



FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a restful winter break and a great start to the new year 2025!

Reminders:

- MAP Food Box Distribution will be on Tuesday, January 14th from 11:00am to 4:00pm
- ELAC meeting will be on Thursday, January 16th at 6:00pm
- There will be no classes on Friday, January 17th due to Teacher Professional Development Day
- There will be no classes on Monday, January 20th due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Fiesta Gardens International School: TITLE I SCHOOL - PARENT - STUDENT COMPACT:

The School Parent Compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members and the compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and the parents will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve the State's high standards ([ESSA, Section 1116](#)).

School

The school understands the importance of the school experience to every student and their role as educators and models. Therefore, the school agrees to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of their ability:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards (required)
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum—
 - o parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually
 - o frequent reports to parents on their children's progress;
 - o reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities; and
 - o Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand. (required) (*ESSA, Section 1116(d)(1-2)*)

- Treat each child with dignity and respect
- Strive to address the individual needs of the student
- Acknowledge that parents are vital to the success of child and school
- Provide a safe, positive and healthy learning environment
- Assure every student access to quality learning experiences
- Assure that the school staff communicates clear expectations for performance to both students and parents

Parent

The parent understands that participation in their student's education will help their achievement and attitude. Therefore, the parent will continue to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of their ability:

- Volunteering in their child's classroom
- Supporting their child's learning
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and positive use of extracurricular time
- Create a home atmosphere that supports learning
- Send the student to school on time, well-fed, and well-rested on a regular basis
- Attend school functions and conference
- Encourage their child to show respect for all members of the school community and school property
- Review all school communications and respond promptly

Student

The student realizes education is important. They are the ones responsible for their own success. Therefore, they agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of their ability:

- Get to school on time every day
- Develop a positive attitude toward school
- Be responsible for completing homework on time
- Be cooperative by carrying out the teacher's instructions and ask for help when needed
- Do daily work that is neat and reflects the student's best effort
- Be respectful to all school members and to school property

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.

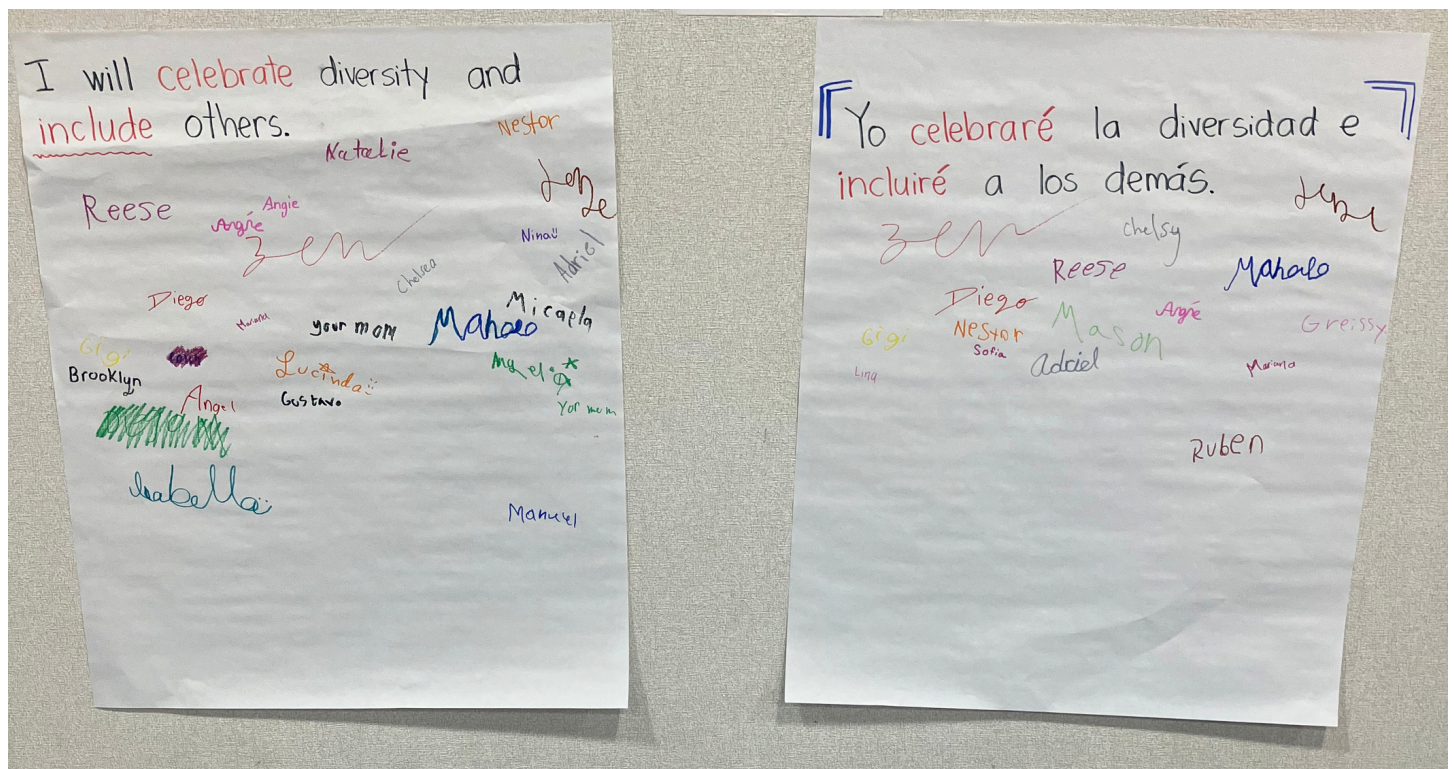
*All 5th grade families will complete the 6th grade verification process in March 2025. It is not your final decision point, it will just give us a sense of what you are thinking.

