



**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

A California Distinguished School

THE FALCON CONNECTION

**Keeping our Falcon community connected,
informed, and involved.**

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Important Updates



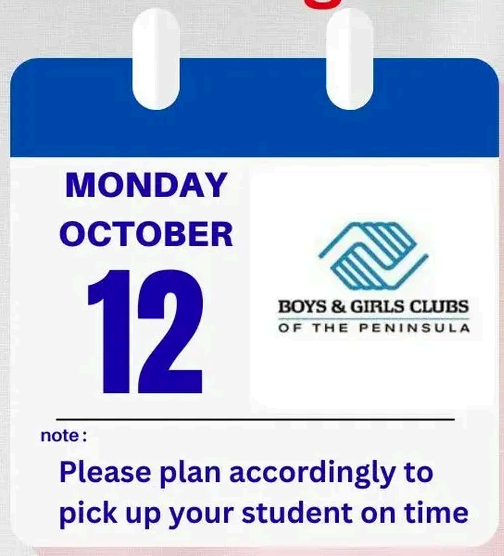
Fall Break is coming up! Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Friday, October 2:** No School — Professional Development Day
- **October 5–9: No School — Fall Break!**
- **Monday, October 12:** Classes Resume — **BGCP Closed / No Program**

TK/Kinder Families: When students return on October 12, they will begin their **regular full-day schedule**, with dismissal at **2:35pm**. Regular Wednesday minimum days will continue with dismissal at **12:35pm**.

We hope all our Fiesta Gardens families have a safe, restful, and enjoyable Fall Break! We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday, October 12!**

BGCP Closed - No Program



Dismissal:

- TK/Kinder - 2:35pm
- 1-2 Grade - 2:39pm
- 3-5 Grade - 2:58pm
- Middle School - 3:08pm



MAP Food Distribution – Friday, 10/16/2026

We will have our **MAP food box distribution** on **Friday, October 16.**

Community Room
11am–4pm

If you are interested in receiving a food box, please stop by the Community Room during the distribution hours.

If you are unable to pick up your food box during these times, please contact **Isabel** at **650-638-2927** or **ijimenez@smfcsd.net** to make arrangements.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CLOSET



DONATE A COSTUME:

We are accepting gently used, complete Halloween costumes for students and siblings in our school community



NEED A COSTUME?

Starting **Monday, October 12**, families are invited to stop by the Community Room to browse our available Halloween costumes



SAVE THE DATE!

COSTUME PARADE

Friday, October 30th 11am-12pm

More information will be shared soon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ISABEL 650-638-2927



**DROP OFF & PICK UP
COMMUNITY ROOM
WING 1, OFFICE E**



**FIESTA GARDENS
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2026-27 MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We're looking for Coaches, Gym Supervisors, and
Parent Volunteers to help our middle school students
grow through sports, teamwork, and school pride



BASKETBALL COACHES

Coach and lead middle school
students while developing basketball
skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and
school pride

GYM SUPERVISOR

Keep score, support crowd
control, and maintain a safe,
organized gym environment

Fall/Winter: October - March



SOCCER COACHES

Coach and inspire middle school
students while building soccer skills,
teamwork, sportsmanship, and
leadership

Spring: March - May

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Extra hands keep tryouts, practices, and game days running smoothly. No
experience necessary just enthusiasm for our student-athletes

Interested?

Your child doesn't need to be in middle school! All interested parents are welcome to
support

Contact: Coach Geovanni

Email: gmarroquin@smfcsd.net



FGIS BELL SCHEDULE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 REGULAR SCHEDULE

Elementary

GRADE	START	RECESS	LUNCH	DISMISSAL
TK & Kindergarten	8:25am	10:00-10:35 am	12:10-1:00pm	2:35pm
Grades 1-2	8:25am	10:00-10:20 am	12:10-1:00pm	2:39pm
Grade 3-5	8:25am	10:25-10:45 am	12:00-12:50 pm	2:58pm

Middle School

Period	1	2	3	brunch	4	5	lunch	6	7
Times	8:10-8:57	9:02-9:49	9:54-10:41	10:41-10:51	10:55-11:42	11:47-12:34	12:34-1:24	1:29-2:16	2:21-3:08

MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Wednesdays)

TK & Kindergarten are on a minimum day schedule from August 11th, 2026 through October 1st, 2026 (TK & Kinders start full days on October 12th, 2026 Dismiss is at 2:35 for both TK & Kinders).

