



**FIESTA GARDENS
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

A California Distinguished School

THE FALCON CONNECTION

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

AUGUST 14, 2026

Important Updates

Welcome back Fiesta Gardens!



We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for an exciting new school year. We're looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities for our students, families, and staff.

Please take a moment to review the documents shared below, including the bell schedules, school holidays, and school maps for both the Elementary and Middle School, to help you become familiar with our campus and other important information.

As a reminder, our school newsletter will be sent every Friday afternoon with updates, reminders, and important information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to help! Here's to a wonderful school year at Fiesta Gardens!

Office Contact Information:

Main Office: 650-312-7691

Middle School Office: 650-312-4491



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

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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

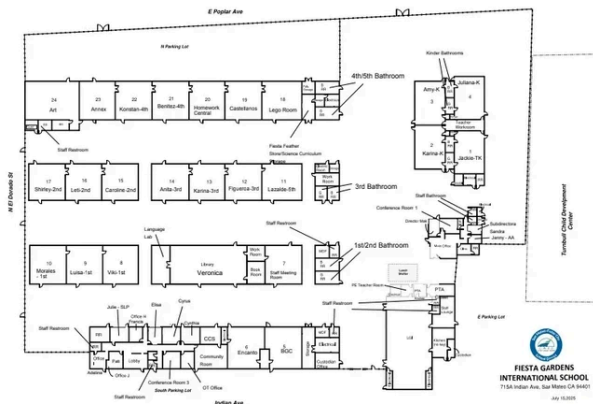
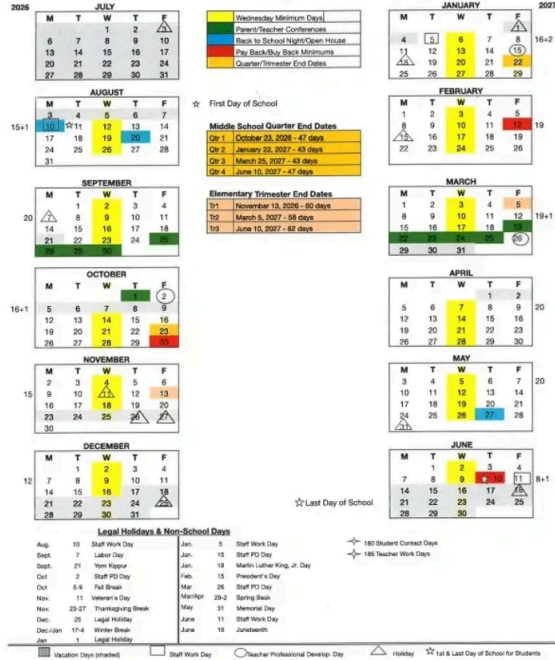
Schedule is subject to change

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



2ND - 8TH GRADE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us on August 20th 6pm-7pm



Grade Locations:

2nd Grade — Room 16

3rd Grade — Room 7

4th Grade — Room Library

5th Grade — Room 19

6th-8th Grade — Large Quad Area

Dates to Remember

- Thursday, 8/20/26: Back to School Night 2nd-8th grade - 6pm-7pm
 - Tuesday, 8/25/26: First General PTA Meeting - 6pm
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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

PTA



PTA CALENDAR

JOIN THE PTA!

DONATE TO THE PTA

District Updates



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
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715 Indian Ave, San
Mateo, 94401

Questions?

Contact your school's
Community Service Specialist

Isabel Centeno Jimenez
Community Service Specialist
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650-638-2927

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](#))
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Quick Links

Fiesta Gardens Website