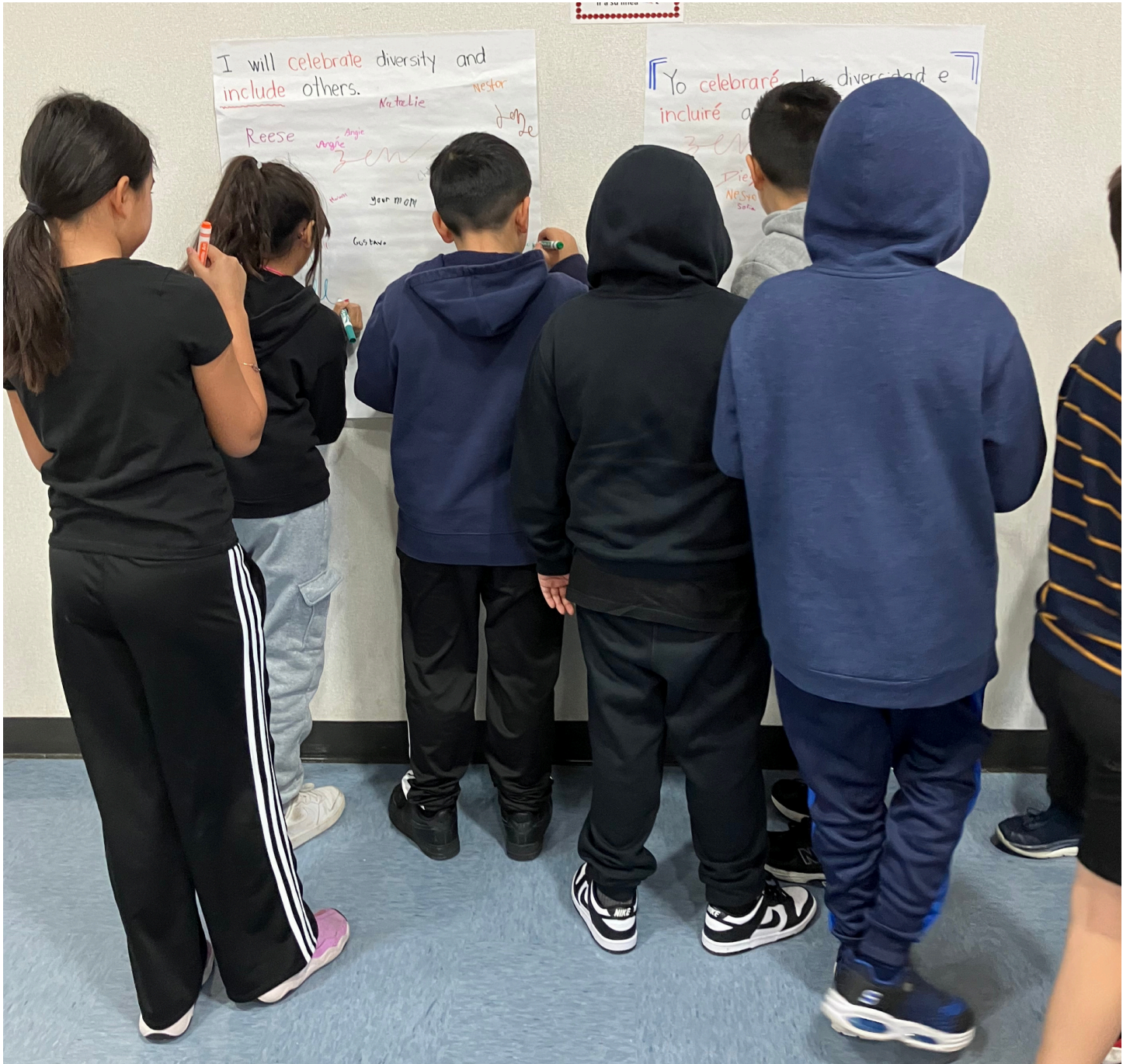
*All 5th grade families will receive a survey via ParentSquare on Monday, April 7th to respond to your final decision. The final decisions reply deadline is Friday, April 11th

