



Falcon Community Connection

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Dear Fiesta Gardens Families,

Important Reminders:

Annual Notification and Rights of Parents and Guardians:

Hi Fiesta Gardens families,

This is a friendly reminder to review the **Annual Notification and Rights of Parents and Guardians** document that was sent via Parent Square earlier this week. Please complete this paperwork by **October 24**.

If you need a paper copy, you can pick one up at the front office. Completed paper forms must also be returned to the front office by October 24.

Thank you for your prompt attention!

Your Voice Matters: Planning Improvements at Fiesta Gardens International School:

The SMFCSD Board of Trustees is considering placing a bond measure on the 2026 ballot to repair and upgrade local schools. To help guide this process, the District is completing its Facilities Master Plan, which identifies needed safety repairs and classroom improvements that a bond could support.

A bond measure would be funded through an annual property tax, levied at Proposition 39 tax rates, on taxable property within the District.

The District wants to hear from you. We recently held a meeting at Fiesta Gardens International School. If you weren't able to attend, you can still share your thoughts through our community survey [linked here](#).

2026 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN



Next Steps

- Community Survey - OPEN NOW!
 - Open through 10/24
 - Site team to review responses
 - Site team to share priorities with the District team
- Board Adoption
- Bond Pursuit

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 7th 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 650-312-7691. 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.

Upcoming Fiesta Gardens Events and Meetings:



ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

Thursday, October 23, 2025

6:00pm-7:00pm

FGIS MPR

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

Agenda

Dinner

School Attendance and Wellness

Review Attendance Data

How to Improve Attendance and Family

Engagement for Academic Success

Raffle

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

Community Room Communication:

Halloween Costumes:



HALLOWEEN COSTUME DONATIONS

We are currently accepting donations of gently/used Halloween costumes! Please feel free to bring any costume donations to the community room.

For more information contact our CSS Karina at
650.312.7517



H.O.P.E. Uniform:

H.O.P.E. Uniform began a partnership with Fiesta Gardens in 2021 and since then has been an incredible partner in helping us connect many of our FGIS students to uniforms. Our partners Desmond and Ethan were recently featured in on NBC Bay Area's Climate in Crisis segment, and also received a national award for creating this program. We are so excited to see them be recognized for all of their incredible hard work.

[**Please take a moment to see their segment by visiting this link! →**](#)

[**🌐 San Mateo teen recognized for work in reducing landfill waste**](#)





HOPE

Uniforms Program

FREE
School Uniforms



Donate
School Uniforms

We have **FREE** gently used school uniforms

* Boys/Girls of all sizes

* **Tops, bottoms, shorts, skirts, and leggings**



We accept gently used school uniforms that you may have outgrown or are no longer needed so that we could pass them onto another family.



www.hopeuniformsprogram.com

Available in English , Español , and 中文 



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HOPE (Help Our Planet Earth) Uniforms Program serves the San Mateo Foster City School District community **FREE** of charge by accepting and reusing school uniforms, and helping the environment at the same time. Thank you HOPE community! We have grown so much since inception:

* Received **+6,000** donated uniforms

* Provided **+4,500** requested uniforms

* Helped **+700** families in the community

FGIS DONATIONS



Community room is taking donations!
We welcome donations from our families and community, which are shared back with our FGIS students and families.

WE ACCEPT:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Menstrual products
- Hair ties
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body soap
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Dish sponges
- Toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- Paper towels (individually wrapped)
- Face wash
- Face lotion
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Combs
- Hair brushes
- Leave in conditioner spray
- Lice spray
- Apple cider vinegar
- White vinegar
- Baking soda
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets



DONATIONS STUDENTS NEED:

WE ASK THESE ITEMS BE NEW OR GENTLY USED, THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING!

- School uniforms
- Children shoes
- Backpacks
- Lunch bags
- Unused or new school supplies



WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

- Adult clothing
- Adult shoes
- Baby car seats
- Perishable food items
- Toys

PLEASE READ

Having our families and students access hygiene products, home products, and food items is important to us! For this reason we kindly ask that all items in these categories be donated new. Thank you for your support to our FGIS community room!

Lost and Found Update:

We're excited to announce the launch of our new FGIS Lost and Found Google Folder, designed to make finding misplaced items easier for our students and families!

[Access the FGIS Lost and Found Folder here](#)

Once you access the folder please make sure to click on the correct month i.e. August to view the lost and found items for the week. We'll be regularly updating the folder with video clips of found items to help you identify your belongings. Should you recognize an item, please come to the Wing 1 Community Room to claim it with Isabel or Karina.

Kindly remember to label all student belongings with their names to help us return items quickly and efficiently. Please note that items left unclaimed after 90 days will be donated to a local charity.

PTA Communication:



[PTA Calendar](#)



The FGIS Jogathon is back!

Thursday, October 16th

The jogathon is one of the FGIS PTA's biggest fundraisers. It helps raise money for our mindfulness program, field trips, classroom supplies, community building events and paraeducator support.

