



THE FALCON FLYER



News and Highlights – Week 2: 8/24/2026

Principal's Notes:

Hello Figarden Families,

What a wonderful start to the 2025-2026 school year! It was so exciting to have our students and families back on campus for Back-to-School Night. The energy, smiles, and enthusiasm throughout the week reminded us of what a special community we have.

This year, we will continue our schoolwide Book of the Month. Each month, students will engage with a book that highlights an important cultural connection or social-emotional skill. For August, we are reading *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud, a wonderful story that teaches students about kindness, empathy, and the impact their words and actions have on others.

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of reading the book to our entire school through Teams. Students learned that when they use kind words, include others, and lend a helping hand, they become "bucket fillers". Conversely, unkind actions or words can "dip" into someone's bucket and leave them feeling hurt or sad. I encourage you to ask your child, "Did you fill a bucket today?"

This week, students will also begin their first i-Ready Diagnostic assessments in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. These assessments help us better understand each student's strengths and areas for growth, allowing i-Ready to create a personalized learning path tailored to their needs.

Our goal is for every student to reach their individual i-Ready Stretch Growth Goal this year. Teachers will be closely monitoring lesson completion and growth. Students should complete and pass two i-Ready lessons in ELA and two i-Ready lessons in Math each week. Your encouragement at home can make a difference in helping them stay motivated and successful.

We are thrilled about the opportunities, growth, and learning that lie ahead this year. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to help every student achieve their greatest potential. We are honored to be part of their journey and can't wait to see all they accomplish this year.

Mrs. Lopez

Figarden Spirit Wear Sales



We are excited to announce the Figarden Spirit Wear Pre-Sales! We have newly designed t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Sales will run Tuesday, August 25th through Friday, September 4th. Order forms will be sent home with students and posted on Parent Square on Tuesday.

T-Shirts are \$20 each.

Sweatshirts are \$25 each.

Hoodies are \$30 each.

Arrival & Dismissal

***Please note for everyone's safety parents will not be allowed on campus during arrival and dismissal beginning Monday. The only exceptions 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.

Dismissal: Dismissal time utilizes all gates.

PK and TK Room 1 and 2 dismisses by the flagpole.
TK Room 9 and Kindergarten Room 208 dismisses by the front office.

Kindergarten Rooms 201 and 207 dismisses 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

Aug. 25: Early Dismissal TK/K at 12:00 p.m. & Grades 1-6 at 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 24-28: iReady D1 Assessments

Aug. 25-Sept. 4: Spirit Wear Pre-Sales

Sept. 7: No students: Labor Day observed



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 8/24

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.

iReady Diagnostic #1



TUESDAY 8/25

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

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

iReady Diagnostic #1

Spirit Wear Pre-Sales Begin



WEDNESDAY 8/26

iReady Diagnostic #1

Grades 5 & 6th Flag Football Try-Outs



THURSDAY 8/27

iReady Diagnostic #1

Grades 5 & 6th Flag Football Try-Outs



FRIDAY 8/28

Figarden Spirit Day: Wear something navy blue, light blue, or white.

iReady Diagnostic #1

Grades 5 & 6th Flag Football Try-Outs



We are Falcons!

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