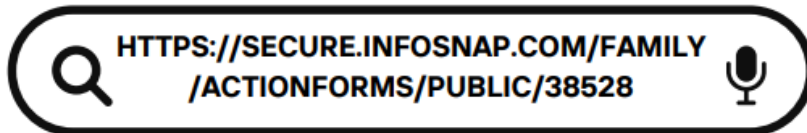
6TH GRADE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR CURRENT FGIS 5TH GRADE FAMILIES:

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

SPANISH AND ENGLISH TRANSFER REQUEST CLICK [HERE](#) OR GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW



- **OPTION 3:** CHOOSE TO ENROLL IN YOUR ASSIGNED NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL
 - 6TH GRADE VERIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE SPRING

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR MAIN OFFICE OR CALL 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

Scholastic Book Fair:



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from **Monday, March 18th to Friday, March 22nd** at FGIS Library:

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fiestagardensschool>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Daniel Robles
Principal
Fiesta Gardens International School

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** (You may also pay with cash or a credit card)**



In-person Book Fair: March 18th to March 22nd. Come and shop with your student during one of our in-person events for families! Unfortunately, there will be no class visits to the fair. If you can't attend a family event, your

student may enter the Book Fair during recess. Before the fair, please talk to your student about making responsible purchases.

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 2:00pm

Online Book Fair: March 15 to March 28 (<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fiestagardensschool>)



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

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AABAE28A4FECF8-47772255-book#/
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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 (ijjimenez@smfcsd.net, 650-638-2927)

Food Boxes Distribution Dates: 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.

STAY IN THE KNOW

If you missed a previous post stay in the know by checking out more information below:

[*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*](#)

[*SF Giants School Fundraising*](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

4/9 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6:00pm

4/10 Distribucion de Cominda | Food Distribution

4/11 Junta de ELAC | ELAC Meeting - 6:00pm

4/19 Noche de Película | Movie Night

4/22 Día de Caminar/Ir en Bicicleta/Rodar a la Escuela & Día de la Tierra | Walk/Bike/Roll to School Day & Earth Day

4/23 Junta General de PTA | General PTA Meeting - 6:00pm