



# Mattos Messenger

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**December 2018**

**Susan Guerrero, Principal**

Dear Mattos Parents and Community Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and a positive break that allowed for quality time with family and friends. Thank you for working with us as we led up to the break and dealt with air quality issues. I appreciate the advocacy and understanding concerning doing what is best for students during poor air quality days. I am grateful to parents and community members for your flexibility in meeting students' needs when school was cancelled the Friday before the break. I know it not easy to change plans and I am glad to have parents who are educational partners. We are all working to do what is best for our children.

Parents and guardians have also been wonderful about participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences and rescheduling them when necessary . These conferences are important to building a strong home/school connection that allows us to work together toward meeting students' needs, interests and goals. Please be aware that you can request to meet with your child's teacher even when we are not holding formal Fall conferences. It is appropriate to ask for a meeting with your child's teacher when you have questions or concerns as discussing them directly with the teacher is a respectful and clear communication process that can yield the quickest and most positive result.

Cordially,  
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Events can be found on our website at [www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mattos/calendar](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/mattos/calendar)  
**Important Dates**

### **December**

- 3 SSC Meeting
- 5, 12, 19, 21 Early Dismissal**
- 7 PTA Coffee
- 10 – 14 Book Fair
- 18 PTA Sing-A-Long
- 21 **Early Dismissal**
- 24 – Jan. 4 Winter Break



### **January**

- 7 SSC Meeting
- 8 ELAC Meeting
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Early Dismissal**
- 11 PTA Coffee Social
- 14 Pennies for Patients begins
- 21 No School MLK Holiday

## **NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT**



2019-2020 School Year  
Enrollment Update

New enrollment for the  
2019-2020 school year will

begin in December. If you currently have a student attending a Fremont Unified school in grades TK-5<sup>th</sup>, you may be eligible to enroll your "new" student during the sibling priority period. You may check your eligibility at your home school between November and December 19, 2018.

Priority enrollment for new TK and Kindergarten students for 2019-2020 will begin January 14, 2019 and run through February 22, 2019. Please see the Fremont Unified School District web site ([www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us)), under Enrollment, for more information and instructions.

All other TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollments will begin April 1, 2019. Please refer to the Fremont Unified School District web site ([www.fremont.k12.ca.us](http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us)) under Enrollment for more information and instructions.

### **MAKE UP PICTURE DAY THANK YOU**

Thank you to our Picture Day helpers. We appreciate all of their assistance helping to make sure clothes were straight and hair was neat for pictures.

### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL/ELAC**

Congratulations to the following who were elected to be members of School Site Council (SSC) and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC):

SSC: Norma Contreras, Elizabeth Henriquez, Muthuezhilan Shunmughasundaram, Muthiyalu Prasanna, Chrystal Christenson

ELAC:

Zeneida Lombard, Junko Kagawa, Renata Dayrell.

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS AT SCHOOL**

Please refrain from sending food for birthdays as it does not follow the FUSD guidelines for nutrition and with the many food allergies that exists for students we want to safeguard all our children. We know that parents enjoy bringing cupcakes and other items however, we request that instead parents consider participating in the Mattos Birthday Book Program which honors your child's special day, builds our library, and encourages the healthy habit of reading. A flyer went home today with Wednesday folders.



### **GATE Information 2018-2019**

Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) provides support for gifted and talented (GATE) students through differentiated instruction. We believe that

differentiated instruction not only serves the needs of our exceptional students, but also enhances the entire educational program for all students.

All 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parent does **not** want their child to participate in testing **must** submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 280, Fremont, California 94538, no later than **January 15, 2019**. The request may be in the form of email, letter, or the optional form available in the district office. Requests submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted.

**GATE testing for 3rd grade students will occur between February 4 – February 15, 2019.**

Students in 4th or 5th grade who have not taken the GATE assessment at FUSD have the option to take the GATE assessment. These might be students who are new to the district or who were opted out of GATE testing in 3rd grade. If your 4th or 5th grade child is eligible for GATE testing this year and you would like them to be assessed, please submit a written request to the Assessment and Accountability Department **by January 15, 2019**. Fifth grade is the last opportunity for students to be assessed with the GATE test. 4th and 5th grade students will be tested between February 19-March 15, 2019.

Students in 5th or 6th grade who **were not identified** in an earlier grade may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgement process. [Teachers](#) and/or [parents](#) may nominate students. A completed Nomination Form must be submitted to the Curriculum and Instruction Department, 4210 Technology Drive, Room 260, Fremont, California 94538 **between November 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019.** Additional information and forms are available in the student's school office and may also be downloaded from the Curriculum and Instruction Department website.

# MINIMUM DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

GRADES 1 - 6 8:25 - 1:25

ALL KINDERGARTENERS 8:25 - 11:45

# WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 4



# Parent Information Night for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placement:

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**Walters Library**

Join us for an informational session on the 6th grade math placement process. This session will cover:

- The Secondary Math Pathways
- Explanation of criteria used for placement into the secondary math pathways.
- Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Walters Attendance Area are invited to attend.