Social Emotional Learning Rodeo:



This week, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students participated in a social and emotional learning rodeo that focused on inclusion and anti-racism. Students chose to commit to at least one agreement that they can put into practice to strengthen our school community.



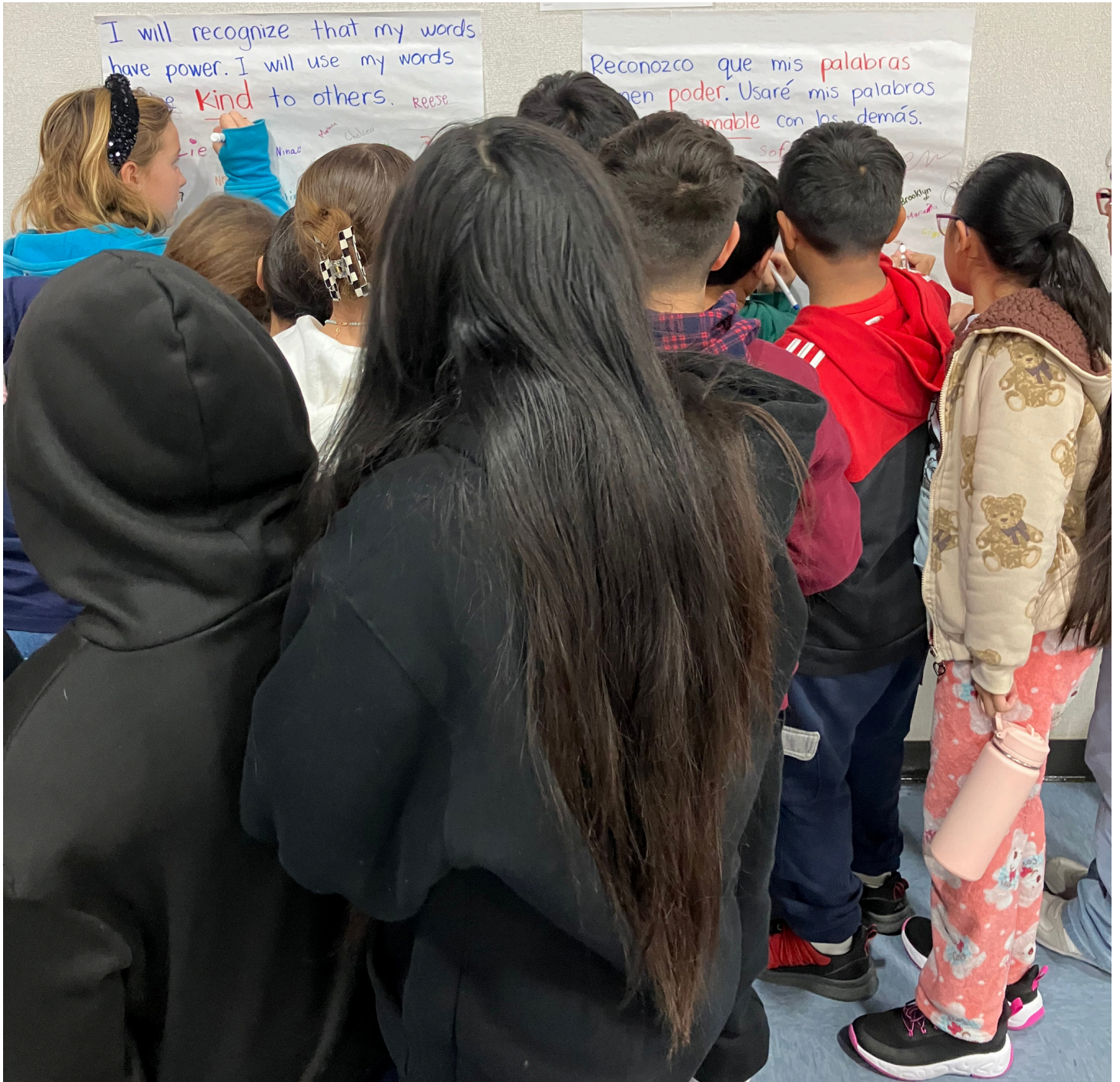


