



FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,



Thank you to all our 5th grade parents for confirming their 6th grade decisions. We are looking forward to having our first 6th grade class next school year 2024-2025!

Interviews for our 2 teachers/Immersion TOSAs are underway and we will provide a staffing update soon!

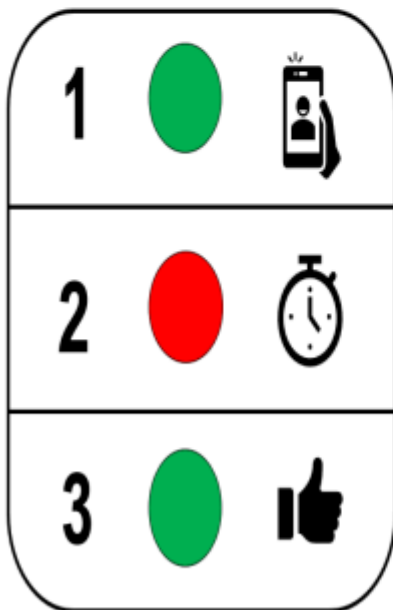
Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID):

Hello Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to share that RFID Ridership will be starting 4/22/24 for your student's bus route. Your student will receive their RFID card through their school. Students will scan their card on the reader mounted on the bus dashboard near the entrance door when on-boarding and off-boarding.



Using an RFID card is as easy as 1-2-3!



1. Students can tap their card to the reader when the green light is on.
2. Once the card is tapped successfully, a red light will appear. This means the card is being read. Students should not scan cards while red light is displayed.
3. When the card has been read, the reader will display the green light again. The student may now go to their seat or continue exiting the bus. The reader is ready for the next student to scan their card.

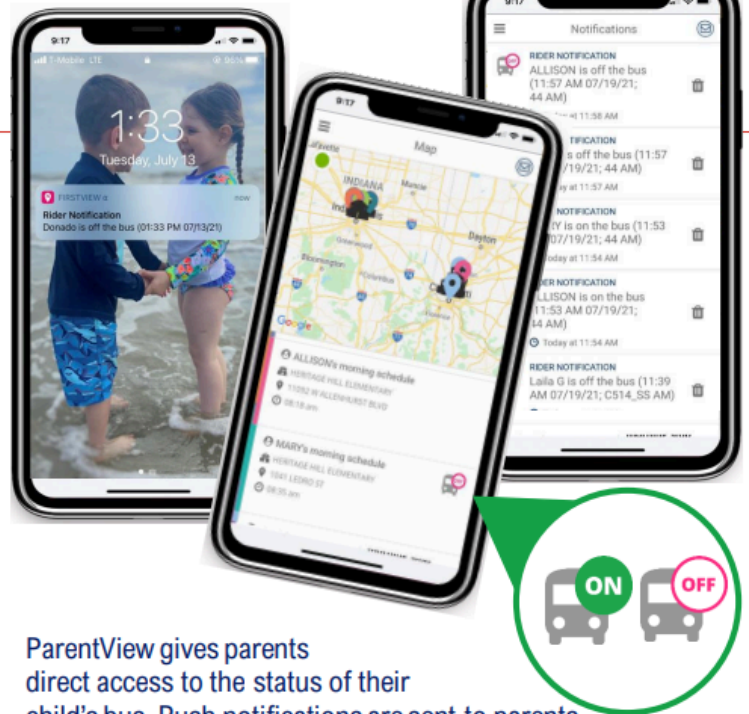
If your student has not received their RFID card or you have additional questions, please contact your school office.

For more information please visit the following links:

- [ParentView GPS Registration Guide](#)
- [ParentView GPS Flyer](#)
- [ParentView FAQ](#)

ParentView FIRSTVIEW RIDERSHIP

If you are subscribed to First Student RFID ridership, it is now integrated with FirstView* so parents can be notified when their student enters and exits their bus.



ParentView gives parents direct access to the status of their child's bus. Push notifications are sent to parents when their child boards or offboards the bus.



