



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

# Falcon Community Connection

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

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

## Important Reminders

All of next week (**Monday, September 30th - Thursday, October 3rd**) will be minimum days and free dress days due to parent/teacher conferences. Please plan accordingly to pick up your student on time.

Minimum Day Dismissal: TK/Kinder 12:35pm & 1st-6th dismissal at 12:49pm

No School on Friday, October 4th due to Teacher PD day

Fall Break is Monday, October 7th - Friday, October 11th, classes will resume on Monday, October 14th

If your TK/Kinder student has not received a Chromebook please plan on stopping by room 20 from September 27th - October 3rd (1:00pm - 4:00pm). Our Digital Literacy teacher Dylan will be in the Wellness Center to answer any questions you may have.

TK/Kinder students will start full days starting Monday, October 14th. Dismissal will be at 2:35pm with the exception of Wednesdays which are minimum days, dismissal will be at 12:35pm

## **6th Grade Parent Corner:**

Featuring parents and students experience of 6th grade at FGIS!



***Lucia Herrera (parent) in the 6th grade classroom***

- What are your general feelings about your student staying at FGIS for 6th grade?

Lucia Herrera: I feel comfortable and good because my son is happy. If he is happy, that makes me happy. It is much better knowing that he remains in a school close to our home. Also, that my two children continue to be together in the same school.

- What stands out the most to you about 6th grade?

Lucia Herrera: I like that he is learning new things and the small class size feels more intimate. I love knowing that what they are learning is more advanced. My son is very happy and content with his 6th grade experience.

- What are you looking forward to the most with 7th grade starting at the new campus?

Lucia Herrera: I am excited to know that he started 6th grade at Fiesta Gardens. When we move to the new campus, he will be able to have the experience of being with more students, having more teachers, learning new subjects, and continuing to be supported. I am excited to know that he will be able to have more experiences like this of being able to have music and learn a new instrument.

**Resource Fair:**

**Fiesta Gardens International School**  
**PTA**  
*cada niño, una voz. every child, one voice.*

**FIESTA GARDENS**  
**Resource Fair**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL RESOURCE FAIR  
 WHERE WE WILL HAVE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS COME  
 PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE WORK THEY DO IN OUR  
 COMMUNITY!

**OCTOBER 3RD, 2024 | 8:30AM - 12:00PM**  
**FIESTA GARDENS**  
**BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED!**

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

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**Parent PBIS Rodeo:**

Families who attend  
will receive a  
Golden 10 point Fiesta  
Feather!

Childcare will be available!

# PARENT PBIS RODEO

Thursday, October 17  
6:00-7:30 pm

Learn about Fiesta Gardens social emotional  
supports and discipline procedures:

**1. PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports**

*Presenters: Maestra Anita Sol and Coach Giovanni*

**2. Fix it Tickets, Referrals, and Restorative Conversations**

*Presenters: Director Robles and SubDirector Demakas*

**3. Second Step and Toolbox Project**

*Presenters: Maestras Caroline Chinchilla and Luisa Hernandez*

**4. Mindfulness**

*Presenter: Maestra Erin McCoy*



**Safe Routes to School:**

**[Safe Routes to School Survey Link](#)**

## Safe Routes to School Survey Introduction - English

Dear Caregiver,

The City of San Mateo would like to learn your thoughts about students walking and biking to school. What would you like to see to make it safer and easier for students to walk, bike, roll or take the bus to school in San Mateo?

This [survey](#) will take about 5 minutes to complete. We ask that each family complete one survey per school your children attend.

Your responses will be kept confidential and neither your name nor your child's name will be associated with any results. Your input will help us build a city where all students can safely, confidently, and joyfully travel to and from school by biking, walking, rolling, or riding the bus, building healthy habits and community for all.

Complete the [Safe Routes to School Survey](#) by **Sunday, October 6, 2024**.



**Walk, Bike, & Roll to School:**



Join a group bike ride!

There are two group bike rides:

- Meet at 7:50am at Hillsdale Mall Plaza (outside Philz)

OR

- Meet at 8:00am Hayward Park Caltrain Station parking lot

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

If walking or biking the whole way to school isn't an option for your family, consider parking a few blocks away to walk your students to campus. It's a great way to meet other families, reduce traffic, and encourage healthy habits.

Questions? Email [saferoutes@fiestagardenspta.org](mailto:saferoutes@fiestagardenspta.org)

### **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.

### **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.

### **Community Room Bulletin:**



The poster features the title "FGIS DONATIONS" in a large, blue, arched font at the top. Below the title is a cartoon mascot holding a globe, flanked by two open boxes filled with various items. The central text reads: "Room 20 is taking donations! We welcome donations from our families and community, which are shared back with our FGIS students and families." The poster is divided into three main sections: "WE ACCEPT:" with a list of hygiene and household items, "DONATIONS STUDENTS NEED:" with a list of school supplies and clothing, and "WE DO NOT ACCEPT:" with a list of prohibited items. A yellow callout box at the bottom right says "PLEASE READ" and provides a message about donating new items. Illustrations of a backpack, school shoes, and water bottles are also present.

**FGIS DONATIONS**

Room 20 is taking donations!  
We welcome donations from our families and community, which are shared back with our FGIS students and families.

**WE ACCEPT:**

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Menstrual products
- Hair ties
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body soap
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- Paper towels (individually wrapped)
- Face wash
- Face lotion
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Combs
- Hair brushes
- Leave in conditioner spray
- Lice spray
- Apple cider vinegar
- Empty, clean glass / mason jars
- White vinegar
- Baking soda
- Small travel containers
- Laundry detergent

**DONATIONS STUDENTS NEED:**  
WE ASK THESE ITEMS BE NEW OR GENTLY USED, THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!

- School uniforms
- Children shoes
- Backpacks
- Lunch bags
- Unused or new school supplies

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Adult clothing
- Adult shoes
- Baby car seats
- Perishable food items

**PLEASE READ**

Having our families and students access hygiene products, home products, and food items is important to us! For this reason we kindly ask that all items in these categories be donated new. Thank you for your support to our FGIS community room!

### ***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\*](#)

[\*Cellphone and Smart Watch Policy\*](#)

[\*H.O.P.E Uniforms Program\*](#)

[\*Personal Care Products Needed List\*](#)

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

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

[\*District Communication\*](#)

[\*PTA Calendar\*](#)

**NWEA Parent Guide: [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#)**

## Fiesta Gardens Move and Expansion

### Upcoming Events:

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

**10/1:** MAP Food Distribution

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

**10/4:** Teacher Professional Day - No School

**10/7-10/11:** Fall Break

**10/14:** School Resumes - TK/K Starts Full Days

**10/15, 10/22, 10/29:** PIQE - 5:30pm-7:30pm