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**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

A California Distinguished School

THE FALCON CONNECTION

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Important Updates

Middle School Families Only

Friday, September 18 is a Buyback Day for teachers. All middle school students will have **early dismissal at 12:44pm**.

Please plan accordingly and make arrangements to pick up your student **on time**.



EMERGENCY BAGS

HELP US BE PREPARED!

As we begin the school year, we ask that you please send each of your students' Emergency Ziploc Bags, with all required items, to their classroom by **Friday, September 18th**. Each bag will be kept in the classroom and used only in an emergency situation.

Thank you for helping us keep our students prepared and supported in case of an emergency!

What to Include

Please place the following items inside a large Ziploc bag:

2 Water Bottles



2 Granola Bars

No peanuts or allergy-causing snacks



Family Portrait

Draw a picture of your family or print a photo



IMPORTANT: LABEL THE BAG

Please clearly label the outside of the Ziploc bag with your Student's Name, Grade, Teacher



Students who bring their completed Emergency Ziploc Bag to their teacher on time will earn a Gold Fiesta Feather!



QUESTIONS?
ISABEL JIMENEZ
650-638-2927



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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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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

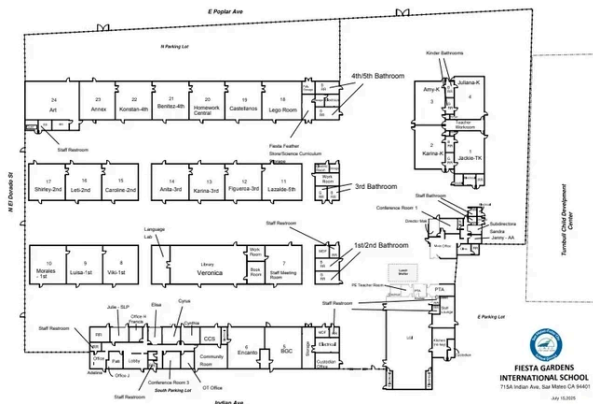
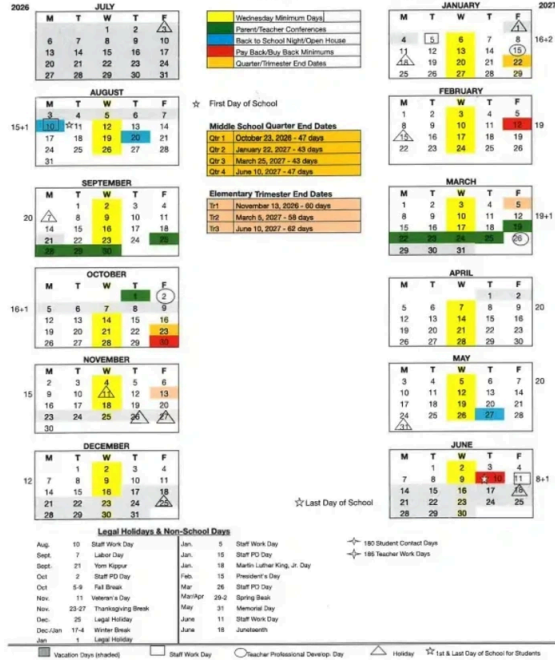
Schedule is subject to change

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Fiesta Gardens International School

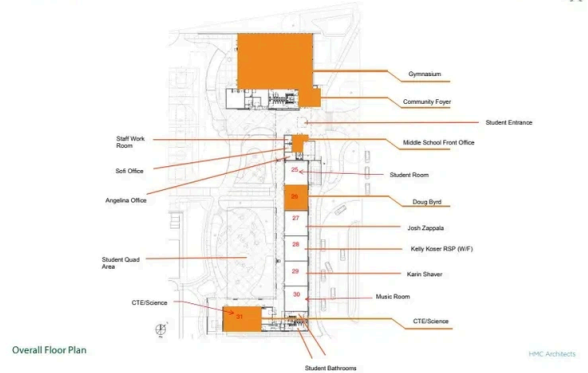
2026-2027

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



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ELAC Meeting

English Learner Advisory Council

JOIN US!

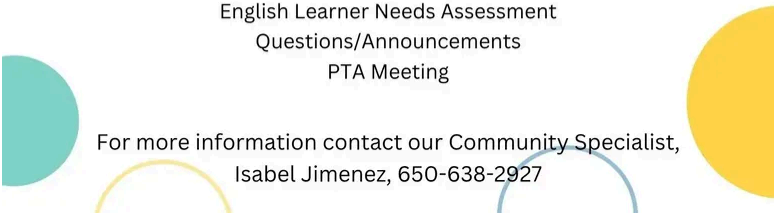
Tuesday, September 15th
6:00pm-7:30pm
FGIS MPR

Dinner and childcare will be provided!

