



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great first week back from Spring Break! Don't forget if you missed a previous post please make sure to check out the "Stay in the Know" section at the bottom of the newsletter for more information on what is happening at our school!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the students who were reclassified during our ELAC meeting last night!



Fiesta Gardens International School with Ms. Benitez's 4th Grade Class

Safe Routes to School held their annual Golden Sneaker Contest from February 26th to March 22nd. Please help me in congratulating **Maestra Benitez's** class for winning second place in the county-wide **GOLDEN SNEAKER** contest! They won this recognition for walking, biking, or for riding a bus to get to school!

25 Fiesta Feather Big Prize:



Reminder, students must submit 25 fiesta feathers if they wish to participate in the big prize of extra recess time on Wednesday, 4/17!

TK-5 Annex Summer Camp:

TK-5 Summer Camp

Registration opens on February 16th at 8am
Apply Here
Sign up for all 8 weeks for a 10% discount

Laurel Elementary School
316 36th Ave. San Mateo
8:30am-5:30pm
(late pick up fees will apply)
All camp attendees must bring lunch, and water bottle

Week 1 (6/17-6/21 ~no camp 6/19): Let the Games Begin! Field Trip- Sports Plex \$450/week	Week 2 (6/24-6/28): Animal Adventure! Field Trip- Oakland Zoo \$545/week
Week 3 (7/1-7/5 ~no camp 7/4): Let's Celebrate! Field Trip- Aqua Adventure \$450/week	Week 4 (7/8-7/12): Superheroes! Field Trip- Great America \$545/week
Week 5 (7/15-7/19): Camping! Field Trip- Gilroy Gardens \$545/week	Week 6 (7/22-7/26): Wild Wild West! Field Trip- Roaring Camp Railroad \$545/week
Week 7 (7/29-8/2): Under the Sea Field Trip- Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk \$545/week	Week 8 (8/5-8/9): Summer Luau! BBQ \$545/week

For more information, contact us :
tbenavides@smfcsd.net
lneri@smfcsd.net

Before Camp: 650-312-7706
During Camp: 650-333-8577

ANNEX
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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 Golden 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

Borel's Open House:



Wednesday
April 17, 5:00-7PM
Borel Open House

Current Students:

Bring your family to show off your hard work in your classes. Our counselors will be in the office if you need assistance with Promotion seats or Great America tickets.

New to Borel?

Incoming 6th Grade Student Welcome in New Gym at 5PM then self tours around campus.



Spring Delight - Plant Sale and Craft Fair:

Free community event for all! There will be a free Kid's Gardening Table, a Scavenger Hunt through the gardens, live music, shopping and plants.

When: Sunday May 5, 10am-3pm

Where: San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, adjacent to Beresford Park

A vibrant green poster for a plant sale and craft fair. At the top, the text "Spring Delight" is written in a cursive font. Below it, "PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR" is in large, bold, red letters. Underneath, "OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE" is in a smaller, black font. The date and time, "SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM", are in bold red. The location, "SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER", is in bold black. A list of activities follows: "PLANT SALES", "SHOPPING", "GARDEN CLUBS", "LIVE MUSIC", "RAFFLES", and "KIDS GARDENING TABLE", each with a small yellow flower icon. At the bottom, there are several potted plants in various colors. A red starburst on the left says "FREE COMMUNITY EVENT". A red starburst on the right says "MOTHER'S DAY SHOPPING". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, the address "San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403" is listed, along with "at Alameda de las Pulgas, near Beresford Park". The website "SanMateoGardenCenter.org" and email "info@sanmateogardencenter.org" are also provided.

Spring Delight

**PLANT SALE
& CRAFT FAIR**

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM**

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER

PLANT SALES 🌱 SHOPPING
GARDEN CLUBS 🌱 LIVE MUSIC
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**FREE
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**MOTHER'S
DAY
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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

FGIS MPR

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 fields (police, construction, healthcare, education, etc.) standing in front of a city skyline. In the foreground, a group of students wearing hard hats and safety vests are looking towards the professionals.

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:

From, 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 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)*

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: 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 the links below for more information:

[*Fiesta Gardens Website*](#)

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

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

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

[*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*](#)

[*2024 Bike Month Poster Contest*](#)

Istation Parent Guides: [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

5/3 Coffee Chat | Charla y Café - 8:30am (Staff Lounge)

5/8 Distribucion de Comida | Food Distribution

5/6-5/10 Semana de Aprecio a los Maestros/as y Personal | Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

5/8 Almuerzo de Apreciación a los Maestros/as y personal | Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch - 1:00pm (Staff Lounge)

5/8 Día de ir en Bicicleta a la Escuela | Bike to School Day

5/7 Reunión de la Junta Ejecutiva de PTA | Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6:00 pm

5/9 Junta del Consejo de la Escuela, ELAC, & Charla y Café | School Site Council, ELAC, & Coffee Chat - 6:00pm

5/14 Eventos de Conexión para Padres | Parent Connection Events - 6:00pm

5/16 Casa Abierta y Exhibición de Arte | Open House & Art Show – 6:00 pm

5/21 Última Junta General de PTA y Helados | Last General PTA Meeting/Ice Cream Social - 6:00 pm

5/24 Día Corto | Minimum Day

5/26 SF Carnaval

5/27 Día Conmemorativo - No Hay Clase | Memorial Day Holiday – No School