



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

FGIS 5th Grade Process for 6th Grade:

Below are the options and timelines for current FGIS 5th graders in the process for 6th grade next year 2025/2026.

- Choose to **remain at FGIS for 6th grade***
- Enroll in your **assigned neighborhood school***
- Choose to **submit a transfer to 6th grade at Abbott** (non-immersion program). Submit a transfer request anytime between December 2, 2025 and by 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, form linked here: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)). Families will get their transfer status notification by the end of that week.

*All 5th grade families will complete the 6th grade verification process in March 2025. It is not your final decision point, it will just give us a sense of what you are thinking.

*All 5th grade families will receive a survey via ParentSquare on Monday, April 7th to respond to your final decision. The final decisions reply deadline is Friday, April 11th

CAASPP & ELPAC Practice Test:

If you would like for your student to start practicing to prepare for the test please visit the links below with instructions on how to access the practice tests. For future references the links will be available in the "Stay in the Know" section below.

[ELPAC Test Prep Video \(English\)](#)



We want to give a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful FGIS community who donated back to our school this holiday season. Thanks to your generous donation we collected over 100 gifts! Those gifts will be given back to our FGIS students in need.

We also want to acknowledge our wonderful parent volunteers who have helped endlessly with every project that comes up in our Community Room especially the one of gift wrapping! It will bring joy to a lot of our families

picking up their gifts this holiday.

THANK YOU for all your love, hard work, and dedication to our school and students.

With appreciation,

Isabel & Karina

FGIS Holiday Toy Drive:





Holiday Spirit Week 12/16-12/18:

Fiesta Gardens International School

Holiday Spirit Week

Monday 12/16
Winter Holiday
Themed Anything
but a Backpack

Tuesday 12/17
Winter Silly Hair Day

**Wednesday,
12/18**
Ugly Holiday
Sweater

Sing-a-long School Event:



Upcoming School Transition Meetings:



**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

A California Distinguished School

FIESTA GARDENS CAMPUS EXPANSION



SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETINGS

School Transition Meetings

6:00pm-7:00pm

FGIS MPR
(Childcare Provided)

- Thursday January 9, 2025
- Thursday February 13, 2025
- Thursday March 6, 2025
- Thursday April 10, 2025
- Wednesday May 7, 2025



School Transition Cafecitos

8:30am-9:30am

FGIS MPR

- Friday December 13, 2024
- Friday January 10, 2025
- Friday February 28, 2025
- Friday March 7, 2025
- Friday May 2, 2025

Join our School Transition Update meetings to hear updates regarding our school transition to the new campus and our expansion to 7th grade. Dr. Rubalcaba and other SMFCSD district representatives will join us.

We will also be having School Transition Update Cafecitos if you would like to hear updates in a more relaxed intimate setting while enjoying a cup of coffee and pastries with school administration.