Agenda

- Dinner
- Elections
- ELAC Purpose
- ELAC Responsibilities
- English Learner Needs Assessment
- Questions/Announcements
- PTA Meeting

For more information contact our Community Specialist,
Isabel Jimenez, 650-638-2927





FIESTA HISPANA



SATURDAY
9/26/26



3-7 PM



FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

COME AND ENJOY OUR
FIESTA HISPANA!



LIVE
MUSIC



BANCES



SOCCER
TOURNAMENT



GAMES



TYPICAL
FOOD



DRINKS



DESSERTS



PHOTO
BOOTH



Bring a typical
dish from your
country to share





Do you want to
participate as
a volunteer?



Show your talent!
Dance, sing or play
an instrument
with us.



For any questions
Cintya Heredia • Cintyahq10@gmail.com

ART BY JOSE PENA

Discover what's within.



Girl Scouts is fun for the whole family!
Join us to learn more about Girl Scouts at
our

FALL KICKOFF!

Free! Bring your grown-up(s) along.

SEP 12TH

11 AM- 12:30 PM

LAURELWOOD PARK PICNIC AREA

3471 GLENDORA DR, SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Girls in grades K - 5th for the 2026-2027 school year are invited to join us for fun activities while parents and caregivers learn more about Girl Scouts in the San Mateo and Foster City areas and how to get started!

RSVP here or scan the QR code below:

<https://tinyurl.com/4c2ucy87>

As a Girl Scout,
she'll explore new
adventures, build skills,
and grow with friends
cheering her on—gaining
confidence that lasts
a lifetime.

If you can't attend, but want to be added to our interest list, please register anyway.



Scan the QR code
to learn more.

Questions? Reach out to lvail@gsnocal.org
or call 800-447-4475.

girl scouts

Girl Scout membership must be renewed annually. Membership year is October 1-September 30. © 2026 Girl Scouts of the United States of America. All Rights Reserved.

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, 9/15/26: ELAC #1 & General PTA Meeting - 6pm-7:30pm
 - Saturday, 9/26/26: Fiesta Hispana - 3pm-7pm
 - 9/25-10/1: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Minimum Days & Free Dress Days
 - 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
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Community

Community Specialists Contact Information:

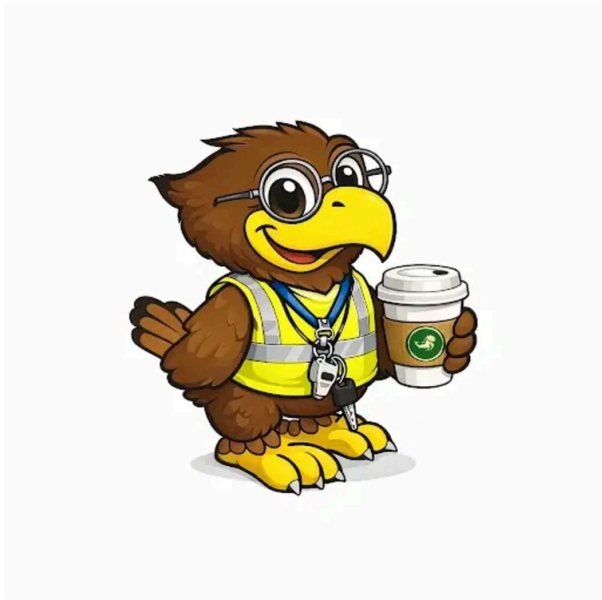


Isabel Centeno Jimenez

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



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COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



📍 Location: FGIS Community Room

📦 Food Box Pick-Up: 11am - 4pm

Free Food Boxes Distribution

? Questions/Information:
650-638-2927

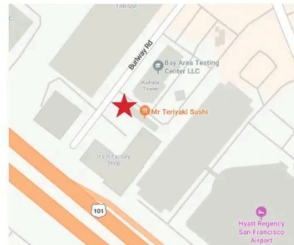
DISTRIBUTION DATES:

- 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.



Volunteers Needed: Become a Room Parent!

Want to get more involved in your child's classroom? We're looking for room parents to help support teachers, communicate with families, and lend a hand with classroom activities and special events throughout the year. Most of it can be done remotely from home.

No special experience needed, just a willingness to help and be part of the school community. **Sign up here!**

ELAC & PTA Meeting

The first **English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)** of the year is on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

The English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) advises school leadership and staff on programs and services for English Learners. Parents, staff, and community members meet to learn about available resources and share ideas to support and improve the education of English Learner students.

Please join us and learn more about the committee and resources available to the community.