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Grades 1-2	8:25am	10:00-10:20am	12:49pm
Grades 3-5	8:25am	10:25-10:45am	12:49pm

Middle School

Period	1	2	3	brunch	4	5	6	7
Times	8:10-8:46	8:51-9:24	9:29-10:02	10:02-10:12	10:17-10:50	10:55-11:28	11:33-12:06	12:11-12:44

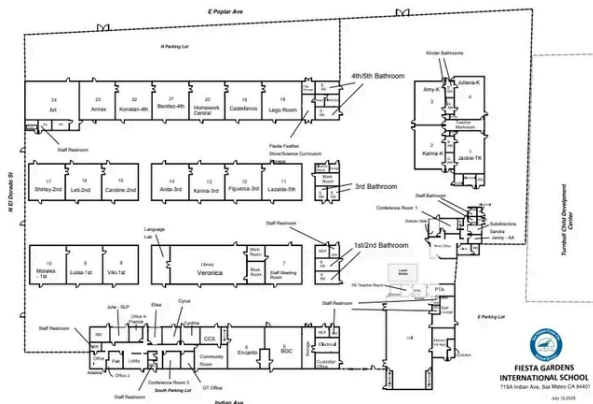
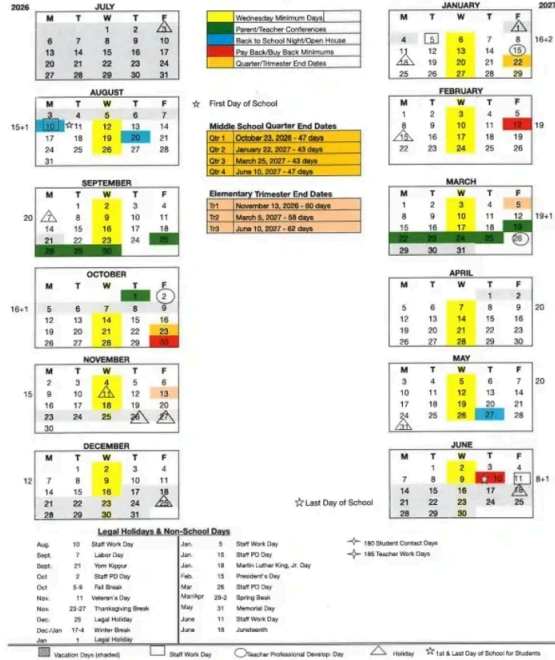
Updated 7/2026

Schedule is subject to change

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Fiesta Gardens International School

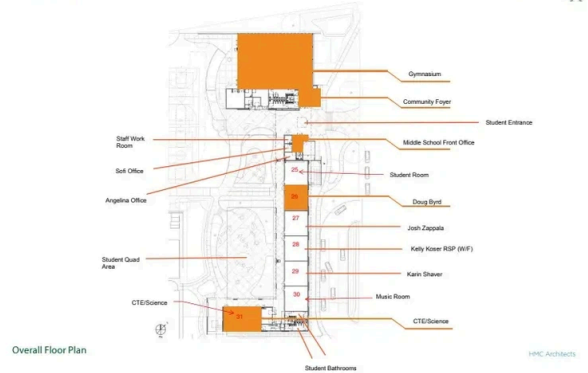
2026-2027

Board Approved: 3/22/2024



August 16, 2023

Interior Design Package





Donate Your Used Batteries!

Help us recycle and keep batteries out of the trash! A Battery Recycling Bin is now available in the Main Office. Families are welcome to bring in their small household batteries for recycling.

Thank you for helping us make a positive impact on our environment!

Upcoming Events

**FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**



Join us for our annual
**TITLE 1
MEETING**

**Annual Title 1
Meeting Agenda:**

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14**

**MPR
5:00PM - 5:30PM**

- Welcome & Introduction
- Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy
- Our Commitment to Partnership
- What Parent Involvement Means
- Title 1 Program Implementation
- Annual Title 1 Meeting & Flexible Scheduling
- Academic Information and Assessment
- Building Strong Partnerships
- School-Parent Compact Overview
- Professional Development & Staff Training
- Policy Adoption & Implementation
- Questions & Closing



Join Us for Our 2nd ELAC Meeting!

