



**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

A California Distinguished School

THE FALCON CONNECTION

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

AUGUST 21, 2026

Important Updates



Yondr Cell Phone Policy

To help keep our students focused and engaged, Yondr pouches will be implemented for all Middle School students.

Important Dates

- **August 17:** Yondr forms sent home to new students
- **August 24:** Yondr forms due for new students
- **August 28:** Yondr pouches distributed to new students and students needing a replacement
- **September 8:** Yondr implementation begins. All Middle School students will check in their Yondr pouches at the gate.

Grades 4–5

The Yondr policy for 4th and 5th grade students will be situational. Students will first receive a warning for cell phone use. After a second warning, the student will be issued a Yondr pouch. If your student is caught using the phone on school grounds, they will be asked to hand it over and parents will pick up in the front office.

Family Reminder

Students are expected to have their cell phones turned off and put away during the school day.

Thank you for helping us create a focused learning environment for all students!



Office Contact Information:
Main Office: 650-312-7691
Middle School Office: 650-312-4491



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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



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

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

Spring: March - May

Fall/Winter: October - March

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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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

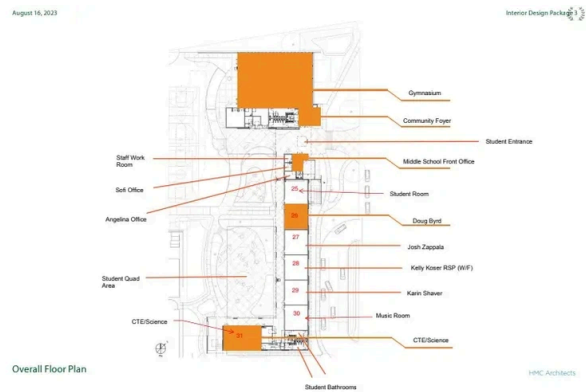
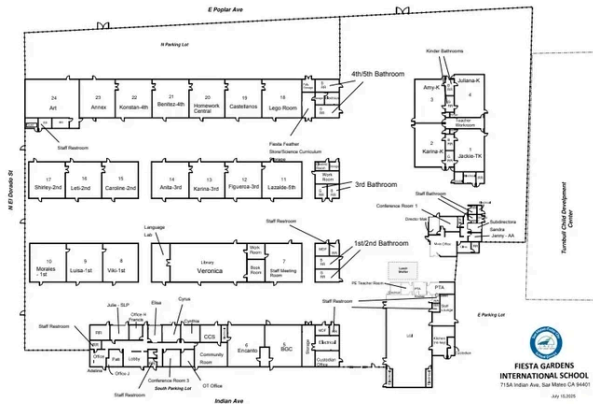
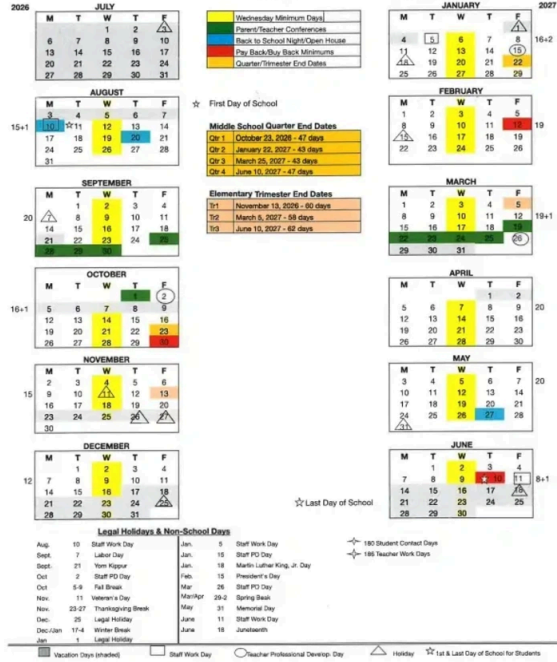
Schedule is subject to change

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiesta Gardens International School

2026-2027

Board Approved: 3/22/2024



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!

Project Career Map — 5th-8th Grade Students, Sign Up by Monday, August 31!

