

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

#### **Upcoming School Transition Meetings:**





#### JOIN US TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE HUMBOLDT STREET BIKE LANES!

City staff will provide a brief presentation on the bike lanes post-installation. We will then have small break out group discussions where you will have the opportunity to share your input with City of San Mateo staff. The feedback collected in this meeting will go towards a future meeting with City Council to decide on the future of the Humboldt Street bike lanes.

**Location:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center - Assembly Room 725 Monte Diablo Ave. San Mateo, CA 94401

When: Wednesday, December 4th Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Dinner will be provided Children welcome To register, scan the QR code or go to the website below:



bit.ly/3YLM2qg

For questions about this project, contact
Jay Yu, project manager, at
jyu@cityofsanmateo.org

**New Art Teacher Bio:** 



community school of music and arts

#### Dear Teachers and Office Staff,

Welcome to Art classes with the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)! We look forward to working with your students this year, and we are excited to formally introduce your Art Teacher, **Karen Slovak**.

EMAIL: kslovak@arts4all.org PRONOUNS: She/her/hers EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND

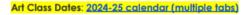
Karen Slovak is a CA credentialed Art Teacher with 15+ years of preK-8 Art teaching experience. She has taught at Creative Arts Charter School, Children's Day School, the San Francisco Children's Art Center, and Create Mix and Mingle.

Karen is happy to rejoin the Arts4All teaching faculty for a second year. She

graduated from SUNY Purchase with a BFA in painting, and she exhibits her paintings at local open studios. In addition to art, Karen enjoys practicing yoga and taking long walks on the hilly streets of San Francisco, where she lives with her husband.



As an Art Teacher, I like to balance process-oriented experimentation with skill-building techniques. Children's innate creativity is expressed through a variety of media, allowing them to develop their craft and tell their stories. I focus on the 'elements of art' as a way to build an arts vocabulary, and introduce artists from various backgrounds so the students can see themselves reflected in the work of others. Art Education helps students effectively communicate their feelings, experiences, and ideas. I love art because it is a universal language that fosters cultural connections and social/emotional well-being.



Please refer to the color-coded calendar on the 2nd tab for your class dates — if you have any questions about the schedule, please ask your Art Teacher.

#### Important Information:

During CSMA Art classes, the classroom teacher must be present during the lesson in addition to the Art teacher. Your presence is important to maintain classroom standards of behavior and for safety knowledge of the campus policies. Teachers are encouraged to participate with students in the art projects!

We kindly request that student pull-outs be scheduled outside of art class time whenever possible. Our opportunity to work with your students is limited, and when they miss all or part of class it can impact their progress as we build on their technical and conceptual artistic skills and prepare for the end of year student art show together.

Rescheduling Classes: If the class is unable to attend a scheduled art class because of a field trip or school event, please notify the Art Teacher and Program Manager at least 24 hours' notice if possible. If the Art Teacher needs to miss a scheduled class, the teacher will notify the School Office and Classroom Teachers. The Art Teacher or CSMA administrators will contact you about the best time to reschedule your art class if applicable.

Please contact your principal or the administrators below if you have questions. We look forward to a wonderful, art-filled year!

#### CSMA Contacts:

Pedro Rivas López Senior Art Programs Manager

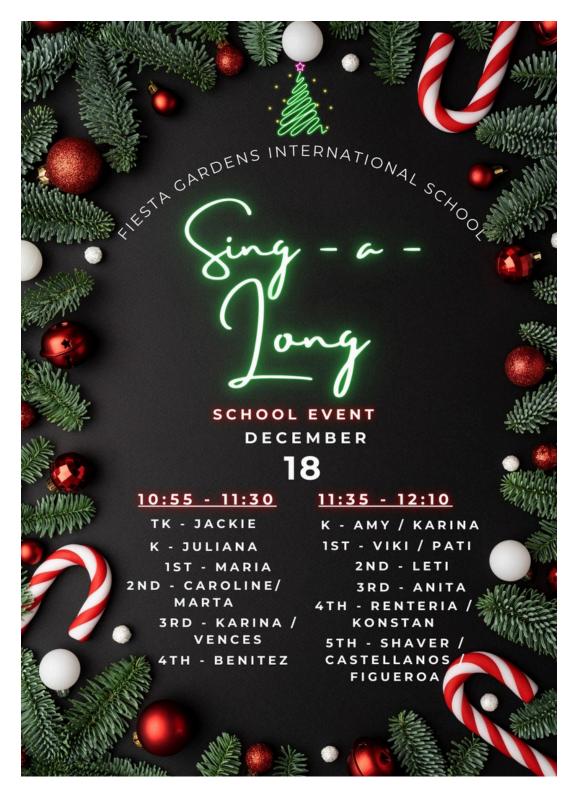
Saúl Uribe Sanchez, Program Coordinator

Email: plopez@arts4all.org

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#### Sing-a-long School Event:





**Holiday Gift Card & Toy Drive:** 



**SMFCSD: Festival of Options:** 





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

#### **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!

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**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 <u>main office at 650–312–7737</u>. 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 <u>before 10:00am</u> 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:

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: <u>ENGLISH</u> / <u>SPANISH</u>

<u>Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID)</u>

**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:**

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

**12/13:** School Transition Cafecito - 8:30am

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