



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week of 4/13- 4/17


Dear Cordova Gardens Families,

Here is your gardens' week at a glance (The EAGLE'S Nest). This is a weekly update that is posted every Sunday before the start of the school week. It is a place for you to get updates regarding the school and the district. This week at a glance, a document will also be available for you on the website on the parent tab under the "Week at a Glance" sub tab.

WeTip District Anonymous reports: [Click Here](#)

**WeTip allows students, families, staff, and community members to report safety concerns or bullying anonymously

How to stay updated:

1. Check the week at a glance. It will be uploaded to the school website.
2. Check the main school website. Click [Cordova Gardens Academy of Arts and Sciences](#)
3. Check for Principal Texts. (Email Mr. Bliss if you do not receive them)
4. Welcome Back Title I presentation 8/14/25:  Cordova Gardens Title I Presentation 25-26 .pdf

Yearbooks:

Here is a link you can send out to parents to let them purchase a yearbook.

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1017597907962377>

Additional Yearbook Info:

- This year parents can purchase a yearbook for \$20. (tax will be added)
- The yearbooks will be delivered here, as long as the yearbook is purchased before April 22nd.
- Parents can still purchase yearbooks after the deadline, but then their yearbook will be shipped directly to them. A small shipping fee will be added to their purchase.
- We will have a very small number of yearbooks for sale for parents to purchase in person during the last 2 weeks of the school year.

Health and Wellness Corner

- Please read our updates regarding the district partnership with Care Solace!
- Teleotherapy information can be found here: [Click here](#)
- Mental Health Moment:

Stay Cool While Building Frustration Tolerance

Frustration is a natural part of learning, and helping kids manage it builds confidence and resilience. Instead of rushing to fix problems for them, encourage them to pause, take a deep breath, and try again. Turn challenges into games—"Let's see how many ways we can solve this!"—to make problem-solving fun. Praise their effort, not just success, so they learn that mistakes are just steps toward getting better. Most importantly, model patience—kids learn how to handle frustration by watching how adults handle setbacks. With practice, they'll see that pushing through challenges makes them stronger, not stuck! Please click [this link](#) for additional information regarding this topic. For any SEL or mental health related questions/concerns, please reach out to Jessica Biskner, School Social Worker at jbiskner@fcusd.org

[Attendance Corner](#)

Even missing just two days a month adds up to a whole month of learning lost each year. Every day your child shows up builds skills, confidence, and connection.

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO IF YOUR CHILD IS AVOIDING SCHOOL

1. Stay calm and curious. Ask what's bothering them, there's often a small reason behind big feelings.
2. Keep routines steady. Regular bedtimes and morning routines help school feel normal.
3. Model confidence. Say, "I know you can do this," instead of "You don't have to go."
4. Reach out for help. Don't wait, your school team wants to support your child early.
5. Start with the front office. They can connect you with the nurse, counselor, attendance staff, or mental health specialist for help.

[PTA Corner](#) 🍬 It's Yum-Raising time at Cordova Gardens! 🍬

Treat yourself (or someone else!) to delicious See's Candies while supporting our school. Every order goes directly toward funding field trips, classroom supplies, and special activities for our students.

Now through March 20, 2026

Order here: <https://www.yumraising.com/store/spring-2026-cordova-gardens-pta-cab3/TraCal6446>

Thank you for helping make sweet things happen at Cordova Gardens!

-- This is the direct link to the post - [HERE](#)



Order your Yearbook Today!



Just \$20* If you
order online
before April 22nd

Click the
picture to
get started
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OR

Scan the
QR code to
get started
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*Note: Tax will be added to this price

Please note:

- Your online purchased yearbook will be shipped to the school and distributed to your student if purchased before the deadline.
- Any purchase of yearbooks made after this date, may be shipped directly to you, and a shipping charge will be added.
- We will have a **very** limited number of yearbooks to sell in person during the last 2 weeks of school.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE



NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD* CLOTHING* DIAPERS

- Variety of non-perishable food items.
- Clothing for both children and adults.
- Sizes 2-5 diapers, may be available on request.

Open to all CGA families and staff in need.

- Hours:
 - Monday 2:45-3:15
 - Friday 2:45-3:15
- Location:
 - Mon: Kinder Area
 - Fri: Front of School
- Alternate pick up available contact information below.



Donations or Pick-Ups Contact:
Community Schools Leader Alexa Trotter
(530)350-6083
Email: atrotter@FCUSD.org



Join our FREE Soccer Team!



Cordova Gardens Elementary is excited to offer a FREE 6-week on-site soccer program for boys and girls in grades 2 through 5! Practices and games will take place right on campus at Cordova Gardens Elementary. This program is open to all current students of Cordova Gardens Elementary, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to join the fun, build skills, and make memories on the field!

[*Meet your Coach on Wednesday, April 15 3:00pm - 5:05pm*](#)

APRIL 15- MAY 22

- ✓ Meet your Coach/Team on 4/15*
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ **On-Site tournament 5/22**



Practice-Wednesdays

Grades 2/3-3:00pm to 4:00pm
Grades 4/5 4:05pm-5:05pm

Games: Fridays

Grades 2/3-3:00pm to 4:00pm
Grades 4/5 4:05pm-5:05pm

REMINDERS

- Please make sure to pick up your child at their designated pick up time.
- Students may not remain on campus after practice and games are complete.
- Students who remain on campus waiting for practice/games must wait in the Designated waiting area.
- Space is limited!

