



FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

There will be No SCHOOL on **Monday, September 2nd** due to Labor Day.

Enjoy the long weekend! For any quick links and to read the weekly district communication please check the "Stay in the Know" section below.

Attendance Message:

Dear FGIS Community:

I hope that everyone has transitioned into the new school year with high spirits and positivity.

Thank you all for your support in making this year a success for our students and our community.

School attendance is very important to a student's development. Studies have found a positive correlation between school attendance and high school completion. In contrast, students who are chronically absent from school in Kindergarten and first grade are less likely to be reading on level by third grade. [This is an indication that a student is four times more likely to drop out of school.](#)

To encourage attendance for our chronically absent students, we have developed a new plan. Our community service specialists will begin calling parents of students who have missed 15% of school days or have been tardy 10 or more times per month to find out if there is a need for support or what resources are needed to get students to school consistently and on time.

In addition, we will be hosting breakfast events for parents of students who have been chronically absent. If absences continue, we will be hosting meetings with principals and parents to encourage school attendance. If you need support to get your son or daughter to school consistently, please contact our community service specialists, Isabel and Karina.

Remember, if your son or daughter is absent due to illness or medical appointments, please turn in notes to the office within a week so the absence can be excused.

Sincerely,

Principal Robles

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. **After the 3rd day, if your student continues to be sick you will need to provide a doctors note to the office a week from the 3rd day missed.** 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.

Important Reminders:

- Fall Picture Day will be on **Friday, September 6th**. It will be a free dress day for students.

- 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.
 - **We ask that you please do not record during our morning meetings.**

- 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.

- 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.

- Please make sure that you are on time to pick up your students.

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.

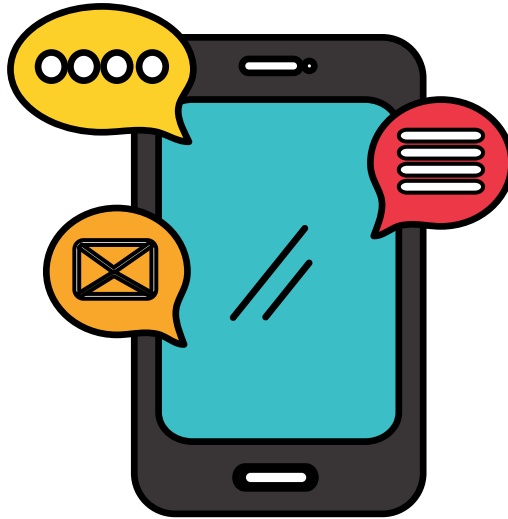
Uniform Policy:



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](#).

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

Fiesta Hispana:



Fiesta Hispana is coming soon and we need your help! We will begin the school year with our annual celebration of food, music and community.

This year we will have stands and food from several countries.

Volunteers are needed to create tables that highlight the culture of their country.

If you know how to dance a dance from your country or know someone who would like to showcase their dance, please contact Cintya Quijandria-Heredia at cintyahq10@gmail.com.

Volunteer stations:

- Ticket sales
- Soft drinks
- A responsible parent who is in charge of the hamburger station, can bring their own grill by 4pm to set up everything. Additional volunteers needed for half-hour spots to help cook until 7pm.
- Garbage crew. Three different times: the beginning to assemble all the buckets, in the middle of the event to collect and change the bags and at the end of the event to collect the last bags.

Date: Friday, September 13

Hours: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The event also needs volunteers to help set up, decorate and clean up. Please click below to sign up.

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

Jog-A-Thon:



Start your Engines...

The FGIS Jogathon is BACK!

Please note the date of the jogathon has changed from the previous announcement to accommodate 5th grade outdoor education.

The Jogathon is one of the FGIS PTA's biggest fundraisers. It helps to raise money for our mindfulness program, field trips, classroom supplies, community building events, and the reading support paraeducator.

WHEN: Friday, September 20th

WHERE: Fiesta Gardens playground track

WHY: To raise money for our awesome school

WHO? FGIS students and their families

Please plan to come and cheer on your student!

Register your student ASAP on our fundraising platform:

<https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register>

Parent Registration Code: 5d386f7721514

For more information, see this [flyer](#).

Coffee Chat:



The next chat and coffee is coming up! Come have a coffee and chat with the Director.

Date: Friday, September 6th

Time: 8:30am

Location: Fiesta Gardens International School

If you have questions or comments that you would like to send to Director Robles in advance, please contact Director Robles at drobles@smfc.k12.ca.us if you have questions.

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:

If you are interested in receiving a box of food please contact Isabel or Karina. Our first food distribution will be on Tuesday, September 3rd.



Food Distribution Dates

| Dates | Food Distribution Pick-up Times |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 9/3/24 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 10/1/24 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 11/5/24 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 12/3/24 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 1/14/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 2/4/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 3/4/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 4/8/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 5/6/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |
| Tuesday, 6/3/25 | 11:00am-4:00pm |

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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 \(RFID\)**](#)

[**District Communication**](#)

[**PTA Calendar**](#)

Upcoming Events:

9/2: Labor Day - No school

9/3: MAP Food Distribution

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

9/6: Fall Picture Day/Free Dress Day

9/11: Super Wednesday - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

9/13: Fiesta Hispana - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

9/19: ELAC Meeting - 6:00pm

9/20: Jog-A-Thon

9/27-10/3: Parent/Teacher Conferences & Minimum Days