



FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Campus Grade Expansion:

We invite you to please view the documents below for more information regarding our Campus Grade Expansion, Swap, and Construction.

- [Questions from Fiesta Gardens Families Regarding the Campus Grade Expansion](#)
- [FGIS Dual Immersion Expansion Pathways](#)

Bike and Walk to School Day:

Join your fellow Fiesta families on your bikes!

We'll be leading two rides to school on May 8. You can join the ride anywhere along the route. All times are estimates. We'll keep a pace that allows everyone to stay in the group.

There are two groups riding from:

- *Hillsdale/Beresford/Bay Meadows*
- *Hayward Park/Sunnybrae*

There will be optional after school rides following the same routes in reverse.

- [For more information and route maps CLICK HERE](#)

Questions? Email Heather Wolnick (hwolnick@gmail.com) or Dana Sahae (dana611@gmail.com)

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:



This is a special time of year when we get to send our appreciation to the many teachers and staff who support and teach our children everyday. This year's Teacher and Staff Appreciation week is May 13 - 17. See below for the schedule of events.

- **Monday, 5/13**
 - *Bring your teacher a flower (real or handmade)!*
- **Tuesday, 5/14**
 - *High five, fist bump or hug a teacher today!*
- **Wednesday, 5/15**
 - *Students dress like their Teacher!*
- **Thursday, 5/16**
 - *Bring your teacher a handmade picture, note, or card!*
- **Friday, 5/17**
 - *Class gifts will be presented and you can sign up for Teacher Sweets Day!*

Open House and Art Show:

Save the date for the FGIS open house and art show! Parents and students are welcome.

- *Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024*
- *Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm*
- *What: Classroom visits for all FGIS parents and students*
- *Where: FGIS*
- *Why: To visit classrooms and the art room to meet your student's teacher and review classroom work and student projects.*

SMFC 5th/6th Grade Music Spring Concert Week:



music for minors

San Mateo - Foster City
5th Grade Music Spring Concert Week
Semana del Concierto de Primavera de Música de 5º Grado

All SMFC families & friends are invited to attend their school's annual 5th Grade Spring Concert!
¡Todas las familias y amigos de SMFC están invitados a asistir al Concierto de Primavera del 5º grado de su escuela!

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Tuesday, May 28th
Martes, 28 de mayo

Highlands Elementary, 8:40am - 9:20am
Laurel Elementary, 9:50am - 10:30am
Baywood Elementary, 10:50am - 11:30am
Beresford Elementary, 11:50am - 12:30pm
Brewer Island Elementary, 1:20pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 29th
Miércoles, 29 de mayo

San Mateo Park Elementary, 8:30am - 9:10am
College Park Elementary, 9:40am - 10:20am
LEAD Elementary, 10:45am - 11:25am
Meadow Heights Elementary, 11:50am - 12:30pm

Thursday, May 30th
Jueves, 30 de mayo

Sunnybrae Elementary, 9:40am - 10:20am
Fiesta Gardens International School, 10:45am - 11:25am
George Hall Elementary, 11:40am - 12:20pm
Audubon Elementary, 1:15pm - 1:55pm

Friday, May 31st
Viernes, 31 de mayo

Bayside Academy, 8:50am - 9:30am
Beach Park Elementary, 9:50am - 10:30am
Foster City Elementary, 10:50am - 11:30am
Parkside Montessori, 12:45pm - 1:25pm
North Shoreview Montessori, 1:45pm - 2:25pm

Please sign-in at the front desk before attending the concert
Por favor, regístrese en la recepción antes de asistir al concierto.

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

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

Lunch Boxes Needed:



Thinking ahead for our upcoming school year, our Community Room could benefit from new/gently used lunch boxes for our students to bring a lunch from home. If you would like to donate a lunch box please make sure to drop it off in our Community Room #20.

Staffing Updates for Next Year:

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!

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.

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 \(CAASPP\)*](#)

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

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

[*5/5 - Spring Delight: Plant Sale and Craft Fair*](#)

[*Radio-Frequency Identification \(RFID\)*](#)

[*5/5 - Bubblefest: Girl Scouts of Northern California*](#)

[*TK-5 Annex Summer Camp*](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

6/6 Fiesta para 5to Grado en la Piscina | 5th Grade Pool Party

6/7 Carnaval (Playground) - 1:30pm

6/11 Promoción de 5to Grado | Fifth Grade Promotion - 11:30am

6/11 Último día de clases | Last Day of School