*Questions about this event, please contact Curriculum and Instruction at*

*510-657-2350 Extension 12705*

## 2019/2020 GLOSSARY FOR FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<b>Attendance Area</b>	An attendance area is a geographic designation that includes a high school, a junior high (7/8 grade) or middle school (6/7/8 grade), and several elementary schools. Fremont is divided into five attendance areas, named after the high school of the area, whose boundaries are drawn in an attempt to equalize the enrollment at each of the area schools. Visit <a href="http://www.myschoollocation.com/fremontusd2/">http://www.myschoollocation.com/fremontusd2/</a> to view these boundaries.
<b>Caregiver</b>	Students who live with and are under the care of a family member other than the parents or legal guardian (caregiver). The student must live full time with the caregiver to qualify for Caregiver status. Contact Student Support Services for additional information.
<b>Change of Address</b>	It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to notify the school their student attends, <b>within five school days</b> , when the student and parent/legal guardian move from the address provided at the time of registration.
<b>Chart of Grades</b>	Beginning September 1, 2014 and every year thereafter, the birthday of the Kindergartener must occur on or before September 1. Visit the district website for the most current chart.
<b>Declaration of Residency</b>	Is initiated by the Parent/Guardian if they do not rent or own the home in which they are living. Documents serving as evidence of where and with whom the student and parent/guardian live are required.
<b>Enrollment Packet</b>	Is a packet of forms and information needed to enroll students that reside in the city of Fremont.
<b>Elementary Education Assessment</b>	When the student attended private school and the parent/legal guardian wants assignment to the next grade level, but the student is not age appropriate for the grade level according to California Education code 48000. Referred to Elementary Education.
<b>English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC)</b>	The ELPAC is the test that is used to measure how well students in transitional kindergarten through twelfth grade understand English when it is not their primary language.
<b>Fremont Unified School District (FUSD)</b>	The District Office is located at 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538. The main line is 510-657-2350 and the website is <a href="https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/">https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/</a>
<b>First Day of School Absence</b>	Students must be in class the first school day. Visit the district website for the most current information published in the Parent/Guardian & Student Handbook (BP/AR 5113.1).
<b>Intra-District Transfer</b>	Student who wants to transfers from one FUSD school to another FUSD school.
<b>Inter-District Transfer</b>	Student who wants to transfer from a public school district to another public school district.
<b>Kindergarten Lottery</b>	Kindergarten Lottery occurs when there are more student applicants than available spaces at the home school. Principal and parent representative meet at Student Support Services to administer lottery. If the kindergarten site reaches capacity and a lottery is needed, the wait list will be created.
<b>Dual Language Immersion Program</b>	An alternative educational model designed to provide students with fluency and literacy in either Spanish or Mandarin. The Mandarin Immersion Program is offered at Azevada Elementary School. The Spanish Immersion Program is offered at Marshall Elementary School (effective 2019/2020 school year).
<b>Maze Day</b>	An informational school activity that occurs in August. Participation is highly recommended.
<b>Open Enrollment</b>	New students to FUSD who miss the priority enrollment period and enroll for TK-6 <sup>th</sup> grade in the 2019/2020 school year (or TK-4 <sup>th</sup> grade for Irvington or Kennedy attendance areas).
<b>Overload Student</b>	A student in grades K-5/6 for whom there is no room in the student's grade at the home school. An overload student is any student enrolled after the class size ratio has been reached.  If a student is overloaded, the student is placed at an elementary school in their attendance area with available space. If there is no space available for an overloaded student within their attendance area, the student is placed at the nearest elementary school outside of the attendance area with available space.
<b>Parent/Guardian &amp; Student Handbook &amp; Notice of Rights and Responsibilities</b>	Refer to the Parent/Guardian & Student Handbook at <a href="https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/handbook">https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/handbook</a> for numerous topics such as attendance and school calendar.
<b>Placement Letter</b>	Informs parent/guardian which school the student has been assigned.
<b>Reservation Form</b>	Mailed home to current FUSD students and returned to current school site with two proofs of residency.
<b>Science Magnet Program</b>	This program is located at Mattos Elementary School, K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade.
<b>Sibling Enrollment</b>	Priority enrollment for student with a sibling already attending K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade at FUSD (or TK-4 <sup>th</sup> grade for Irvington or Kennedy attendance areas). This does not apply to any students on intra/inter district transfer, language dual immersion program or science program.
<b>Transitional Kindergarten (TK)</b>	For students born between 9/2-12/2/2014. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is not offered at all school sites. Therefore, TK is by placement only and no wait list is maintained. Completion of TK in FUSD gives your child a priority seat at the home school for kindergarten.
<b>Wait List</b>	Several of our elementary schools have more students than capacity allows. <b>While our goal is to enroll at the home school, placement at the home school is not guaranteed due to overcrowding at some elementary schools.</b> Students are placed on a wait list at the home school and are overloaded to other schools within the Fremont Unified School District. Students are placed on a wait list at their home school in the order of enrollment date and time.
<b>Withdrawal Letter</b>	If your family is leaving FUSD, visit the current school to request a withdrawal letter. During summer session visit the District Office, Student Support Services for a withdrawal letter. If your family is new to the district, bring a withdrawal letter from your public or private school.