Date: September 15, 2026

Time: 6pm - 7pm (ELAC meeting), 7pm - 7:30pm (PTA meeting)

Location: Fiesta Gardens - MPR (Dinner and Childcare provided)

The ELAC meeting and PTA meeting will be conducted in Spanish with English translation available.

Click for the **Meeting Agenda** and **Minutes from August 25, 2026 PTA Meeting** for review.

Please email **Secretary@fiestagardenspta.org** with any edits.



Fiesta Hispana: Celebrate, Share & Volunteer!

Come celebrate our vibrant community with an evening of **delicious food, music, dancing, performances, games, and a soccer tournament** for the whole family!

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Fiesta Gardens International School

Share a taste of home or volunteer your time! If

you'd like, bring a favorite dish from your country or culture (about 10 small portions) and help us celebrate the rich diversity of our school community. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up, serving food, clean-up, and the soccer tournament. **Sign up here!**

Do you have a special talent? We'd love to showcase the amazing talents in our school community! If you dance, sing, or play an instrument, let us know by reaching out to **Cintya Heredia** at **cintyahq10@gmail.com**.



Limited Spots! Buy Your Fundraiser Ticket Now

Kick off our **first Take Root and Fiesta event of the school year!** Join the PTA and Total Wine for a fun evening of wine tasting, laughs, and connecting with fellow Fiesta Gardens parents. **Cost is only \$10!**

Good wine. Good friends. New roots. Cheers to a

great year! 🌱 🍷

Date: September 18, 2026

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: 2250 Bridgepointe Parkway San Mateo, CA 94402

Space is extremely limited. You can **purchase tickets [here](#)** or by scanning the QR code.

Must be 21 and older to participate. Please note: food is not provided.



Eat Happy! Give Back!

Join us in our first **Dine Out** event of the year! Enjoy a dinner out while giving back to our school.

Date: September 24, 2026

Time: 2pm - 9pm

Where: Mendocino Farms, 1060 Park Place, San Mateo

Fiesta Gardens will receive **30% of sales** during the event. You can also **order online**, *during the time of the event*, for pickup or delivery using the promo code **GIVEBACK** or mention Fiesta Gardens at the restaurant.



Box Tops for Education

You Can Make A Difference!

Box Tops for Education gives families an easy way to earn cash for schools with products they already buy!

Scan or submit your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase, or shop with your Walmart connected account, and you'll earn for your school with every Box Tops product you buy.

Download the app today via [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#).



Donate stock to the PTA

The PTA is now able to accept donations in stock through [StockDonator.com](#). It's easy!

The FGIS PTA is a 501 (c) (3) organization —Tax ID # 94-3184112.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that your Direct Donation or Corporate Match goes to **the FGIS PTA, a 501(c)(3) organization with Tax ID# 94-3184112**. Some companies list both the FGIS PTA and FGIS on their benefits platforms; others only list FGIS. **If you use "Fiesta Gardens" to search for our organization, please verify that the Tax ID# matches ours!**

District Updates





SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DELAC

2026-2027

SAVE THE DATES!
¡RESERVA LAS FECHAS!

Fechas	Dates
Septiembre 17	September 17
Octubre 29	October 29
Noviembre 12	November 12
Enero 28	January 28
Febrero 18	February 18
Marzo 18	March 18
Abril 29	April 29
Mayo 20	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

DELAC Next Week & Rep Connection

Our first DELAC meeting is next **Thursday, September 17 | Fiesta Gardens | 5:30–7:00 pm**. Representatives will receive the **DELAC Rep Connection**, a brief newsletter designed to help them prepare ahead of each meeting with key information, reminders, and resources related to their role. They will also receive a **binder** with important information that will be shared throughout the year.

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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

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

Questions?

Contact your school's Community Service Specialist

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

CONFIRM YOUR INFORMATION HERE

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Know Your Rights & Family Safety

Join us for a family workshop to learn about immigration rights, family preparedness, and resources available to keep our families safe and empowered.

September 23, 2026

Fiesta Gardens
715 Indian Ave

Two Sessions
9:00 - 10:00am
5:30 - 6:30pm

For more information, contact:
Jeannette Ramirez
Principal on Special Assignment
jramirez@smfcsd.net



Know Your Rights & Family Safety

Student Services, in collaboration with the ML team, will host a Know Your Rights & Family Safety event on **Wednesday, September 23 at Fiesta Gardens**. Families and community members are invited to learn about immigrant rights, family preparedness, trusted legal resources, and available community support. Sessions will be offered from **9:00–10:00 AM** and **5:30–7:00 PM**, with childcare and light refreshments available.

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](#))
 - **Immigration Enforcement Advice door notice**
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Quick Links

Fiesta Gardens Website