



THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

Falcon Community Connection

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

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

ELPAC Testing Parent Overview:

Below you will find links according to each grade level so that your child can continue practicing for the ELPAC test which start next month in February.

You can also find the links on our school website under "[Academics](#) → [State Standardized Testing](#)"

In addition to the links, your child should be logging into the **Footsteps2Brilliance** application at home on their computers and should be practicing 2x a week for 15 minutes.

[ELPAC Overview Video: English \(Video; 09:47\)](#) [\(Updated 02/03/23\)](#)

[ELPAC Overview Video: Spanish \(Video; 10:40\)](#) [\(Updated 03/03/23\)](#)

[Take a practice test English](#)

[ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Spanish](#)

[ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Japanese](#)

[ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Portuguese](#)

[ELPAC Parent Guide](#)

[ELPAC Videos for Families](#)

[ELPAC Score Report](#)

[ELPAC Score Report](#)

Kindergarten

[Training Test](#) and [Writing](#)

[Practice Test](#) and [Writing](#)

First Grade

[Training Test and Writing](#)

[Practice Test and Writing](#)

Second Grade

[Training Test and Writing](#)

[Practice Test and Writing](#)

Third - Fifth Grade

[Speaking Training Test](#)

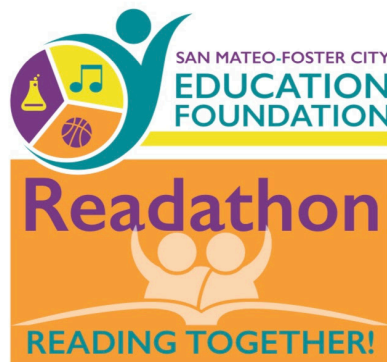
[Practice Test and Speaking](#)

Sixth - Eighth Grade

[Speaking Training Test](#)

[Practice Test and Speaking](#)

San Mateo-Foster City EdFund Read-a-thon:



We're excited to begin the Education Foundation's 9th annual Readathon from January 24th to February 7th. ALL SMFCSD preschool – 8th graders may participate. Our goal this year is for SMFCSD students to read 2 million minutes and raise \$140,000 to support essential staff and programs across our district, like LEGO Education Labs and middle school clubs.

We encourage each school to increase their total reading minutes and fundraising by 20% compared to what they accomplished last year. The 2025 goals for Fiesta Gardens are \$6,000 and to read 57,000 minutes! We know you can do it!

Thank you for your partnership in making this year's Readathon a success. In addition, our students will be participating in an activity at school where they will mark the square on the sheet below and complete a path of 4 in a row to score points.













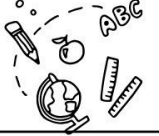




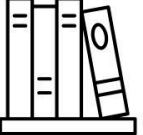


FIESTA GARDENS

Name: _____

READ-A-THON



When you do an activity, mark the square with a checkmark ✓ Example:
 If you complete a path (4 in a row), you score a point! Ask your adult to sign on the point.
 Submit your paper to your teacher by Monday, February 10.
 If you have at least 1 point, you may participate in our Readathon popsicle celebration.
 If you complete 4 points, you will receive a 10-point Fiesta Feather.

Read about an animal 	Read under a tree 	Read in bed 	Read while listening to music 	 Adult signature: _____
Read outdoors 	Read to a stuffed animal 	Read a fiction book 	Read with glasses on 	 Adult signature: _____
Read after dinner 	Read with a snack 	Read before school starts 	Read to an animal or the picture of an animal 	 Adult signature: _____
Read in Spanish 	Read in English 	Read at the library 	Read a non-fiction book 	 Adult signature: _____



Scan the code to
log your minutes
online!



Score a point!
Check this box and ask
your adult to sign if you
completed the 4 activities

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

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.

Super Wednesday:



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

For more information,
contact our Community
Specialist, Isabel Jimenez,
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
fiestagardens.smfcsd.net



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

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**

LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR
SCHOOL
**600 36TH AVE,
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 INFORMED

If you missed a previous post stay in the loop 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:

1/17: 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

2/4: MAP Food Distribution

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25: PIQE – 5:30pm–7:30pm

2/7: Winter Dance – 6:00pm

2/11: Executive PTA

2/13: Campus Transition Meeting – 6:00pm

2/14: Minimum Day

2/17: Presidents' Day – No School

2/28: Transition Coffee Chat – 8:30am