



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Please make sure that you are on time to pick up your students. See below our bell schedule for regular and minimum days.



FGIS BELL SCHEDULE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 REGULAR SCHEDULE Elementary

GRADE	START	RECESS	LUNCH	DISMISSAL
TK & Kindergarten	8:25am	10:30 -10:50 am	12:10–1:00pm	2:35pm
Grades 1-2	8:25am	10:00 -10:20 am	12:10–1:00pm	2:39pm
Grade 3 -5	8:25am	10:25 -10:45 am	12:00–12:50 pm	2:58pm

Middle School

Period	1	2	Snack	3	4	Lunch	5	6
Times	8:10-9:40	9:44-10:39	10:39-10:49	10:53-11:48	11:52-12:47	12:47-1:27	1:31-2:26	2:26-2:59

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Wednesdays)

TK & Kindergarten are on a minimum day schedule from August 14th, 2024 through October 3rd, 2024 (Kinders start full days on October 14th, 2024 Dismiss is at 2:35 for both TK & kinders.

Elementary

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Important Reminders:

- We invite all parents to join our morning meetings that take place behind the MPR.
 - We ask that you please exit campus following the morning meeting. For security reasons, please sign in through the front office if you plan on staying on campus. We also ask that you make previous arrangements with the teacher if you plan on staying on campus to volunteer.
- If you pack a lunch from home... Due to the volume of traffic in the office as a result of student needs, we ask that you please send home lunches in the morning with students in their backpacks/lunch boxes.
- Bermuda street will no longer be used for pick up and drop off. All pick up and drop off will take place in the front entrance.
- Students will no longer need to bring their Chromebooks to school as they will become for home use only. During the school day a classroom Chromebook will be provided.

Emergency Bags:

EMERGENCY BAGS

2024/2025

The Emergency Bags will be kept in each of your students classroom in case of an emergency.

Please make sure to send your student with their emergency bag with the following items by **Thursday, October 3rd** to receive a **Gold Fiesta Feather**. Emergency Bags should be turned in to your teachers in their classroom.

Inside each Ziploc Bag there should be:

2 Water Bottles



2 Granola Bars
(No peanuts, no allergy-causing foods)

Family Portrait
Make a family drawing and/or print a photo



If you need support or have any questions, please contact our Community Specialists Isabel 650-638-2927 and/or Karina 650-312-7517.

An example of an Emergency Bag is located in the office bulletin board.

Late Drop Offs:



All students will have to walk on their own to their classroom if they arrive late to class (parents are not to walk to classrooms after the school day has started as this will interrupt the flow of classroom procedures).

The only exception to this is TK students, they may be walked to their class by parents if they arrive late. Kinder to 6th grade students should walk to their classrooms on their own.

Uniform Policy:



If you have questions about uniforms, please make sure to visit our website for student examples of proper uniform dress code compliance [HERE](#).

You can also find our school Uniform Policy [HERE](#).

Message from H.O.P.E. Uniforms Program:

Dear H.O.P.E. Uniform Program Community,

Thank you for your continued support in preventing thousands of articles of textile waste by utilizing the H.O.P.E. (Help Our Planet Earth) Uniforms Program or just by simply donating uniforms to help other families. The H.O.P.E. Uniforms Program has a very successful 2024 back-to-school season so far but we need your help to better serve the community. H.O.P.E. have helped over 220 families across the bay area, giving out and recycling over 1,500 articles of uniforms just these past few weeks. The H.O.P.E. Uniforms Program is a socially responsible and environmental organization that serves the local community by accepting and reusing

children's school uniforms, thereby reducing contribution to the landfills. H.O.P.E. Uniforms Program collects gently used school uniforms and donates them back to families in the community, free of charge. Then, when they outgrow those uniforms, they could donate them back and simply request the next size up from H.O.P.E, thereby creating an eco-friendly cycle. We have received tremendous demand this year, while we are able to recycle so many school uniforms, the influx of uniform requests has left our inventory depleted. In order to continue, we will need new donations in order to continue to help many more families to receive full and complete uniform orders to last them through the school year. If you have any gently used clean or new school uniforms, please feel free to drop them off at your school front office's Uniform Donation Bin. Please check us out on Instagram @hopeuniformsprogram for community announcements or visit our website at www.hopeuniformsprogram.com.



