



Falcon Community Connection

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

There will be NO SCHOOL tomorrow Friday, 3/29 for Teacher Professional Development Day.

There will also be NO SCHOOL starting next week 4/1 - 4/5 for Spring Break. Have a restful break! We will see you on Monday, 4/8.

Current 5th Grade Families:

Thank you for your engagement and collaboration this year as we prepare for our first 6th grade class at FGIS!

We are reaching out to confirm your decision regarding enrollment plans for your child for the 2024-25 school year.

How do you let us know what your decision is?

You may confirm your decision by responding to a message sent via ParentSquare or by returning the physical copy of the form that was sent home with your student.

Please confirm your decision by Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Staffing Updates for Next Year:

We have conducted interviews for our teacher vacancies for next school year. Our candidates were promising!

We look forward to conducting interviews for 2 new positions for next school year shortly after Spring Break.

We will be hiring 2 full time staff members to split the following positions: Immersion TOSA and 6th grade teacher.

This means that next year's FGIS 6th graders will have 2 teachers. They will be with one teacher for the first portion of the day, and with the other for the 2nd portion of the day. While these teachers are not in the classroom providing instruction, they will support our program as Immersion TOSAs!

Important Update Regarding our School Parking Lot:

Starting when we return from Spring Break, Monday, 4/8 until Friday, 5/3 we will have solar panel construction happening at our school. Our front of the school parking lot will be a drop off/pick up

zone ONLY. The parking lot will only be available for staff and for the 3 purchased parking spots that were were auctioned for the year.

We kindly ask that during this time parents/caregivers park on Bermuda Dr. but do NOT park on the white zone as it is a drop off/pick up zone only. If you park on the residential neighborhood side please refrain from blocking drive ways or fire hydrants.

Thank you!

Job Opportunities at FGIS - We Are Hiring:

We are looking to hire a part-time Para Educator for our school. For more information or interest in applying click [HERE](#). If you apply please make sure to let the office know that you have applied at 650-312-7737.

Position Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Position Hours: 12:00pm - 1:00pm (1 hour)

ELAC Meeting and Reclassification Ceremony:



Fiesta Gardens International School

ELAC Meeting & Reclassification Ceremony

English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

April 11, 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 3rd Grade!

Agenda

- Reclassification Certificates
- Tips to Support your Child's Literacy at Home
- Literacy Centers

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

2024 Bike Month Poster Contest:

Students at all grade levels are encouraged to submit their original artwork that shares the *positive* impacts of bicycling. Posters can be created by individual students, small groups, or classrooms. **Submissions can be mailed** (as on the flyer) **or turned in at the front office.**

Selected entries will be made into posters that will be *shared with schools countywide* to promote Bike Month in May!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! 2024 Bike Month Poster Contest

San Mateo County Safe Routes to School is hosting a contest to help design the **2024 Bike Month poster!** Students at all grade levels are encouraged to submit their original artwork that shares the *positive impacts of bicycling*.

Posters can be created by individual students, small groups or classrooms.

Selected entries will be made into posters that will be *shared with schools countywide* to promote Bike Month in May!

Entry Rules and Guidelines:

- All entries must be on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and leave a ¼" inch border around the perimeter.
- Please do not use lined paper.
- All words must be spelled correctly (English or Spanish).
- Please outline pictures and words in black marker and use markers, crayons or colored pencils to color in the poster. (Please note that markers are best.)
- Name, grade-level, teacher, school and district must be written in ballpoint pen on the back of the submission.
- Artwork should focus on one or more of the following themes:

Bicycling is fun!

Bicycling is good for your health!

Bicycling is good for the environment!

Bicycling can build community!

Make sure to include helmets on any bicyclists you draw!

Submissions may be ponied or mailed to

Safe Routes to School
San Mateo County Office of Education 101
Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, CA 94065

BY

April 17, 2024

Entries can also be shared electronically

srts@smcoe.org

Questions?