Project Career Map is a district program supported by the Gilead Foundation and our SMFC Education Foundation that takes students inside real labs, tech companies, farms, and college campuses to meet the people who work there. Last year, 870 SMFCSD students participated. Of the 428 who shared feedback afterward: after visiting the Gilead Sciences lab, students reporting high interest in a science career rose from 72% to 81%; 96% said they learned new skills; 83% said a science career felt possible for them; and 96% would recommend it to another student.

Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, 8/25/26: First General PTA Meeting - 6pm
- Friday, 9/4/26: Coffee Chat - 8:30am
- Friday, 9/4/26: Fall Picture Day
- Monday, 9/7/26: Labor Day - No School
- 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

Community

Community Specialists Contact Information:

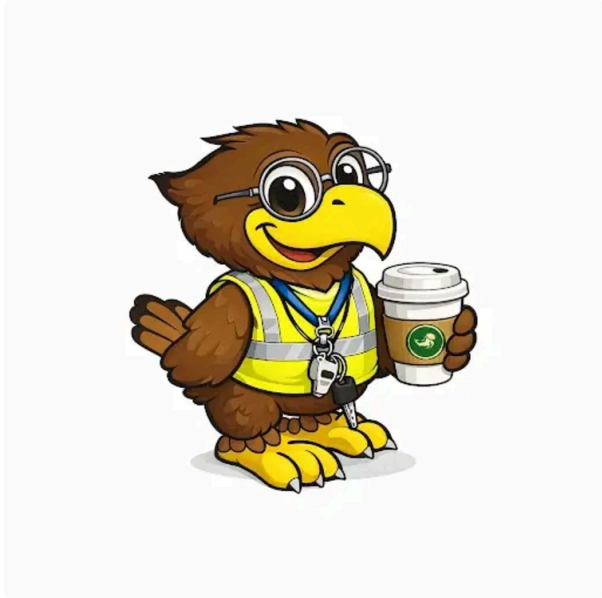


Isabel Centeno Jimenez

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

PTA



PTA CALENDAR

JOIN THE PTA!

DONATE TO THE PTA



First PTA Meeting!

August 25, 2026 6pm-7:30pm

Fiesta Gardens - MPR

Dinner and Childcare provided

Meeting Agenda

2026-2027 Proposed Budget for vote

Minutes from May 26, 2026 PTA

Meeting for review.

Please email

Secretary@fiestagardenspta.org with any edits.



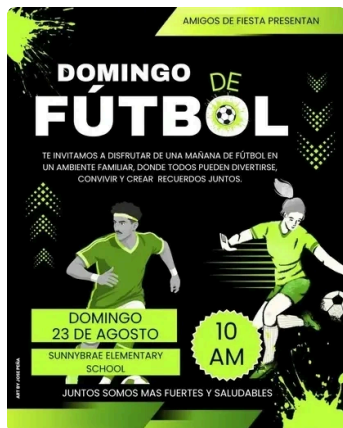
Community Walk

Join Amigos de Fiesta for a Community Walk this Saturday, August 22.

We'll meet at Harborview Park in San Mateo at 3pm.

We'll walk along the Bay Trail to Coyote Point to see the boats and then walk back. This event is open to all! Bring your families! Don't forget to bring water and sun protection.

See you there!



Sunday Soccer

We look forward to seeing you at Sunnybrae Elementary this Sunday at 10 a.m. for a morning full of soccer

Don't miss it!

Invite your relatives and friends; everyone is welcome.

Entry will be through the school's back gate.

See you Sunday!

Immediate Volunteer Need

Room Parents for each classroom.

Assist your child's teacher with communication and events.

We run amazing community events and fundraisers all year and we need YOU to help make them great! Whether you want to lead an event or just want to help with set-up or clean-up, please raise your hand. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the section in the **gForm**.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Do you like fixing things?

There are always things around school that need some TLC to get them running again. And we could use your help if you know what you're doing!

First up:

- PTA Refrigerator
- Staff lounge candy machines

Email Heather if you can help (president@fiestagardenspta.org) or stop by the office and leave your contact info.

District Updates



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

Aeries Data Confirmation & Additional Resources for Families




Complete the Data Confirmation now!



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

Additional Resources:

- "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

CONFIRM YOUR INFORMATION HERE

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**)

Quick Links

Fiesta Gardens Website