



FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

# Falcon Community Connection

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

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

I am sending you this important message to reaffirm our commitment to being a sanctuary school and district that supports all of our students and families. Today I want to emphasize that everyone is welcome at our school, and this includes our immigrant students and their families.

There is no doubt that there is a lot of fear and uncertainty in our community. Please know that FGIS is here for all members of our community who are affected by the changes in immigration practices. Please review this video to learn more about your rights and the steps you can take to ensure the safety of yourself and your children.

Sincerely,

Director Robles

[Video Message from Director Robles](#)

[Supporting Immigrant Youth/Families During Changing Times \(PowerPoint\)](#)



# Know Your Rights: Immigration

## Prepare

Anyone with immigration legal concerns is encouraged to consult with a trusted legal services provider. They can help you explore possible immigration options, and assist families in preparing for a possible immigration-related emergency.

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto 650- 326-6440

Catholic Charities Immigration Services 650- 295-2160

Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County 650- 558-0915

Immigration Institute of the Bay Area 650- 750-7530

## Plan

Make a plan with your family that includes emergency childcare. Ensure that everyone in your household knows how to reach the Rapid Response Hotline. Review the constitutional rights on the Red Card (below) and practice using the Red Card to assert your rights.

### Know Your Rights Resources:

[smcgov.org/ceo/know-your-rights](http://smcgov.org/ceo/know-your-rights)

### Family Preparedness Plan:

[ilrc.org/resources/family-preparedness-plan](http://ilrc.org/resources/family-preparedness-plan)

## Respond

If immigration enforcement officials approach you, remain calm and do not run away. Remain silent and use the Red Card below to assert your constitutional rights. Call the Rapid Response hotline at 203-666-4472 for immediate support.

### Rapid Response Hotline

If immigration comes to your home, work, or neighborhood, or if there are ICE raids nearby, call the San Mateo County Rapid Response Hotline at 203-666-4472 (203-NO-MIGRA).



Cut and fold the Red Card below to fit it in your wallet.



### You have constitutional rights:

- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

**Rapid Response Hotline: 203-666-4472**

- I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
- I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.
- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

*These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.*

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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### **After School Programs:**

We are excited to share the news that, through our community schools initiative, we will soon be offering after school enrichment programs to our students! Organizations working with us are extending enrollment to grades

TK-6.

FGIS will be working with the following afterschool programs:

1. CSMA- Arts and Music (Open to grades K-6)
2. American Youth Soccer Organization - AYSO (Open to grades TK-6)
3. Boys and Girls Club - BGCP (Open to grades K-6)
4. Mad Science (Open to grades TK -6)

Please be on the lookout for the interest form being sent to all families next week via ParentSquare. More information on program dates, times, and logistics will be outlined in the interest form.

Spots are limited, please fill out the form at your earliest convenience once it is received. If interest exceeds allotted program capacity, students will be chosen through a lottery to join the programs. Please note that priority of enrollment will be offered to current Annex/YMCA students.

We would like to thank our Community Schools Steering Committee for their diligent work that went into putting together these opportunities for our families and students!

### **School Transition Update - Sports:**

We have some exciting news! Our soccer field will be ready this **September 2025!**

In addition, we are thrilled to share that we will be offering sports next school year. An interest survey will be going out via ParentSquare to all current 5th and 6th grade families who are interested.

### **Math and Pizza Night:**





# Math & Pizza Night

Wednesday, January 29

6:00pm



Winter Dance:



Music   Snacks	Minimum purchase is 1 student and 1 adult
FGIS students only – Preschool – 6th Grade	\$9 Per Person
Financial support available (limited funds); please contact Dana Sahae at <a href="mailto:president@fiestagardenspta.org">president@fiestagardenspta.org</a> if you'd like to attend and need financial assistance.	

# of Tickets: FGIS Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase tickets no later than **February 3**. No exceptions. Space is limited. **No tickets sold at the door.**

- #1- Scan QR code to pay with credit card. Please pay attention in the checkout process to mark any unwanted donations to \$0.
- #2- Return form and cash or check (payable to FGIS PTA).

As tickets are limited, please purchase 1 adult ticket only per family to allow more families to be able to attend.



2 weeks left to buy tickets!

Sign up form and payment must be received no later than **Friday, February 3, 2024** (no exceptions). Space is limited!

**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Come enjoy music and snacks with your FGIS student!

Dance will be held in the MPR and is open to FGIS students (preschool through 6th grade) and their parents/adults.

**Cost:**

1 FGIS student & 1 adult: \$18

Additional tickets for FGIS students or adults: \$9

As tickets are limited, please limit 1 adult per family.

**Payment Options:**

- Credit Card – pay at <https://givebutter.com/baile25> (please pay attention in the checkout process to mark any unwanted donations to \$0)
- Cash or check – return your [sign up form](#) and payment in cash or check (payable to FGIS PTA) to your teacher or the front office.
- Financial support available (limited funds); please contact Dana Sahae at [president@fiestagardenspta.org](mailto:president@fiestagardenspta.org) if you'd like to attend and need financial assistance.

We're also asking for volunteers to help on the day of the dance. Sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CAEAA2FA5FF2-54410887-glow#/>

**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.

<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Overview Video: English (Video; 09:47)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(Updated 02/03/23)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Overview Video: Spanish (Video; 10:40)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(Updated 03/03/23)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Take a practice test_English</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Spanish</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Japanese</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC--Take-an-ELPAC-Practice-Test - Portuguese</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Parent Guide</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Videos for Families</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Score Report</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>ELPAC Score Report</u></a>

### **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](#)

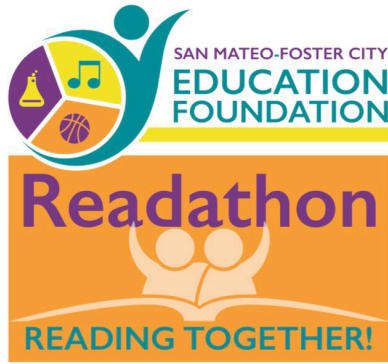
### **Sixth - Eighth Grade**

[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.

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. Our FGIS goal of logging 57,000 minutes on the Read-A-Thon page below and raising \$6,000! We can win a prize for raising the most money, but also for having the most students participate with the QR Code, regardless of how much \$ we raise or minutes we read!

**[For more information please watch the video HERE \(English\)](#)**

**[For more information please watch the video HERE \(Spanish\)](#)**












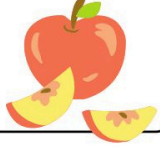
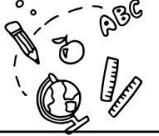




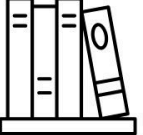


# FIESTA GARDENS

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 	 <b>Adult signature:</b>	
Read outdoors 	Read to a stuffed animal 	Read a fiction book 	Read with glasses on 		 <b>Adult signature:</b>
Read after dinner 	Read with a snack 	Read before school starts 	Read to an animal or the picture of an animal 		 <b>Adult signature:</b>
Read in Spanish 	Read in English 	Read at the library 	Read a non-fiction book 		 <b>Adult signature:</b>



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.

**School Transition Meetings/Coffee Chats:**



**FIESTA GARDENS  
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## 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](http://fiestagardens.smfcsd.net)**



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

### 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:**

**1/28:** 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