



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

# Falcon Community Connection

**STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,



## **Your Student's Safety Matters**

### **Dismissal/Arrival Safety DO's:**

- Closely supervise your children
- Pull all the way forward when driving in the pick-up/drop off lane
  - Remain in your vehicle if you are in the pick up lane
  - If you do not see your child, continue to circle around
- Park in the parking lot or near school if you will be exiting your vehicle
- Use the crosswalk
  - Wait for the cross guard to stop the vehicles before crossing
- Arrive on time for dismissal and arrival

### **Dismissal/Arrival Do NOT's:**

- Allow children to run in the dismissal area or damage greenery
- Allow children to climb school fixtures
- Cross to the parking lot in undesignated areas
- Keep younger siblings waiting until upper grade release (unless they are accompanied by a non-staff adult)
- Do NOT block:
  - Fire Hydrants
  - Driveways (we have received complaints from neighbors)
  - Bus lane

### **Important Reminders:**

SAVE THE DATE! Our parent Resource Fair will be on **Thursday, October 3rd (8:30am-12:00pm)**. You're invited to come learn more about different organization available for our community. Please see below a few organizations that are joining us!

- CORA

- Second Harvest
- PTA
- YMCA
- Peninsula Bridge
- Postal Annex (fingerprinting for volunteers)
- CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL)
- Multicultural Institute
- CalFresh and Medi-Cal Benefits
- H.O.P.E. Uniforms (available to place orders)
- Maestra Cynthia (mental health clinician)
- San Mateo Council
- Girl Scouts
- SamTrans
- San Mateo Library

and much more! Coffee and breakfast will be provided.

**Super Wednesday:**



# SUPER WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30PM-7:30PM

FGIS MPR

Join our parent workshop to learn how to help  
your student use their academic applications

## TOPICS

Classlink  
ST Math  
Zearn  
Chromebook Care  
Mindfulness

## DETAILS

Childcare and  
dinner provided

## CONTACT

For more information, contact our Community  
Specialists Isabel and Karina, 650-638-2927

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.*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cintyahq10@gmail.com) for more information.

Parent Volunteers Sign-up [HERE](#)

Student Volunteers Sign-up [HERE](#)

**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

### **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](tel: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.

### **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.

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

**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:**

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

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

**9/17 & 9/24:** PIQE - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**9/19:** ELAC Meeting - 6:00pm

**9/20:** Jog-A-Thon

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

**10/1:** MAP Food Distribution

**10/3:** Parent Resource Fair - 8:30am-12:00pm