When: Thursday, October 16th

Where: Fiesta Gardens Playground

Why: To raise money for our school!

Who: FGIS students and their families. Please plan to come and cheer on your student!

Register your student ASAP on our fundraising platform:

<http://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register>

Parent Registration Code: 5d386f7721514



School Identifier: 5d386f7721514

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT HERE



**The FGIS Jogathon is Thursday
October 16th!
Please come cheer on your student!**

**Run times are as
follows:**

Pre-K, TK and kinder:
8:50 - 9:20 am
1st Grade: 9:30 - 10:00 am
2nd Grade: 10:45 - 11:15 am
3rd Grade: 11:25 - 11:55 am
4th Grade: 1:30 - 2:00 pm
5th Grade: 2:10 - 2:40 pm

Spirit Week:

- ★ **Monday 10/13:** Silly Sock Day!
- ★ **Tuesday 10/14:** Silly Hair Day!
- ★ **Wednesday 10/15:** Pajama day!
- ★ **Thursday 10/16:** Jogathon day! Wear a Mario Brothers shirt or something red green or blue. (This is a free dress day - wear something comfortable to run in!)

Register your student ASAP on our
fundraising platform: →
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Fiesta Gardens International School is excited to be holding our Jog-a-thon, the **GRAND PRIX**, on **Friday, September 20, 2024.**



We are looking for local businesses and families to sponsor the event to help us make it a huge success! Money raised at the Jog-a-thon directly funds programs for the students of Fiesta Gardens, such as reading support, community events, field trips, and classroom supplies. Your sponsorship goes directly to the kids and makes a difference in our community!

Please choose one our three levels of sponsorship:

• **Gold: \$250 and up**

Sponsor's name/logo will appear on the official Jog-a-thon t-shirt, school banner, and PTA website with link

• **Silver: \$150-\$249**

Sponsor's name/logo will appear on the school banner and PTA website with link

• **Bronze: \$75-\$149**

Sponsor's name/logo and website link will be available on the PTA website

All donations are tax deductible (FGIS TAX ID: 94-3184112)

Sponsor Name (business or family name): _____

Contact person name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Email fgisjogathon@gmail.com

Please note sponsorship donations are for the incentives listed here. The funds are separate from individual student prizes earned.

Interested in donating directly? Click the link below.

DONATE TO THE PTA

YOU ARE INVITED!

PTA Meeting

Where: **MPR**

When: **Tuesday, 10/28**

Time: **6:00pm**

DINNER & CHILDCARE
PROVIDED



PTA has budgeted funds to support great programs like **LEER, Reading Buddies, and Gardening, Grade funds and field trips, and even School Beautification**. If you're interested in volunteering to support any of these efforts, please contact: programs@fiestagardenspta.org.

Those interested in learning more about the **budget** may contact treasurer@fiestagardenspta.org.



READING BUDDIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The program is in need of 1 to 2 program coordinators and weekly volunteers. If you have the desire and time to help or know someone who does, WE NEED YOU!

VINCENT - FGIS, VP OF PROGRAMS

programs@fiestagardenspta.org

650.787.6939

FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
715A Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401



L.E.E.R. READING PROGRAM

Lectura Enriquece y Es un Regalo / Reading Enriches and is a Gift

A Family Reading Program for students in TK, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade.

The goals of the LEER program are: to encourage the joy of reading at home in Spanish, provide families with a wide variety of enjoyable Spanish and bilingual books and, encourage literacy in Spanish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to help check-in/check-out book bags in the classroom from 8:30am - 9:00am on Thursdays, please return the form below to your student's classroom or contact us by email at LEER@fiestagardenspta.org. If you would like to help with the program but aren't available on Thursdays, please let us know! If you have any comments or questions about the program, please email us, or ask your classroom parent for information.

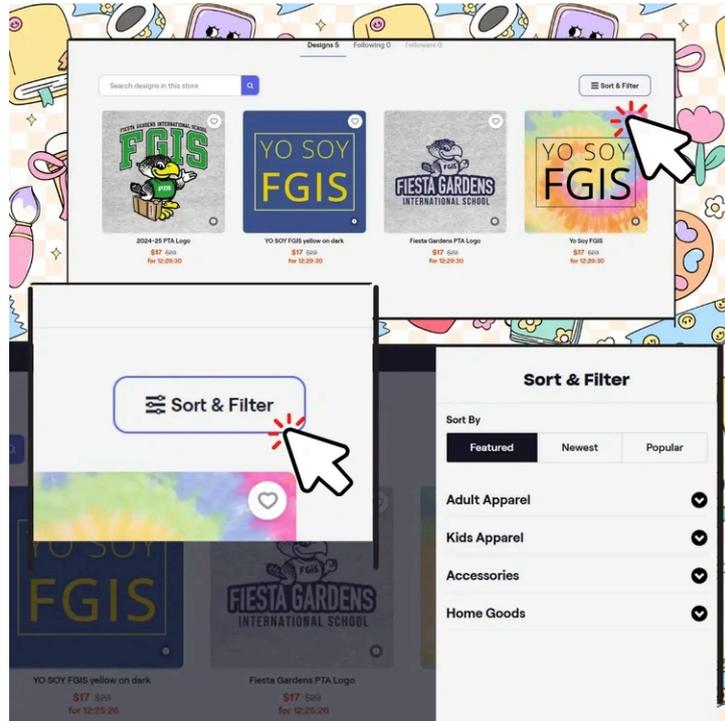
DANIELA - LEER COORDINATOR
LEER@fiestagardenspta.org

FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
715A Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401



Our school SPIRIT STORE is NOW OPEN!

Represent our school and support the PTA by purchasing adult and kids apparel, accessories, and homegoods! Items will be delivered directly to your door!



View an assortment of merchandise by clicking "Sort & Filter"

SPIRIT STORE

District Communication:



Summit K12 Family Workshop

The multilingual team is thrilled to host an informational evening for parents and students engaged in the Summit K12 Extended Learning program. We warmly invite you to join us and explore:

- How the program will boost your child's English Language Development.
- Various ways the program supports your child's journey towards reclassification.
- Helpful tips for effectively ways to navigate the platform.

- Strategies to ensure your child maximizes the benefits of the program.

This workshop is designed for students and families who are participating in the program ONLY.

Date: October 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm MPR Fiesta Gardens.

Light dinner and bring your child to participate - students need to bring their charged chromebooks.



Engaged Learners & Thriving Communities

JOIN US FOR A SUMMIT K12 INFO NIGHT

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER
16**

FIESTA GARDENS MPR
715 Indian Ave
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The School District's multilingual team will be hosting an informational night for parents and students participating in the Summit K12 Extended Learning program. Please join us to learn more about...

- ✓ How the program will support your child's English Language Development
- ✓ The various ways in which the program will support your child's journey toward reclassification.
- ✓ How to help your child navigate the platform
- ✓ Strategies to ensure your child is maximizing the benefits of the program

SUMMIT K12

RSVP
HERE



Remember to bring your child's Chromebook!



Math Art Night

Join us for an engaging and inspiring evening that uniquely blends Indigenous art and mathematics!

Bring your family along for a night filled with quality time.

You'll have the opportunity to explore hands-on projects that not only enhance your mathematical skills, but also unleash your artistic potential.

This event aims to cultivate confidence and joy in learning, fostering a deeper appreciation for both subjects.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at the Fiesta Gardens in the MPR, where community and creativity come together in a celebration of knowledge and culture!

Date: October 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm MPR Fiesta Gardens.

MATH ART NIGHT



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 6:00 PM
MPR FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
715 INDIAN AVE, SAN MATEO, CA 94401

Join us for our Math Night

Immerse yourself in the community of Indigenous art and math - Come with your family and spend quality time with us. Enjoy the different fun activities we have for you to practice Math and ART as a Family. It will foster confidence and joy while learning. We look forward to seeing you in person at the Fiesta Gardens in the MPR.



Elementary math covers basic arithmetic, fractions, decimals, geometry, and word problems.



Middle School includes pre-algebra, ratios, statistics, and geometry.



High School covers algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, and statistics.



In Person / En Persona 6:00-7:30pm
MPR Fiesta Gardens International School
715 Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401

Help Plan Our Schools' Future: Community Vision Survey

Our district is creating a new plan for our schools, and we need YOUR help to make sure the voices from Fiesta Gardens are represented! From now through October 10, please take our Community Vision Survey. Share your thoughts about our schools today and your hopes for the future to help shape the plan.

What you'll be asked about:

- What's working well and what could be better at our schools
- What you value in a school environment
- Your hopes and dreams for the future of SMFCSD students

The survey is now live—use the QR code on flyers around campus or visit the district website to take it. Every member of our school family should participate—students, staff, families, and community partners!

Questions? Contact Lisa Joseph at ljoseph@bayedfund.org.

Your voice shapes our future—thank you for participating in this important community effort!



Reminder: The San Mateo Foster City School District is Planning for the Future of our Facilities

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If you couldn't attend, you can still share your thoughts through the [Facilities Master Plan - Your Site Priorities survey](#).



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 \(RFID\)](#)

[PTA Calendar](#)

NWEA Parent Guide: [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#)

[Community Room Donations](#)

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

Supporting our Immigrant Youth/Families PowerPoint ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

Upcoming Events:

10/13 PIQE 6:00pm-7:15pm, MPR

10/16 Jog-a-thon 8:30am-3:00pm

10/23 ELAC 6:00pm - 7:00pm, MPR

10/28 PTA Meeting 6:00pm, MPR

10/30 DELAC 6:00pm - 7:30pm, MPR

11/5 Hot Chocolate & Book Swap 6:30pm-7:30pm

11/11 Veterans Day - No School