



THE FALCON FLYER



News and Highlights – Week 1: 8/17/2026

Principal's Notes:

Hello Figarden Families,

Welcome Back to the 2026-2027 school year! We are so excited to welcome our students back to school for an eventful year full of fun and learning. I hope that you spent time with family and friends over the summer and that your families were able to make lots of memories while relaxing and doing the things that bring you joy. I was able to travel around the Midwest and spend some much-needed time with my family and friends making memories.

This year is a unique year for Figarden as we welcome ten new teachers to the Figarden family. Please join me in welcoming: Ms. Nika Rodriguez-Kindergarten; Ms. Denise Mena-Kindergarten, Ms. Jacqueline Ceballos-First Grade; Ms. Karla Puentes-First Grade; Mrs. Houa Yang-Second Grade; Mrs. Lillian Yang-Fourth Grade; Ms. Ebelin Oviedo-Fifth Grade; Mr. Brandon Robinson-RSP; Ms. Alisa Galvez-SDC Autism; and Ms. Jireh Pascual-SDC Autism. As you see them out and about, please give them a warm Figarden Family welcome.

The **first day of school** will be **Monday, August 17th**. School begins at **8:00 a.m.** Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m.

All students will be reporting to the cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. PK/TK and students with special needs should be dropped off at their classroom doors. Kindergarten students will be met by their teachers inside the front gate and then escorted to their classrooms. First through Sixth graders will line up on their room numbers on the blacktop where they will be met by their classroom teachers.

Please note: Parking lots are not for student drop-off or pick-up. Parking lots are for staff, buses, and our students with special needs.

Dismissal will be at **1:05 p.m.** for TK and Kindergarten. Grades 1st through 6th will be dismissed at **2:05 p.m.**

Let's Go Falcons! Let's have an impressive year of growing and learning together.

Mrs. Lopez

Grades 1-6 Back to School Night



Thursday, August 20th

5:00 p.m. Principal Session in Cafeteria

5:30 p.m. Classroom Session 1

6:00 p.m. Classroom Session 2

Arrival & Dismissal

***Please note for everyone's safety parents will not be allowed on campus during arrival and dismissal after this Friday. The only exception will be PK/TK parents and Parents of Special Needs students because they need to sign their students into their classrooms.**

Arrival: All students will enter the main gate by the flagpole from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. At 7:45 a.m. we will open the blacktop gate to allow students to enter the blacktop.

Dismissal: Dismissal time utilizes all gates.

PK and TK dismiss by the flagpole.

Kindergarten dismisses by the front office and by the marquee.

1st Grade will dismiss at the flagpole.

2nd Grade at the marquee.

3rd & 4th Grades at the pedestrian gate by the south parking lot.

5th & 6th Grade at the pedestrian gate on the corner of Brawley & Kadota.

Dates in the Future

August 17:	First Day of School
August 17-19	Pre-School Meet and Greet
August 18:	Early Dismissal TK/K at 12:00 p.m. & Grades 1-6 at 1:00 p.m.
	First Day of After School Program
August 20:	Pre-School First Day
	Back to School Night: Grades 1-6
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
August 21:	First Day Packet Signature Items Due
August 25:	Early Dismissal TK/K at 12:00 p.m. & Grades 1-6 at 1:00 p.m.



Figarden Elementary

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please call to make an appointment.

Principal: Cari Lopez Vice Principal: John-Michael De La Cerda

Office Manager: Trisha Hogaboom Office Assistant: Monique Mitchell

MONDAY 8/17

First Day of the 2026-2027 School Year

Hurry, hurry! Don't be late! School Begins at 8:00 a.m.

TK/K Dismissal @ 1:05 p.m.

Grades 1-6 Dismissal @ 2:05 p.m.

Pre-School Meet and Greet Conferences



TUESDAY 8/18

Early Dismissal: TK & Kindergarten at 12:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6 at 1:00 p.m.

First Day of After School Program

Pre-School Meet and Greet Conferences

WEDNESDAY 8/19

Pre-School Meet and Greet Conferences



THURSDAY 8/20

First Day of Pre-School

Back to School Night, Grades 1st-6th

Principal Session & Title I Meeting in Cafeteria 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Classroom Session 1: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Classroom Session 2: 6:00-6:30 p.m.



FRIDAY 8/21

Emergency Cards entered on ATLAS and Parent Signature Items Due
Figarden Spirit Day: Wear something navy blue, light blue, or white.

You did it! You completed your first week of the 2026-2027 school year!

Celebrate with something fun this weekend!



We are Falcons!

F= Focused Learners
A=Always Work Hard
L=Lead by Example
C=Character Counts
O=Outstanding Effort
N=Never Give Up