Learn how you can **support your child's reading in English** and why **regular attendance is important for student success.**

✨ **Students whose parents attend the ELAC meeting will receive a Gold Fiesta Feather!** ✨

We'll also have:



Dinner



Childcare

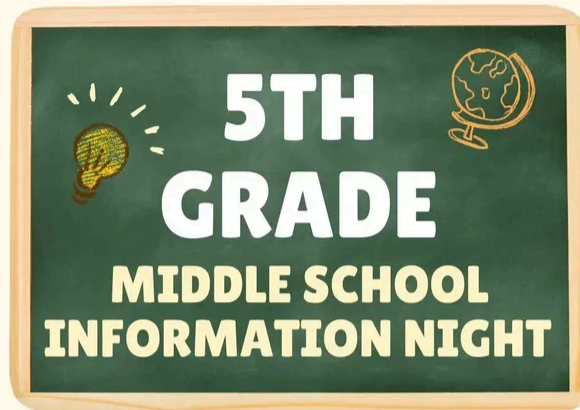


Fun raffle with prizes!

We hope to see you there!



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Informational night designed to support families as students prepare for the transition to middle school

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 • 6PM-7PM • MPR

- Learn about middle school expectations, electives, and academic programs
- Ask questions
- See the class curriculum, materials as well as the College and Career Exploration room

Childcare and light snacks provided



QUESTIONS?
650-312-7691



FILL OUT THE WAIVER

Dates to Remember

- **Friday, 10/2/26:** Staff Professional Development Day - No School
 - **10/5-10/9:** Fall Break
 - **Monday, 10/12/26:** School Resumes & TK/K Start Full Days
 - **Tuesday, 10/13/26:** Executive PTA Board Meeting - 6pm
 - **Wednesday, 10/14/26:** PIQE - 6pm-7:30pm
 - **Thursday, 10/15/26:** ELAC Meeting #2 - 6pm-7pm
 - **Friday, 10/16/26:** Fall Pictures Retakes
 - **Saturday, 10/17/26:** Super Saturday - 10am-12pm
 - **Wednesday, 10/21/26:** PIQE - 6pm-7:30pm
 - **Thursday, 10/22/26:** 5th Grade Parent Middle School Information Night - 6pm-7pm
 - **Friday, 10/23/26:** Jog-a-thon - 8:30am-3pm
 - **Wednesday, 10/28/26:** PIQE - 6pm-7:30pm
 - **Friday, 10/30/26:** Costume Parade/Minimum Day/Free Dress - 10am-11am (Teacher Buy Back Day)
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Community

Community Specialists Contact Information:

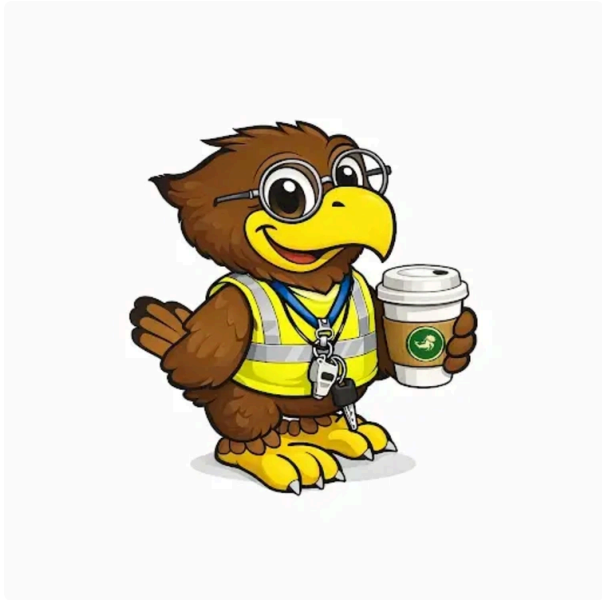


Isabel Centeno Jimenez

650-638-2927 (Office)

650-333-8579 (Cell)

Community Room: Wing 1, Office E



Karina Contreras

650-312-7517 (Office)

650-270-1722 (Cell)

Community Room: Wing 1, Office E

FGIS DONATIONS

We welcome donations from our families and community, which are shared back with our Fiesta Gardens students and families

WE ACCEPT

- School uniforms
- Children shoes
- Backpacks
- Lunch bags
- Unused or new school supplies
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Floss
- Menstrual products
- Hair ties
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body soap
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Dish sponges
- Toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- Paper towels (individually wrapped)
- Face wash
- Face lotion
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Combs
- Hair brushes
- Leave in conditioner spray
- Lice spray
- Apple cider vinegar
- White vinegar
- Baking soda
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Non-perishable food items
- Canned and jarred goods
- Grains, starches, beans, legumes
- Snacks and cooking essentials



Having our families and students access hygiene products, home products, and food items is important to us! For this reason we kindly ask that all items in these categories be donated new. Thank you for your support to our FGIS community room!