To register, Please scan the QR code



Email: Superiorsportssacramento@gmail.com





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Principal: John P Bliss

March 29, 2026

Dear Cordova Gardens Families:

Once again, we are ready to begin our state testing. At Cordova Gardens we will be administering the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, CAASPP, to students in grades 3-5 only. Our testing window is from **March 30th – May 8th**. We will be testing daily starting at 8:30 to about 10:00 on the following test schedule:

Testing Schedule:

- March 30-April 2: 5th Grade CAST Science Testing, no other grades.
- April 3rd- 10: No testing, Spring Break
- April 13-17 No testing 1st week back from spring break CAST Make up
- April 20-24: English Language Arts Testing Grades 3-5
- April 27-May 1: Math Testing, grades 3-5
- May 4-May 8: ELA and Math Make-ups, grades 3-5

We will begin testing on Monday March 30th, with 5th grade taking the Science (CAST) portion of the exam. The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, CAASPP, is administered electronically in the subject areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and math. Our students use chromebooks and wired headphones in their own classrooms to take the test.

At Cordova Gardens, our goal is to support every student in doing his/her best on the test so that he/she shows all the information learned this school year. This year our testing supports include:

- PTA will provide nutritious snacks to every student before and during testing.
- Each teacher has a "star chart" for every student. As the students test, the teacher will recognize focused effort with a star. When the testing session is complete, all students with a full star chart will receive a small school supply testing token for their hard work.
- **As attendance is very important, we will track student attendance during testing. Every student who is on time, and stays the entire day for each day of testing (perfect attendance: no early dismissals, no appointments, no unexcused absences) will participate in a fun activity at the close of the testing window.**

We hope that these additional events will help make testing a fun time in which students learn to look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate their learning.

During this time, I ask that you please do everything possible to schedule **ALL** appointments outside of the school day. Additionally, I ask that you please make sure that your child/ren is/are at school on time and remain at school for the entire day. It is very important that your child take this test during the regularly scheduled testing time. Should an emergency occur and you need to pull your student from class, I will be called to personally escort your student to the office in accordance with testing protocols.

Calls to the classrooms during testing are not allowed. Make-up tests are allowed, however, the testing environment will not be what your child has been accustomed to. Most make up sessions are late in the afternoon. These sessions are not always the best environment for your child to score optimally on these state tests. If a child is late, and testing in his/her classroom has begun, your child will remain in an alternative placement, until the class is finished with testing. In this case, your student will make up the test on a make up day/time. Please understand that our classrooms cannot be disturbed during testing.

Our daily assessment schedule begins at 8:30. Students must be in their seats and ready to begin the assessment prior to (8:30). Please be sure that your student gets plenty of sleep the night before the assessments. Students should eat a good breakfast on the mornings of the tests. Parents really play a huge role in how well their children do on state testing. Your positive and encouraging support is crucial during this often stressful time.

Please encourage your student to take his/her time and work diligently. The test is not timed and we will allow students to take all the time they wish. We will even bring lunch to them if they wish to work through lunch time. It is essential that **no student be in possession of electronic devices during testing (phones, bluetooth headphones, smart watches, & etc).** **Strict adherence to district and site cell phone and electronic device policies will be required during testing.** Students have been working hard to get ready for the test. I am confident they will score very well. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessments.

Sincerely,

John P. Bliss
Principal
Cordova Gardens Elementary School

FCUSD Track & Field Meet

When: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 from 3:00-7:00pm

Where: Vista Del Lago High School

Who: All FCUSD 4th and 5th graders

- ★ Check in no later than 2:30pm
- ★ Students and children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Students **CANNOT** be dropped off at event or left unsupervised
- ★ Students can choose up to 6 events to participate in
- ★ **Optional students with special needs events: Shot put, Long jump, 50 meter run (Individual or buddy)*
- ★ Make sure your student has water and snacks
- ★ Snack bar will be available- bring or send cash
- ★ Students must have their own transportation to Vista High School
- ★ Wear school shirts/spirit wear- comfortable clothing, running shoes (no cleats), and jackets
- ★ [Registration](#) and [permission forms](#) must be completed and turned in to your PE Teacher. (Click on links for forms and registration at the bottom of the page)
- ★ Students and parents will be seated in the stadium. They will remain in stands until their events are called
- ★ Students must maintain a positive attitude, follow all school rules and instructions
- ★ Not responsible for lost/stolen items

*Order of events on reverse side

Elementary Track Meet

Registration QR

Sign your student up for the track meet and pick events.



Team Participation and Concussion Forms QR

Please print, complete, and turn in **both** forms to your PE teacher.

Team Participation Form



Concussion Form



Event Schedule and Map



Online Registration is open!

- Please log into your Parent Portal.
- If you don't remember your password or don't have a portal set up, please contact Amanda or Denise in the office (294-9115)
- Click on bottom left Registration 26-27 school year.
- Please follow all the instructions and answer all questions.
- **Please pay attention to the income verification questions. Remember filling this out correctly will help with funding directed to our school!**
- Please call the front office at 294-9115, if you have any questions.
- Registration needs to be completed ASAP to make sure your student has a place here at Cordova Gardens for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Choice forms will be notified and confirmed in May .

Upcoming Dates:

PTA Meeting 315 Monday	4/13/26
Return to school Monday 4/13 815-245	4/13/26
MACC Student Art Show 530-730	4/17/26
Grades 3-5 state testing ELA	4/20-4/24
Grades 3-5 state testig Math	4/27-5/1

Have a great week!
Mr. Bliss

Parent Feedback form. Provide your feedback here: [Click Here](#)

We would like your feedback! Fill out the google form listed above!

