



THE FALCON FLYER



News and Highlights – Week 4: 9/7/2026

Principal's Notes:

I hope all our Falcon Families have plans to enjoy the Labor Day weekend and make the most of these final days of summer. As we return this week, I would like to say **thank you** to all the parents who attended Parent-Principal Coffee Hour this past Friday. It was the largest group of parents we have welcomed since returning from COVID. It truly warmed my heart to see so many families willing to partner with us in supporting and creating events that strengthen our school community and provide students with well-rounded educational experiences.

As September begins, our students are settling into their daily routines. Teachers have been getting to know their students and are working diligently to identify their individual strengths and learning needs through a variety of assessments.

These assessments include the i-Ready Diagnostic, which is now complete. As a result, students' personalized learning pathways have been established, and they should be completing two Math lessons and two Reading lessons each week with at least 80% accuracy to stay on track toward meeting their i-Ready Stretch Growth Goals.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students will have the opportunity to begin participating in band, strings, dance, and chorus this week. Over the next couple of weeks, students will also learn about Student Council and can express their interest in participating in the elections. Elections for Student Council officers and classroom representatives will be held on Friday, September 25th.

This month also marks the beginning of our Character Trait of the Month focus. During September, we will be emphasizing **Trustworthiness** and encouraging students to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, and integrity in their daily actions. In addition, we will continue our schoolwide Book of the Month program, which highlights important character traits and cultural celebrations throughout the year.

We are excited to support our Falcons on their individual paths to success as we work together to *Achieve Our Greatest Potential*.

Mrs. Lopez

Confidential Family Surveys

The Confidential Family survey window opens on **Tuesday, September 8th** and will be open until Friday, September 25th. The families who are required to complete the survey will be sent letters and personalized links through the parents' preferred form of communication (text message, personal email, or Parent Square). Please check to see if you have a survey to complete on Tuesday. The survey information is utilized to help our school attain additional funding and additional support for our students. Families who have completed surveys will receive one free student ticket to the Fresno Fair Ticket.

Happy Grandparents' Day

Thank you to all the Figarden Grandparents for all you do to support your students, families, and communities! We appreciate you!



Sunday, September 13th

School Site Council

We have 3 parent openings on School Site Council. School Site Council meets once per month to monitor and provide feedback on School Programs and Budgets. Members serve a two-year term. Nominations are now open through September 16th. Please use the link to nominate yourself or someone you know.

2026-2027 School Site Council Parent Nomination Form – Fill out form

Dates in the Future



Aug. 24-Sept. 11: K FSA 1 Assessment
Sept. 7: No students: Labor Day observed
Sept. 13: Grandparents' Day
Sept. 8-25: Confidential Family Survey #1
Sept. 18: Quarter 1 Progress Reports
Sept. 23: Fall Picture Day



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 9/7

No School: Labor Day Observed

TUESDAY 9/8

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.

School Site Council Nominations Open through 9/16

Confidential Survey Window #1 Open through 9/25



WEDNESDAY 9/9

THURSDAY 9/10



Flag Football & Girls' Volleyball @ Figarden



FRIDAY 9/11

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

September Character Trait: **TRUSTWORTHINESS**



We are Falcons!

F= Focused Learners

A=Always Work Hard

L=Lead by Example

C=Character Counts

O=Outstanding Effort

N=Never Give Up