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

- Adult clothing
- Adult shoes
- Baby car seats
- Perishable food items
- Toys



Donation drop off location
715A Indian Ave, San Mateo
Community Room: Wing 1 Office E

Low-Cost Internet Program

For families in San Mateo and Foster City

Help your family stay connected for school, work, and more!

These programs are available to low-income households with students.

xfinity | Internet Essentials

 Location San Mateo, CA 94403 (Xfinity service area)	 Low-Income Eligibility Households that qualify through programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Medicaid, SNAP, housing assistance, or qualifying income.	 Internet Cost Starting at \$14.95 /month	 Contact 1-855-846-8376 (Xfinity)
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AT&T | Access with AT&T

 Location San Mateo, CA 94401 (AT&T service area)	 Low-Income Eligibility Households with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines that participate in assistance programs, including SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, and CEP/NSLP/SBP.	 Internet Cost Low-cost pricing varies depending on available service.	 Contact 1-800-288-2020 (AT&T)
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Internet opens doors to learning and a better future!

- ✓ Supports your children's education
- ✓ Complete schoolwork
- ✓ Access online resources
- ✓ Stay connected

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 AT&T AT&T - San Mateo 31 W. Hillsdale Blvd. San Mateo, CA 94403 1-800-288-2020 (AT&T)	 xfinity Xfinity - San Mateo 35 W. Hillsdale Blvd., Suite 50 San Mateo, CA 94403 1-800-934-6489 (Xfinity)	 If you need assistance, contact: Margarita Astudillo Velasco (650) 312-7437 Community Services Specialist San Mateo-Foster City School District
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Project 10 Million

T-Mobile Hotspot

Free Internet for Students in K-12

HOW TO QUALIFY:

- You need to have a child in K-12
- Be enrolled in at least one eligible program with proof/letter from:
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - CEP Scho
 - NSLP

HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. Fill out the Project 10 Million application by scanning the QR code or visit: t-mobile/brand/project-10-million
2. You will receive an email from T-Mobile
3. Follow any further instructions.
4. Once accepted, T-Mobile will mail you the hotspot



T Mobile

QR CODE



T-MOBILE QUESTIONS?

Call 1-800-937-8997

NEED HELP WITH THE FORM?

Contact:
Isabel 650-638-2927
Karina 650-312-7517



FIESTA GARDENS
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COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



📍 Location: FGIS Community Room

📦 Food Box Pick-Up: 11am - 4pm

Free Food Boxes Distribution

? Questions/Information:
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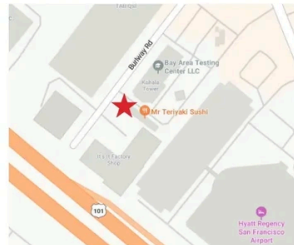
DISTRIBUTION DATES:

- Friday, September 4, 2026
- Friday, October 16, 2026
- Friday, November 6, 2026
- Friday, December 4, 2026
- Friday, January 8, 2027
- Friday, February 5, 2027
- Friday, March 5, 2027
- Friday, April 9, 2027
- Friday, May 7, 2027
- Friday, June 4, 2027



**LAST FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH, 1:00-5:00 PM
(AS SUPPLIES LAST)**

**851 Burlway Road, Burlingame CA 94010
Back Building (behind Kahala Tower)**



Supported by Tahbazof Family Foundation, BristolMyersSquibb & Whole Foods Market
Information: (415) 580-7042 | contactus@momsagainstopoverty.org

BURLINGAME COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



FREE AND OPEN TO ALL



SECOND HARVEST
of SILICON VALLEY



SECOND HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FREE GROCERIES

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

- Saturday, September 26
- Saturday, October 10
- Saturday, October 24
- Saturday, November 7
- Saturday, November 21



FIESTA GARDENS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
715 INDIAN AVENUE | SAN MATEO, CA 94401

Distribution location

Outdoors in the small parking lot on Indian Ave.
between N. El Dorado and N. Fremont St.



DISTRIBUTION IS ON ALTERNATE SATURDAYS

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE ARRIVING

- What to bring for your first visit
 - No documents needed
- What languages are spoken here?
 - English, Spanish
- How often can I get food at this location?
 - 2x per Month
- Distribution access
 - Walk Up Only
- Info for new clients
 - Register on site. Bring a cart or wagon to carry your groceries. You will receive more food than you can carry by hand. This is a Farmer's Market-style site. You will choose from a variety of foods.



PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL
SITE CSS FOR MORE INFORMATION



FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.SFHB.ORG



FIESTA GARDENS 2026 - 2027

PIQE Workshops



PIQE Workshops are
FREE to FCIS parents!

What You'll Learn:



Financial Literacy

The Family Financial Literacy Program helps parents and caregivers build the knowledge and habits needed to make smart financial decisions. Families learn practical tools for budgeting, saving, credit, loans, fraud protection, and teaching financial responsibility across generations. The goal is to reduce financial stress, improve stability, and prepare for a secure future.



STEM Program

The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) STEM Program is designed to help families support their children's success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics from kindergarten through high school. The program demystifies how STEM subjects are taught in school, offers simple activities parents can do at home, and connects classroom learning to real-world opportunities.



Family Math Together

The Family Math Together Program helps families build a strong foundation in mathematics for their children, especially during the elementary years. Parents and caregivers learn how math connects to everyday life, how to support their student's learning at home, and how to create positive attitudes that reduce math anxiety. The program strengthens family-school partnerships and shows families that everyone is a "math person."

Workshop Details:



Financial Literacy

September 9 - September 30



STEM Program

October 14 - November 4



Family Math Together

February 10 - March 17



THURSDAYS

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM



Zoom

(link to be sent by PIQE instructor)

