



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

# Falcon Community Connection

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

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Reminder, that there is no school next week Monday, 11/25 through Friday 11/29. School will resume on Monday, 12/2. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break!

Our next MAP food distribution will happen on Tuesday, 12/3 between 11:00am and 4:00pm. If you are interested in receiving a box of food please stop by our Community Room.

Join our last PIOE parent workshop on Tuesday, 12/3 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Childcare and dinner provided.

If you missed the PTA Meeting/College Park Tour that happened on 11/19. We invite you to watch the video recording of the meeting please [CLICK HERE](#). It will also be available below in the "stay in the know" section.

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

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



***This week we met with students from Colegio Rural Quiba Alta, Colombia. We shared Idioms/Dichos and discussed their meaning and how to use them.***

"Our students had the opportunity to present something about themselves through Google Slides, including their favorite after-school activities. Also, in small groups, they learned more about Colombian students and were able to ask each other questions. At the end, they walked around the school to show what it looks like from the outside. It was a lot of fun!" -Maestro Ramón

"I loved that the children from Colombia saw the school." -Zoe

"I liked that we had to show them around the school and we could talk more and learn about their interests." -  
Valentina

### **Holiday Gift Card & Toy Drive:**

A festive poster for a holiday gift card and toy drive. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights hangs across the width. Below the lights, on the left, is a cartoon bird wearing a Santa hat and holding a gift box, with the letters 'FGIS' on its chest. To the right of the bird, the text 'Fiesta Gardens International School' is written in a simple black font. Below this, the words 'HOLIDAY GIFT CARD & TOY DRIVE' are written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath the title, a paragraph of text explains the drive: 'As we start the holiday season, we are now accepting gift cards and toy donations. We ask that for this occasion toys be new as we will be wrapping them and gifting them to Fiesta Gardens families who are in need'. Below this paragraph, another line of text provides contact information: 'If you have any questions, please contact Isabel/Karina at 650-333-8579'. The lower half of the poster features a large, open cardboard box filled with various toys, including a teddy bear, a yellow duck, a rocket ship, and a ball. To the left of the box are several wrapped gift cards, one of which is labeled 'GIFT CARD'. The entire scene is set against a red background that resembles a Christmas stocking. At the bottom of the poster, there are more wrapped gifts, including one with a gingerbread man on it, and a candy cane.

### **Community Schools Survey:**

We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to fill out this important survey for our school! Staff and Students will also be taking the survey during the school day.

This survey is intended to provide all families, students, and school members with a voice as we move forward with a 2nd attempt to apply for the Community School grant. Your input will be used to determine what the needs and

assets are for Fiesta Gardens to decide how to use funds from the California Community School Partnership Grant. Thank you for your input -- we are hoping for 100% school community participation!

We can do this!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ5N5Je2PmJWE3Mkfj3wlKAqtG1rKzCwVVIAApN9fyw8wY2A/viewform>

**SMFCSD: Festival of Options:**

**SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Live • Lead • Learn

# Festival of Options!

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**COLLEGE PARK GYM**  
**715A INDIAN AVENUE,**  
**SAN MATEO**

Meet our District-wide magnet schools and learn more about their amazing programs!

Families that attend will receive on-the-spot new student registration and transfer request assistance for the 2025-2026 school year.

**DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS**

- MANDARIN**  
COLLEGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- SPANISH**  
COLLEGE PARK

**FIESTA GARDENS**

**MONTESORI PROGRAMS**

- NORTH SHOREVIEW**
- PARKSIDE**

**SMFCSD Enrollment, Preschool, Annex, and Human Resources staff will be onsite to answer your questions!**  
**Food and the bounce house will return!**

2025 - 2026 Registration

SCAN

**ELAC:**





# ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

## JOIN US!

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00pm-7:00pm

FGIS MPR

We will have fun raffles with gifts and a special  
performance from 1st Grade!  
Dinner and childcare will be provided!

### Agenda

Performance by 1st Grade  
Reclassification Process  
Community Schools Narrative and Survey

For more information contact our Community Specialists,  
Isabel and Karina, 650-312-7737

### **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:**

### ***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.

Future dates for MAP food distribution:

12/3/24

1/14/25

2/4/25

3/4/25

4/8/25

5/6/25

6/3/25

### **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](#)**

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

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

**[District Communication](#)**

**[PTA Calendar](#)**

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

**[Fiesta Gardens Move and Expansion](#)**

**[Community Room 20 Donations](#)**

**Parent Night-Expansion Video: [Screencastify Link](#) / [Google Drive Link](#)**

**PTA Meeting/College Park Tour: [Meeting Recoding](#)**

**Upcoming Events:**

**11/25-11/29:** Thanksgiving Break

**12/3:** MAP Food Distribution – 11:00am–4:00pm

**12/3:** PIQE – 5:30pm–7:30pm

**12/7:** SMFCSD: Festival of Options – 10:00am–2:00pm

**12/10:** Executive PTA Board Meeting – 6:00pm

**12/11:** ELAC – 6:00pm–7:00pm

**12/18:** Sing-a-long / Free Dress + Minimum Day

**12/19-12/31:** Winter Break

**1/1-1/3:** Winter Break

**1/6:** No School / Staff Work Day

**1/7:** School Resumes