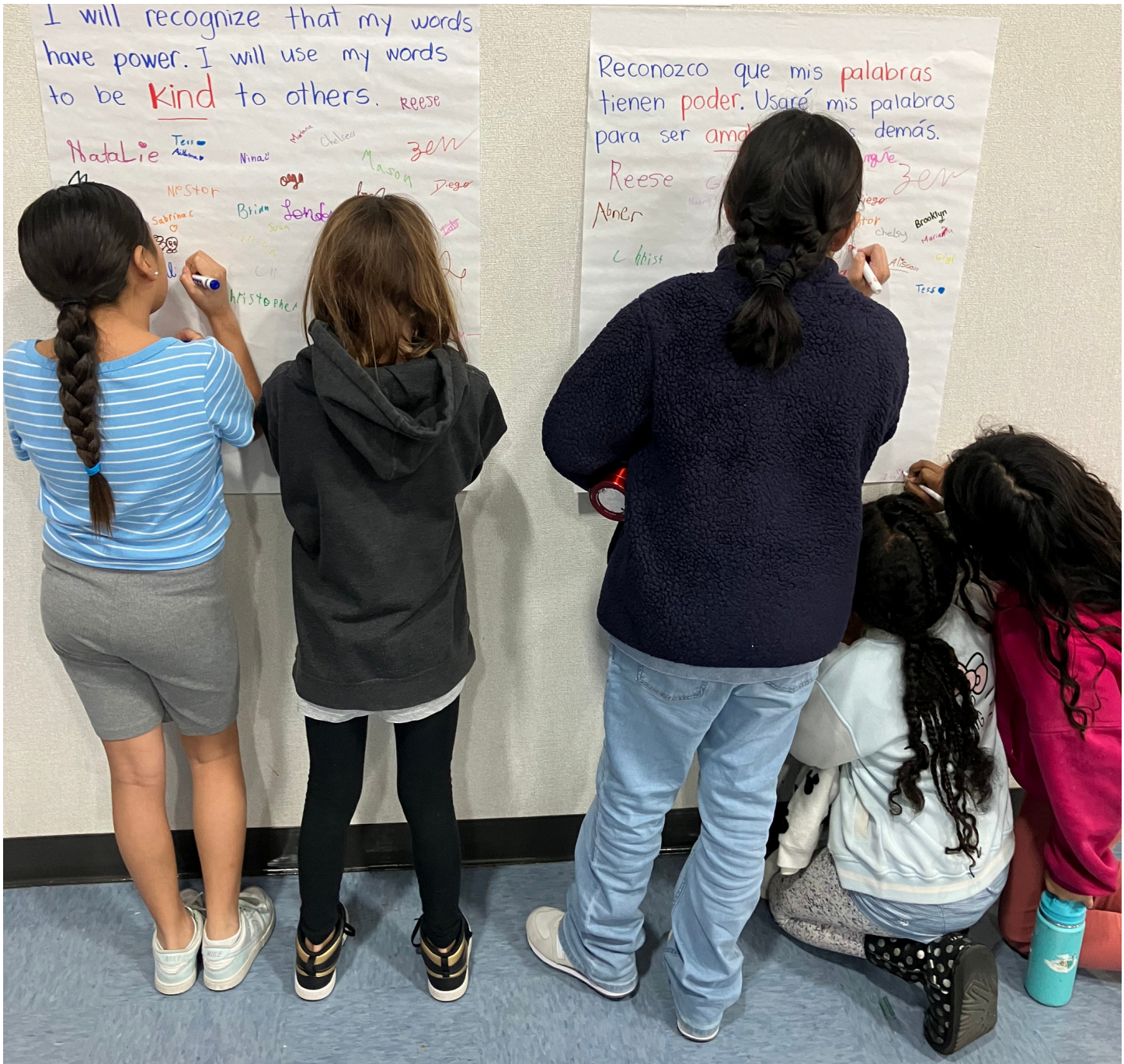
I will recognize that my words
have power. I will use my words
to be kind to others. Reese

Natalie Tess
Micaela Nestor
Sabrina
Brian London
Angel
Christopher
Bruno
Hijah
Jocastante
Lulu
Mason
Zen
Dego
Pat
Luz
fresh hand baby/Lucy
Carmen

Reconozco que mis palabras
tienen poder. Usaré mis palabras
para ser amable con los demás.