Bus Tracking
with Boarding
Notifications



Improved Security



Peace
of Mind

*Not all districts will qualify for RFID Ridership integration with FirstView. Route/Student data refreshes in FOCUS, the back-end system at the bus depot that feeds FirstView, is required for RFID integration with FirstView. For more information, please contact your FirstView Implementation Specialist.



Caring for students. That is our First priority.

NEXT WEEK is Spirit Week - Monday 4/22 to Friday 4/26:



Get ready to celebrate our beautiful planet during Earth Day Spirit Week from 4/22 to 4/26! Let's come together to raise awareness, inspire action and show our commitment to protecting the environment.

- **Monday 4/22:** Wear Rainbow Colors (for the plants and animals)
 - Activity in School: Trash for Treats
- **Tuesday 4/23:** Wear Animal Pjs
- **Wednesday 4/24:** Silly Hair Day - Get wild and style your hair like a plant or animal
- **Thursday 4/25:** Wear BLUE & Bring your favorite fruit or veggie in your lunch
- **Friday 4/26:** Wear GREEN & eco-commute! Walk, bike, scoot, carpool or take the bus to school. We will have 2 parent-lead rides to school on Friday, April 26th.

Don't miss out on the chance to show your support for Earth Day and make a impact in our community. Let's go green, Fiesta Gardens!

2nd Annual Earth Day - Trash for Treats:

We would like to invite your children to participate in our Trash for Treats Day! This is a campus clean up activity for FGIS students where they pick up trash on campus and exchange their trash for a small prize.

This event was created by SMFCSD student Desmond Hua, who started this great cause at his school and with the support of the District, is asking all schools in SMFCSD to participate. It is a great activity that reminds us of the importance of taking care of our school and the earth.

- *Date: Monday, April 22*
- *Time: lunch time*

College and Career Day:

College and Career day is next week 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.

FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

COLLEGE & CAREER DAY 2024

Friday
April 26, 2024

FGIS MPR

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

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

SMFCSD Job Fair:

DISTRICT JOB FAIR WE ARE HIRING!

APRIL 27, 2024: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Beach Park Elementary School
 1058 Shell Blvd. , Foster City

Opportunities Available For:

- Special Education
- Preschool
- TK-8th Grade Teachers
- Annex-Before & After School
- Maintenance & Operation

APPLY NOW

More Information:
 Stephanie Fraumeni
 sfraumeni@smfcsd.net
 650-312-7688



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Bubblefest - Girl Scouts of Northern California:

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girl scouts
of northern california

You're invited to our
Bubblefest!
 for Foster City and San Mateo families

Join us for a bubble-filled afternoon of fun to explore Girl Scouts!

We are excited to welcome you into our Girl Scout family this spring or for the upcoming school year!

This event is for girls/youth in PK-3rd grade who live in or attend school in Foster City & San Mateo. At this free event, your child will participate in a Rubber Duck Scavenger hunt at 3:45 PM as well as get a taste of how fun and enriching Girl Scouts is.

At 3:15 PM adults will be presented with a presentation providing the necessary information about how to join an existing troop or join with friends to form a new troop at their school or in their community!

Be sure to wear clothes that can get wet or soapy!

Sunday, May 5, 3:00-4:30 PM
Audubon Elementary School
 841 Gull Avenue, Foster City, CA 94404



Please RSVP so we can ensure that we have enough materials for all
<https://tinyurl.com/bubblefest-smfc>

No drop-offs please – an adult must attend with each youth!

Please contact Community Manager, Alexa Silber, with questions or if you're ready to get started today—asilber@gsnorcal.org

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

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Parent Connection Events:

Please join our next event on Tuesday, 5/14 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: Fostering Identity


Tuesday, May 14th · 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



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**MONTHLY
EVENTS**

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

For more information:

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fiestagardens.smfcsd.net

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*



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, W: 650-638-2927, C: 650-333-8579)

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:

4/19 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 Día 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

5/8 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

5/13-5/17 Semana de Aprecio a los Maestros/as y Personal | Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

5/15 Almuerzo de Apreciación a los Maestros/as y personal | Teacher & Staff Appreciation Lunch - 1:00pm (Staff Lounge)

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