Contact Us
650-312-7737

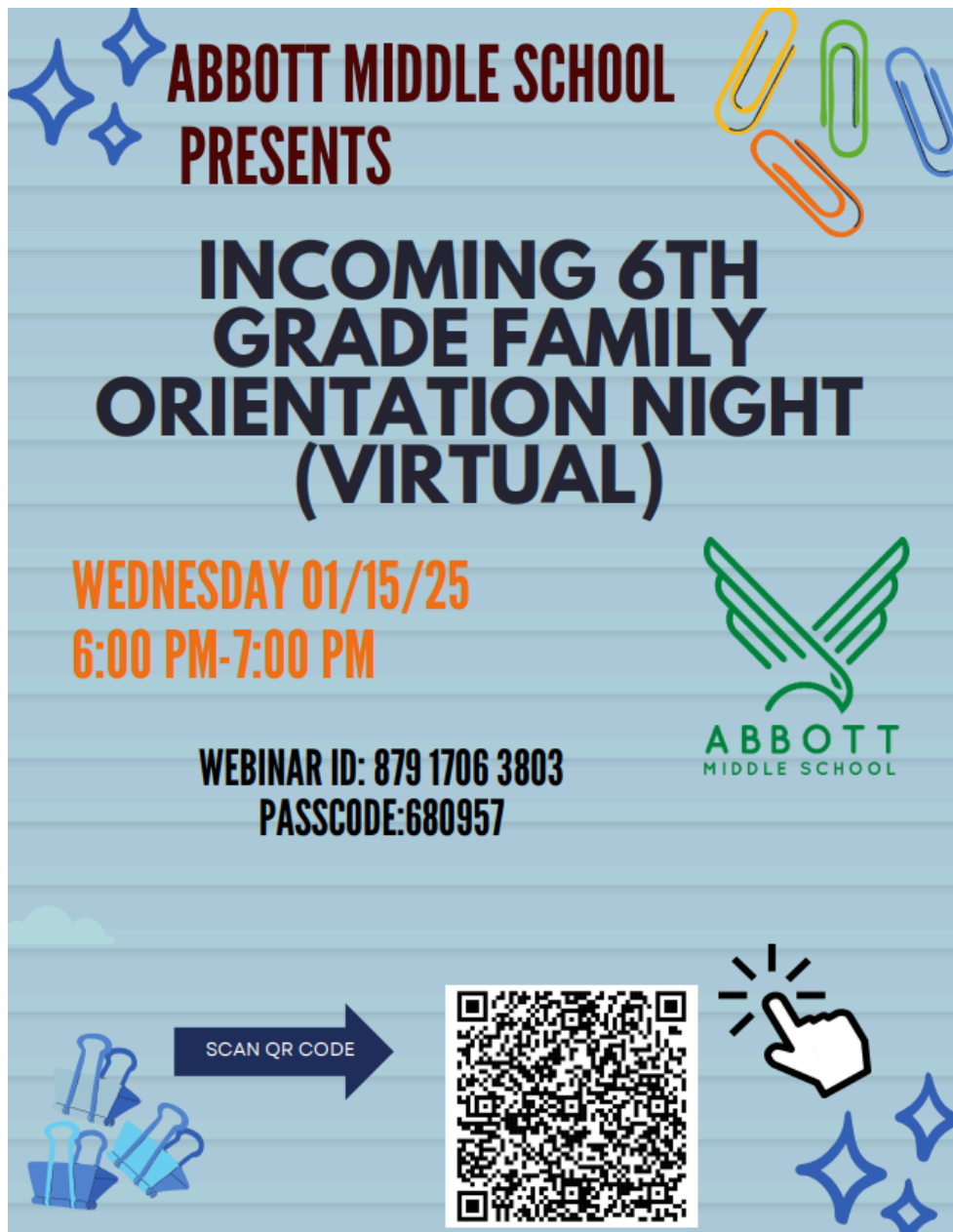


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fiestagardens.smfcsd.net

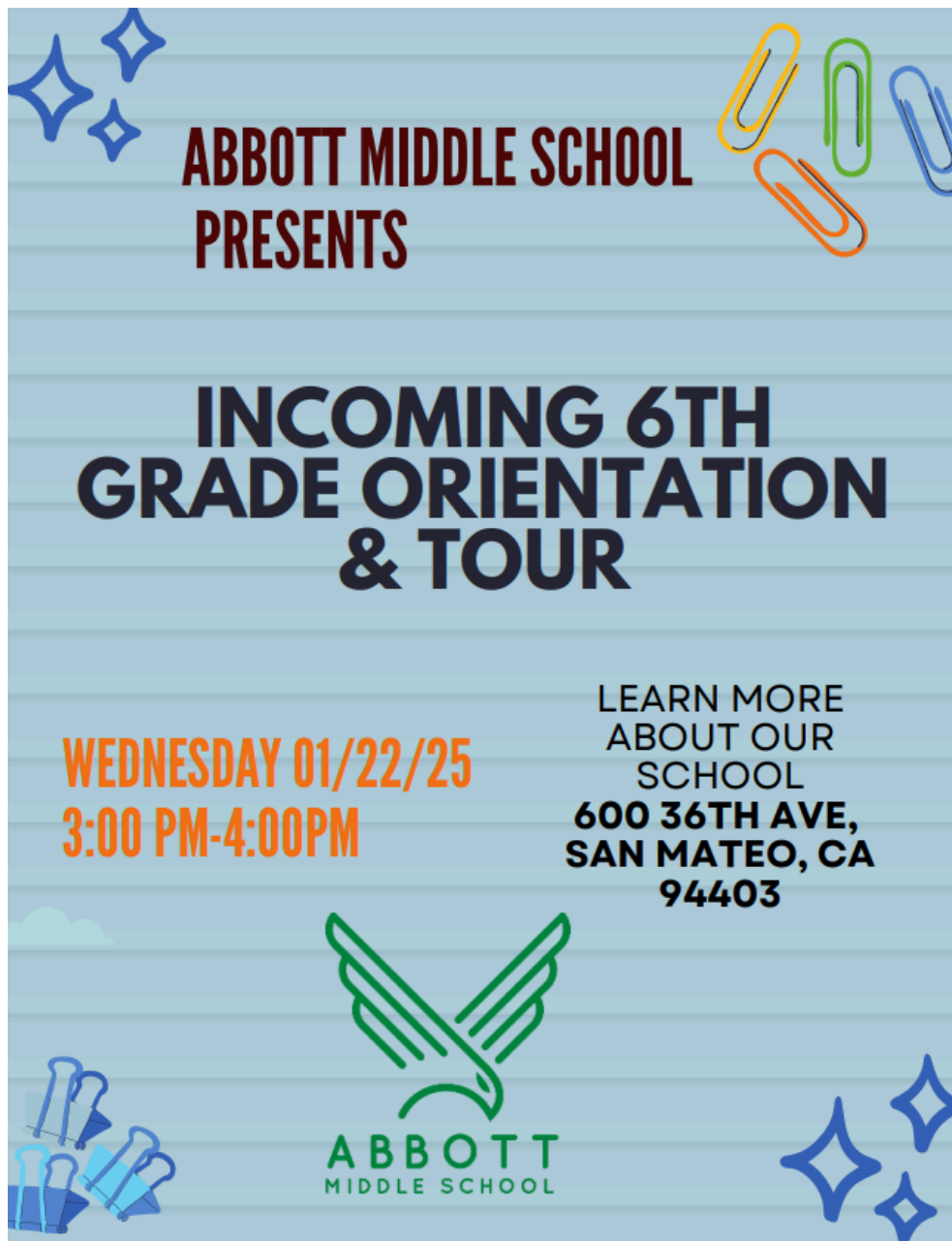


Visit Our Expansion Website
[Fiesta Gardens PTA](#)

Abbott Middle School - Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation Night (virtual):



Abbott Middle School - Incoming 6th Grade Family Orientation/Tour (in person):



Homework Support Tutoring Program:



Do your children need help with their homework?

January - June, 2025

Tutoring Program

St. James A.M.E Zion Church

825 Monte Diablo Ave.

San Mateo, CA 94401

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

stjamesamezchurch@gmail.com

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/IFAIpQLSeJ5N5Je2PmJWE3Mkfj3wlKAqtGlrKzCwVViAApN9fyw8wY2A/viewform>

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:

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](#)

ELPAC Test Prep Videos: [ELPAC \(English\)](#) / [ELPAC \(Spanish\)](#)

Upcoming Events:

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