Reese Greissy Sofia.A Angé Zen
Aber MR
Christ MR
Angel
Enzo
Nancy
Mated
Mayra
Diego
Nestor
Chelsy
Brooklyn
Maria
Gigi
Alison
Mayra
Sofia.P
Tess





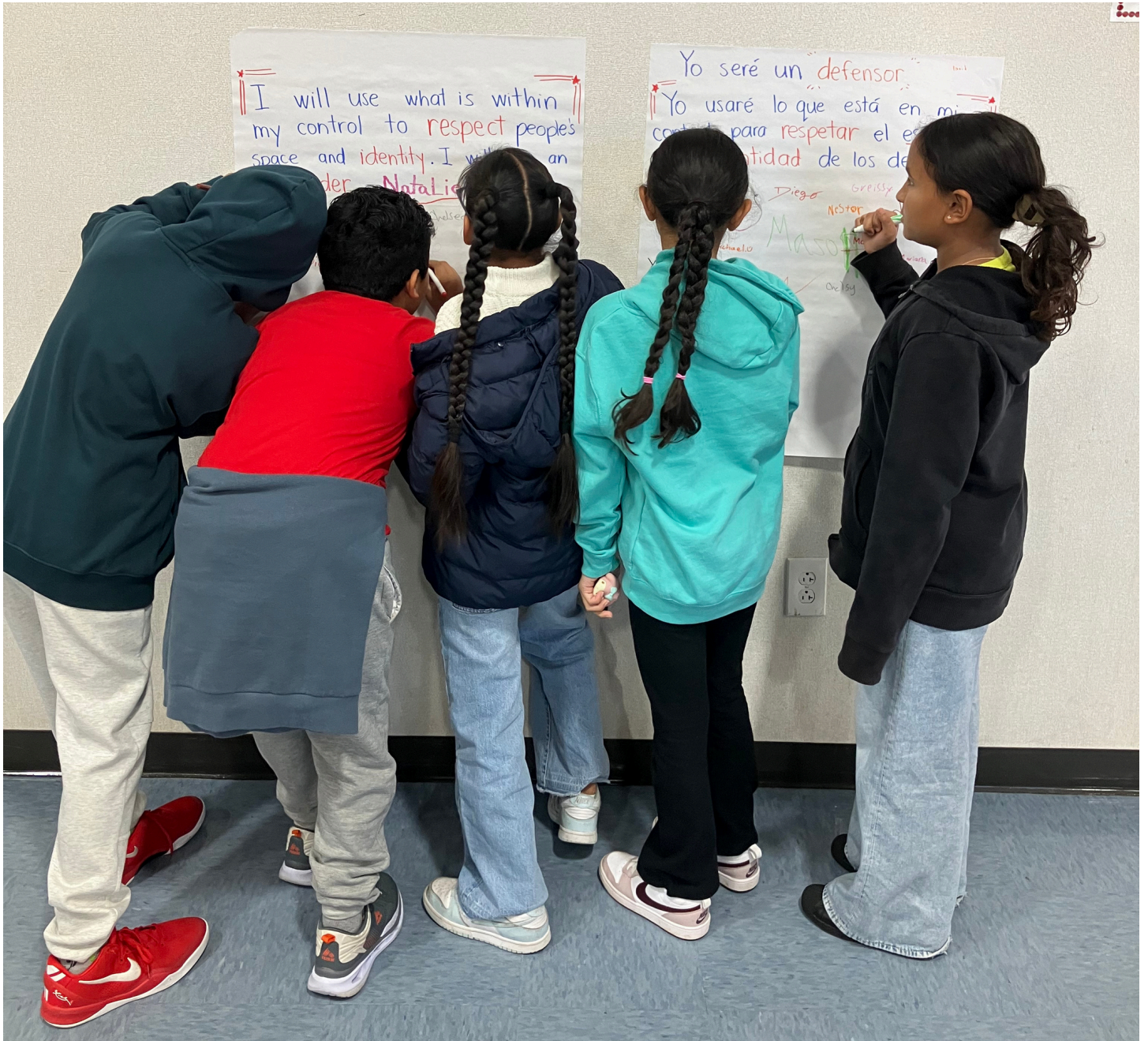
I will use what is within
my control to respect people's
space and identity. I will be an
upstander.