The flyer features a green logo of a person with arms raised inside a circle, next to the text "HOPE Uniforms Program". Below this, a blue box contains the text "FREE School Uniforms" and "Donate School Uniforms" with a white double-headed arrow. To the right, text states "We have FREE gently used school uniforms" and lists "Boys/Girls of all sizes" and "Tops, bottoms, shorts, skirts, and leggings". A globe surrounded by icons is shown. Below that, text says "We accept gently used school uniforms that you may have outgrown or are no longer needed so that we could pass them onto another family." The bottom section includes a QR code, a group of six children in school uniforms, the website "www.hopeuniformsprogram.com", and a note "Available in English, Español, and 中文". To the right is another QR code for Instagram, with the text "Follow Us On Instagram". The bottom-most section shows a white polo shirt and text: "HOPE (Help Our Planet Earth) Uniforms Program serves the San Mateo Foster City School District community FREE of charge by accepting and reusing school uniforms, and helping the environment at the same time. Thank you HOPE community! We have grown so much since inception:" followed by a list: "* Received +8,000 donated uniforms", "* Provided +6,300 requested uniforms", and "* Helped +800 families in the community".

Free English Classes for Adults:

Starting August 20th, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Kings Center, the City of San Mateo will offer free adult English classes!

For more information, call Donya Sultani at (650) 522-7848 or email sultani@cityofsanmateo.org.

Project Read, the adult literacy program of the San Mateo Public Library, has provided free, confidential literacy tutoring to adults since 1985.

Volunteer tutors work with adults who want to improve their essential reading and writing skills, enabling them to achieve personal learning goals, like reading a story to a child, voting for the first time, or completing a job application form. The program raises literacy levels—and the quality of life—in the City of San Mateo.

See the attached flyer for more details.

Free English Class for Adults
Gratis Clases de Inglés Para Adultos



Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
starting August 20th

martes y miércoles
9:15 a. m. - 10:30 a. m.
a partir del 20 de agosto

Dr. Martin Luther **King Jr. Community Center**
 Address: 725 Monte Diablo Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401

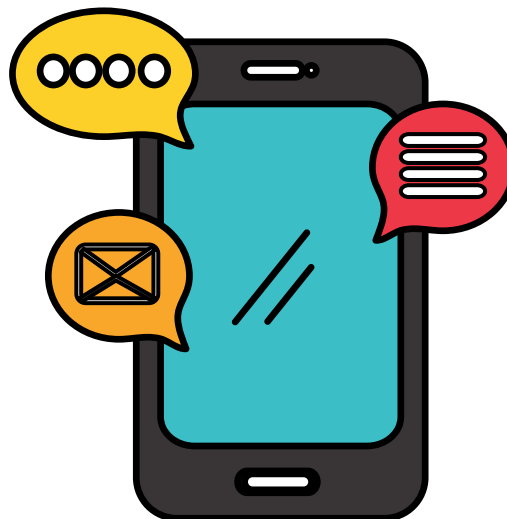
Free Childcare! One child per family!
¡cuidado de niños gratuito! ¡Un niño por familia!



San Mateo Public Library-Project Read
 55 W. 3rd Ave, San Mateo, CA 94402
 Questions? Preguntas? Call **650-522-7848**
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Cellphone Policy:



- All cell phones must be turned off and remain in backpacks during the school day. Per our school handbook: "If your child has a cell phone at school, it must be turned off during school hours and kept in their backpacks. The school accepts no responsibility regarding loss, damage, etc. of the phones."
 - If student is caught using phone during school hours:
 - 1st - Warning; prompted to put away
 - 2nd - Administration/Teachers will hold item for parent pick up
 - 3rd - Parent/Teacher/Administration Meeting

Smart Watch Policy:



- Smart watches may be allowed to be on campus and worn during school hours.
 - Students are not allowed to call parents/guardians from smart watch while on school campus.
 - If student is caught using smart watch during school hours:
 - 1st - Warning; prompted to stop
 - 2nd - Administration/Teachers will hold item for parent pick up
 - 3rd - Parent/Teacher/Administration Meeting

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.

Fiesta Hispana:



We'll be kicking off the school year with our annual celebration of food, music and community. This year we'll be featuring booths and food from various countries. We are looking for families to represent their heritage by manning booths that share unique aspects of their culture.

- Date: Friday, September 13
- Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

The event also needs volunteers to help set-up, decorate and clean up. Please look at the beginning/end of this message to sign up for volunteer shifts.

Contact Cintya Quijandria-Heredia at cintyahq10@gmail.com for more information.

Community Room Bulletin:

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

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/H.O.P.E Uniforms Program. We have many families who could benefit from this.

If you are in need of uniforms you can stop by our room we have a few uniforms in our closet. We can also support with placing an order through our partner H.O.P.E Uniforms.

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. 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.

MAP Food Distribution:

We are working with our partners from MAP on continuing our Food Distribution Boxes. As soon as we have more information we will send an update.

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<https://fiestagardens.smfcsd.net>

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Location: Community Room #20

<https://fiestagardens.smfcsd.net>

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*](#)

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

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

Upcoming Events:

8/27: First General PTA Meeting - 6:00 pm

8/28: First Dine Out @ California Fish Grill - 11:00am - 8:00pm

9/2: Labor Day - No school

9/6: Coffee Chat – 8:30am Staff Lounge

9/13: Fiesta Hispana

[PTA Calendar](#)