



FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,



We would like to wish our FGIS mothers a wonderful mother's day! Whether you celebrate Mother's Day today or on May 12th (or both days), we hope your day is full of love and celebration!

We invite you to watch a video from Director Robles and his mother reading *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch.

[Mother's Day - Video](#)



Big Announcement



Announcing our 2024/2025 6th Grade Teachers/Dual Language Immersion TOSAs!!



Ramón Macías

My name is Ramón Macías and I am thrilled to work at Fiesta Gardens as a 6th grade teacher and teacher on special assignment (TOSA).

I grew up in Zacatecas, México, but moved to California with my family almost 30 years ago. I have been living in the Bay Area since 2008. I graduated from Stanislaus State University with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and a BCLAD credential in Spanish.

I have more than 16 years of experience working as an educator in Spanish Immersion Programs. I have worked for the Redwood City School District (2008-2011), the San José Unified School District (2011-2012), and the Cabrillo Unified School District (2012-2024). I have experience teaching first through eighth-grade students. I am passionate about education and believe that every student deserves a positive and engaging learning experience.

I am looking forward to meeting you and being part of the Fiesta Gardens team!

Multilingual Seal of Biliteracy Ceremony:

Congratulations to our dual immersion students in their recent Seal of Biliteracy Ceremony that took place last week! We are so proud of you!



Douglas Byrd

Maestro Byrd has been a public school educator for more than 18 years in New York and California, including over seven years in bilingual immersion. In addition to teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, he has hosted student teachers from various universities in New York City and the Bay Area, and he was a teacher coach for the SF Pathways program. He is looking forward to working with the district and educators at FGIS to grow and support our immersion program.





Basketball Tournament:



The basketball tournament is having its final match up on Wednesday, 5/15 between the Condors and Tigers! This is our 11th year doing this tournament and we want to take the time to express a huge THANK YOU to all the students for their participations!!

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!*

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.

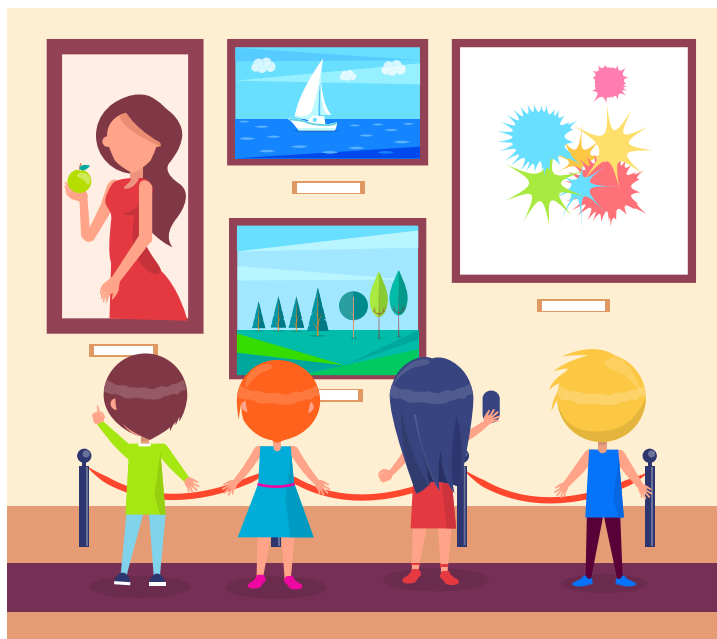
with
Ms. Cynthia, Director Robles, Subdirector Mak, and special guest LGBTQ+ CoSA Israel Cruz

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

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.*

Colorful Connections:



Join us for a heartwarming and inclusive LGBTQ+ family celebration, Colorful Connections, where love, unity, and diversity take center stage. This event is open to all members of our school district community and is designed to foster a sense of belonging, understanding, and support for LGBTQ+ families, allies, and students who identify as LGBTQ+.

We hope you will join us on May 18, 2024, at Fiesta Gardens International School (1001 Bermuda Dr. San Mateo) from 10 - 11:30 am!



Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. | Fiesta Gardens International School

[Register for Colorful Connections TODAY!](#)

Colorful Connections

An Inclusive Space for ALL



Carnaval:

CARNAVAL

Join us for our annual end of the year event! Each grade parades to the basketball courts where they show off a regional dance they've learned! This is a great event where we can enjoy all our children dancing.

- *Date: Friday, June 7th*
- *Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm*
- *Location: Fiesta Gardens*



Community Room Bulletin:

Lunch Boxes Needed:

Thinking ahead for our upcoming school year, our students could benefit from new/gently used lunch boxes for our students to bring a lunch from home. If you have any that you don't use please consider donating them.

Uniform Donations:

If you have any uniform items that are new/gently used that your child has outgrown please consider donating them to our school. We have many families who could benefit from this.

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.

Lost and Found:

If your student has lost something recently please make sure to stop by and look at our lost and found located in our Community Room #20. 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 in case they get lost or misplaced.

Food Distribution:

If you are interested in receiving a box of food for the 2024-2025 school year please contact our Community Service Specialist Isabel Jimenez (ijimenez@smfcsd.net, W: 650-638-2927, C: 650-333-8579)

****all donations can be dropped off with Isabel in our Community Room #20***

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](#)

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!

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**](#)

[**5/28 - 5/31: SMFC 5th/6th Grade Music Spring Concert Week**](#)

Upcoming Events:

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

5/18 Conexiones Coloridas | Colorful Connections - 10:00am

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

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

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