Natalie ^{Nestor} ^{Reese}
^{Argie} ^{Mischa}
^{Isaac} ^{Carlos} ^{Mario}
^{Santiago} ^{Chelsea} ^{Nina BS.}
^{Diego} ^{Eleazar} ^{Isang} ^{Natasha!!}

Yo seré un "defensor"

Yo usaré lo que está en mi
control para respetar el espacio
y la identidad de los demás.

^{Argie} ^{Diego} ^{Greissy} ^{Mischa}
^{Reese} ^{Nestor} ^{Masori} ^{Mayra}
^{Michael U} ^{Alexa} ^{Mariana}
Yo seré
un defensor
^{Diego} ^{Argie} ^{Chelsea}
^{Isaac} ^{Carlos} ^{Mario}
^{Brianna}



Below are the agreements that students chose to practice. Parents, please encourage your students to share the agreement they committed to and encourage them to use it outside of school as well.

Community Agreements

I will recognize that my words have power. I will use my words to be kind to others.



Reconoceré que mis palabras tienen poder. Usaré mis palabras para ser amable con los demás.

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I will celebrate diversity and invite folks from other cultures to help me grow



Celebraré la diversidad e invitaré a personas de otras culturas para que me ayuden a crecer.

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I will use what is within my control to respect people's space, identity, and be an upstander!



¡Usaré lo que esté bajo mi control para respetar el espacio y la identidad de las personas y ser un defensor!

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* Received +**10,000** donated uniforms

* Provided +**8,500** requested uniforms

* Helped +**1,000** families in the community



ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:00pm-7:00pm

FGIS MPR

We will have fun raffles with gifts!
Dinner and childcare will be provided!

Agenda

Dinner

School Attendance Overview

Gift Raffle

For more information contact our Community Specialist,
Isabel Jimenez, 650-638-2927



SUPER WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

5:30PM-7:00PM

FGIS MPR

AGENDA

5:30pm-6:00pm Enjoy Dinner

**6:00pm-6:30pm Footsteps2Brilliance Parent
Overview**

6:30pm-6:45pm ELPAC Assessment Overview

6:45pm-7:00pm Mindfulness with Erin McCoy

CONTACT

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650-638-2927

DETAILS

**Childcare and
dinner provided**

SAN MATEO - FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPORTING OUR IMMIGRANT YOUTH AND FAMILIES



January 30, 2025
05:30PM - 07:30PM



College Park Elementary
715 Indian Ave.

The District English Learner Advisory Committee (**DELAC**) is hosting a special presentation focused on supporting our immigrant youth and families. This event is open to the community and all are welcome to attend.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Please **RSVP** if you plan to attend. Scan the QR code or click on *RSVP HERE*.

**English translation, dinner, and
childcare will be provided.**



Topics Covered

Know Your Rights
Red Cards

Tips for Families
Create an Emergency Plan

**School and District
Support**



RSVP HERE

For more information, please contact the Multilingual Learner Services Team

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School Transition Meetings/Coffee Chats:



**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



Visit Our Website
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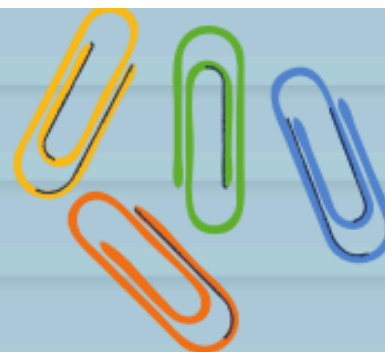


Visit Our Expansion Website
[Fiesta Gardens PTA](#)

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



**ABBOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS**



INCOMING 6TH GRADE FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT (VIRTUAL)

WEDNESDAY 01/15/25

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

**WEBINAR ID: 879 1706 3803
PASSCODE: 680957**



SCAN QR CODE



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



**ABBOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

INCOMING 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION & TOUR

**WEDNESDAY 01/22/25
3:00 PM-4:00PM**

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SAN MATEO, CA
94403**



**ABBOTT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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:

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](#)

***Station 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 \(Spanish\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about School Transition Meetings/Coffee Chats](#)

Upcoming Events:

1/14: MAP Food Distribution

1/16: ELAC Meeting – 6:00pm

1/17: Teacher Professional Development Day – No School

1/20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

1/22: Super Wednesday – 5:30pm

1/28: PTA General Meeting

1/30: DELAC Meeting