



THE FALCON FLYER



News and Highlights – Week 5: 9/14/2026

Principal's Notes:

Thank you to all the families and staff who purchased T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. We can't wait to see everyone proudly wearing the new designs and adding more Falcon spirit to our campus!

In our classrooms, teachers are implementing Accountable Talk during lessons in all content areas. Through these conversations, students are learning to discuss ideas, answer questions using complete sentences, incorporate academic vocabulary, and practice important communication skills such as agreeing, respectfully disagreeing, and building upon the ideas of others.

Beyond academics, our fourth through sixth grade students began participating in VAPA classes this past week. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity as they transitioned into these learning experiences. We also welcomed the start of Library time for all students, TK through sixth grade. Hearing students excitedly talk about their books, eagerly ask when they can check out new ones, and enthusiastically engage in reading has brought great joy!

Looking ahead, our fifth and sixth grade students will soon learn about the opportunity to participate in Student Council. Student Council elections will be held at the end of September, and we look forward to seeing our students develop their leadership skills.

We are also excited to launch student jobs for second through sixth grade students. Staff members are currently creating a variety of student jobs and are developing job descriptions. Students will have the opportunity to apply for jobs and interview during the Student Job Fair on Friday, October 1st. We are excited to provide students with meaningful opportunities to contribute to our school community while developing responsibility, leadership, and collaboration skills.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to another wonderful week of learning, growth, and Falcon pride as we work together to *Achieve Our Greatest Potential*.

Mrs. Lopez

Confidential Family Surveys

The Confidential Family survey window is open 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). We are currently at 27% completion. Please check to see if you have a survey to complete. 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.

Progress Reports

Progress reports mean we are half-way through first quarter. The progress reports will be sent home with students this Friday. Please take time to review the progress reports with your students and contact your student's teacher, if you have questions or concerns. We have six weeks until first quarter ends and parent conferences will be held.

School Site Council

We have three parent openings on School Site Council and currently only have two nominations. 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



Sept. 13:
Sept. 8-25:
Sept. 17

Sept. 18:
Sept. 23:

Grandparents' Day
Confidential Family Survey #1
Flag Football & Girls' Volleyball @ Figarden
Quarter 1 Progress Reports
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 9/14

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

School Site Council Nominations Open through 9/16

Confidential Survey Window #1 Open through 9/25



TUESDAY 9/15

Early Dismissal

TK/K Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6 Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 9/16

THURSDAY 9/17



Flag Football & Girls' Volleyball @ Figarden



FRIDAY 9/18

Figarden Spirit Day: Wear something navy blue, light blue, or white.
Quarter 1 Progress Reports go home with General Education Students

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