Questions? Contact Karina Contreras

650-312-7517



kcontreras@smfcsd.net

PTA



CALENDAR

JOIN

VOLUNTEER

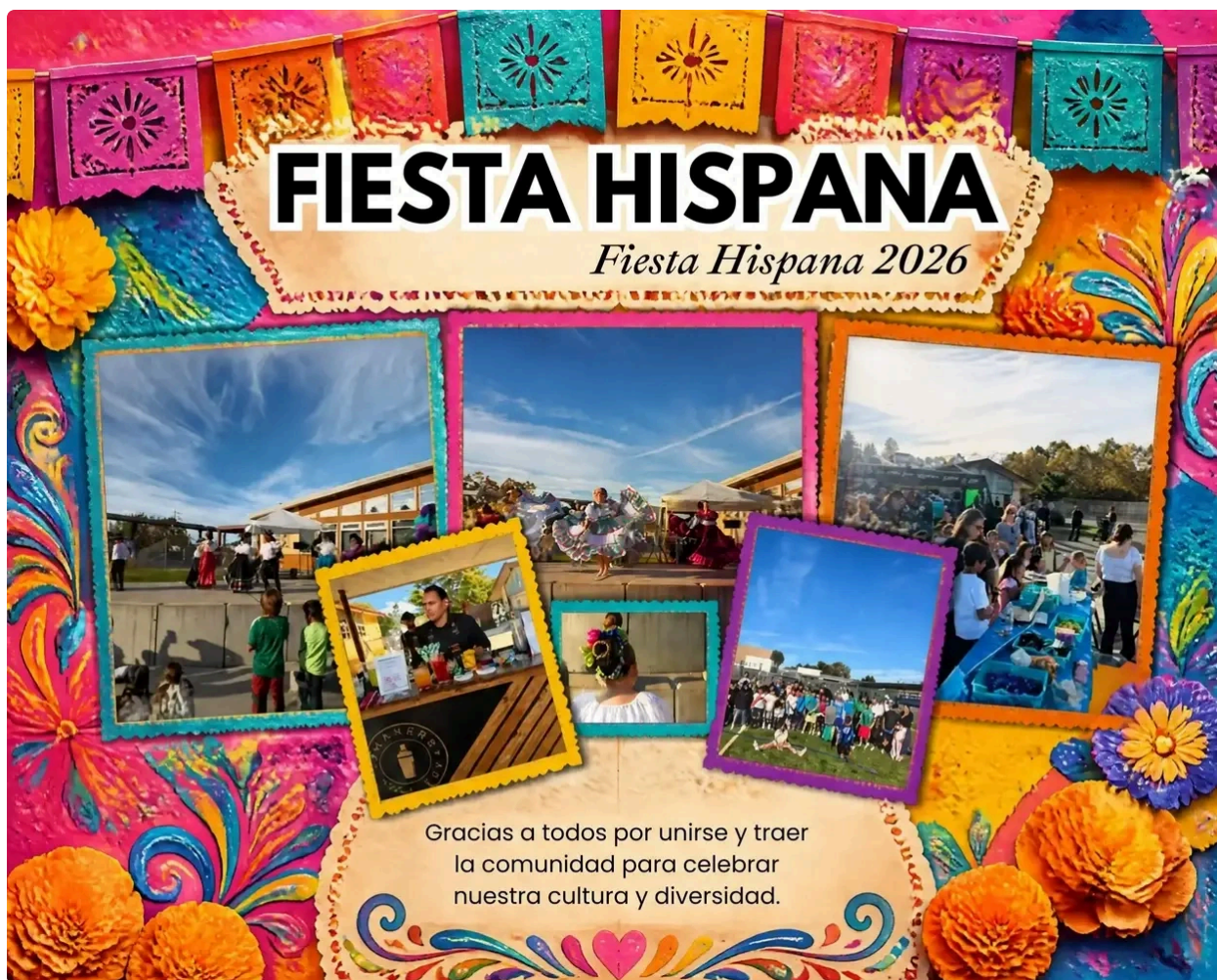
DONATE

SHOP

Fiesta Gardens PTA

The **Fiesta Gardens International School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)** is a non-profit organization run by parent and staff volunteers. Our main goals are to **support our school** and to **positively impact the lives of all students and their families**.

All PTA events are free of cost to attend. General PTA meetings include childcare and dinner.



District Updates



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Low-Cost Internet Program

If you need your **Free Lunch Letter from Nutrition Services** to help show eligibility for **low-cost internet**, support is available!

Contact your site CSS (Isabel/Karina) or Margarita at the district at (650) 312-7437.

They can help you through the process of requesting your letter.



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DELAC

2026-2027

SAVE THE DATES!

¡RESERVA LAS FECHAS!

Fechas

Septiembre 17

Octubre 29

Noviembre 12

Enero 28

Febrero 18

Marzo 18

Abril 29

Mayo 20

Dates

September 17

October 29

November 12

January 28

February 18

March 18

April 29

May 20

5:30PM-7:30PM

*TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE / HORARIO SUJETO A CAMBIOS

Fiesta Gardens International School

Multi Purpose Room / Salón de usos múltiples

715 Indian Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401

Food and Childcare will be provided

Se proporcionará comida y cuidado de niños

Dinner is served at 5:30pm. The meeting begins promptly at 6:00pm.
La cena se sirve a las 5:30pm. La reunión comienza puntualmente a las 6:00pm.

For more information, please contact the Multilingual Learner Services Team

Elen Gutierrez
Community Service Specialist
Email: egutierrez@smfcsd.net
Phone: (650) 312-7303

Engaged Learners
& Thriving
Communities

Jeannette Ramirez
Principal on Special Assignment
Email: jramirez@smfcsd.net
Phone: (650) 312-7808

 **SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Learn with Purpose • Lead with Empathy

Aeries Data Confirmation & Additional Resources for Families







**Complete the
Data
Confirmation
now!**



"Do you have Medi-Cal or other health insurance?"

"Do you have an EBT card or get CalFresh (SNAP)?"

"Does your household get CalWORKs (TANF)?"

- SUN Bucks** — \$120 per child for summer groceries.
- Free counseling at school — your insurance covers it. No copay, no cost to you.
- School meals — breakfast, snack, and lunch at no cost, all year.

Bring your phone or laptop, if possible

JOIN US!

 **AUGUST 20**
6:00PM-7:00PM

Questions?

**Fiesta Gardens
International School**
715 Indian Ave, San
Mateo, 94401

**Contact your school's
Community Service Specialist**

Isabel Centeno Jimenez
Community Service Specialist
ijimenez@smfcsd.net
650-638-2927

CONFIRM YOUR INFORMATION HERE

Family Resources

HIP Housing Update — September

Information: Rooms for Rent, September 2026 (English & Spanish)

Family Resource Center Trainings

Information: SMCFRC September Trainings · Early Intervention Flyer (9/30/26)

Foster City Community Open House

Information: Open House Foster City Community Invite

E-Bike Safety, allcove, SMPD

- E-Bike Safety handouts ([English](#) & [Spanish](#))
 - **E-Bike Toolkit**
 - **Immigration Enforcement Advice flyer** (English & Spanish)
 - allcove Resources ([referral form](#), [scheduling link](#), and flyers — **general** ([English](#) & [Spanish](#)).
 - **transportation via Lyft**
 - **additional resource flyer**
 - San Mateo Police Department flyers for PAL's Place ([English](#) & [Spanish](#))
 - MLK Kids Club ([English](#) & [Spanish](#))
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Quick Links

Fiesta Gardens Website