Contact us at: srts@smcoe.org



College and Career Day:

College and Career day is on Friday, April 26! We are recruiting parent leaders to come and inspire our students!

If you would like to inspire our students college and career journey please sign up [HERE](#) to share your story. We want to show/teach our student how Spanish can be used in their future endeavors.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

COLLEGE & CAREER DAY 2024

Friday
April 26, 2024

When:
11:00 am- 12:00pm
1:00 pm- 2:00pm

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Inspire our students at Fiesta with
your college and career path!
[Sign up here to share your experience!](#)

The poster features a colorful illustration of diverse professionals in various careers (police, chef, construction, medical, business, etc.) standing in front of a city skyline. In the foreground, a group of diverse students is shown from the back, looking towards the professionals.

Parent Connection Events:

Please join our next event on Tuesday, 4/16 at 6:00pm!

As a reminder, for this event you can participate either in person or virtually via Google Meets. Please see the link below. We will NOT have food or childcare as it is an adult only event.

Parent Connection: Navigating Difficult Conversations

Tuesday, April 16th · 6:00 – 7:00pm


Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/thy-yafs-wtx>


If you attend in person you will receive a 10 Golden Fiesta Feather for your student. If you join virtually there will be a form available in the chatroom to record which families attended and give your student their 10 point Fiesta Feather.

We hope to see everyone there!

Parent Connection Events



**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
A California Distinguished School



MONTHLY
EVENTS

6:00-7:00 PM
FGIS MPR

Opportunities to support families have deep and meaningful conversations to build a stronger community.

with
Ms. Cynthia, Director Robles, Subdirector Mak, and special guest LGBTQ+ CoSA Israel Cruz

TUE, MARCH 26	HEALTHY COMMUNICATION ↳ Learn and practice strategies for effective conversations with your students
TUE, APRIL 16	NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ↳ Receive support to navigate difficult conversations regarding body safety, prejudice; racism, discrimination, homophobia, ableism, and machismo.
TUE, MAY 14	FOSTERING IDENTITY ↳ Hear from community members about the importance of supporting our youth to be their true selves.

For more information:

fiestagardens.smfcsd.net

SF Giants School Fundraising:

Please use the [link](#) or QR Code and apply the promo code: FGIS to receive \$10 tickets for games that fall from April to May (April 8, 2024-May 29, 2024). Through ticket revenue purchased through the link/code, \$5 of every ticket purchased will go directly back to to Fiesta Gardens!



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS 2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

MARCH/APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	24	25	26	27	28	29
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SD	WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH	10	TB
	14	15	16	17	18	19
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MAY						
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JULY						
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AUGUST						
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DET	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	17	18
1:05	18	6:45	19	6:45	20	12:45
OAK	CWS	CWS	CWS	CWS	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29	30
SEA		MIL	MIL	MIL	7:15 MIA	TBD MIA

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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1:05	15	16	17	18	19	20
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12:05	29	30				
STL						10/20/23

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

Parent Volunteers Needed:

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!

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: 4/10/24 ~ 5/8/24

Lost and Found:

The lost and found is 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 to a charitable organization.

Parents are **STRONGLY** encouraged to **LABEL** articles of clothing (particularly coats, sweaters, caps, lunch boxes, etc.) with you students name.

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.

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.

School 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 main office at 650-312-7737. Please make sure you call before 10:00am on the day that your student will be absent and not the following day. If you don't notify us your student will be marked absent.

If your student is absent please make sure to bring a medical note as soon as the next day or when your student returns to school so that we may correct their attendance with enough time.

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*](#)

[*Parent Project Program*](#)

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

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

[*SF Giants School Fundraising*](#)

[*California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress \(CAASPP\)*](#)

[*6th Grade Enrollment Process for Current FGIS 5th Grade Families*](#)

[*3/19 - PTA Meeting Video Link*](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

4/16 Eventos de Conexión para Padres | Parent Connection Events - 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

4/26 Dia de la Universidad y Carrera | College and Career Day