

# Fair Garden News

Explore, Imagine, &  
Discover at Fair Garden!

December 2016



## Change of Plans!

So we realized the date to our 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration was sooner than we thought, so we pushed the date back to Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, which is the same date as our WinterFest. We figured it would be best to celebrate everything on one festive day! The time will be the same.

We want to thank all the families that sent in clothes to help with our school's clothing closet. We are asking for you to reach out again. This time it is on behalf of the FISH food pantry that gives to families during their times of need. We will have a non-perishable food drive. We are asking that families donate items like, can goods, rice, beans, peanut butter, etc. We appreciate your generosity. We will take donations up to the day of our WinterFest.

We want to extend a huge Thank You to Toyota/Lexus of Knoxville, our school's sponsor, for the 18 generous Thanksgiving Baskets they donated this year to our families! This marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Toyota/Lexus of Knoxville has been a part of our Fair Garden Community Family! We appreciate all they do for us!

– Ms. Tiffany Watkins



## Fair Garden Reminders/Happenings

**1. King and Queen Contest.** Look for information to come home soon about our King and Queen Contest! If you would like your child to be the next King or Queen of Fair Garden, please sign the consent form and we'll get the information to you.

**2. WinterFest.** Our WinterFest program will be on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. You don't want to miss this festive event!

**3. 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration.** During our WinterFest Program, we will also have a small 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration moment! Later that evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. we will have a community celebration of our school's 100<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day!

**3. Spirit Week.** Have some fun with us as we end 2016 with our Spirit Week (Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>). Please adhere to the daily activities on our December Parent Calendar.

**4. Winter Break.** Winter Break is from Dec 22-January 6<sup>th</sup>. Students first day back will be January 9, 2017! (Please note Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> is a half day and dismissal is at 11:15 a.m.)



For your  
Calendar

Dec. 16  
WinterFest

Dec. 16  
100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration

Dec. 22  
½ day – Winter Break Begins

## Does This Look Familiar?



Did you know that a child's temper tantrum is just another way your child communicates? Most tantrums come from children not getting what they want, family stressors, and/or fatigue. Often responses to temper tantrums are in the form of punishment (sometimes spankings) or to the other extreme, simply giving in to the child's every demand (big or small). According to Becky Bailey, the founder of Conscious Discipline, "Giving into children when they are having tantrums guarantee you will get more demanding behaviors in the future." If you find yourself repeating these practices over and over to no avail, consider these pointers. 1) Your first response is to discipline yourself first by breathing in and blowing out to release your own anxieties. Approaching the tantrum calmly will be the best first step you can take. 2) Show empathy by acknowledging the frustration and the reason behind the frustration. It's not to justify the behavior, but simply to acknowledge his/her feelings are real. 3) Give the child choices with your desired outcome. Ex. If it is time to leave a friend's house and he/she refuses. You will explain the choices. "You can either leave holding my hand or you can leave walking beside me without holding my hand." If he/she doesn't respond, restate the request using a firm, yet calm voice at least 2 times if necessary. Your child will make a choice and your overall desire to leave will be accomplished. The key is to stay consistent. Sporadic discipline only creates sporadic behaviors. We encourage you to consider these tips at home. They have proven to be very beneficial at school.

## Our FG Teachers

### 3 Yr Olds

\*Mrs. Bafford/  
Mrs. Montgomery  
\*Mrs. Shelley/Ms. Jennifer  
\*Mrs. Hall/  
Ms. Danielle  
\*Mrs. Hickey/Mrs. Gentry

### 4 Yr Olds

\*Mrs. Morgan/Ms.  
Melanie  
\*Ms. Younger/Ms. Darla  
\*Mrs. Gregory/Ms. Darla/  
Ms. Swaggerty  
\*Ms. Hodson/  
Ms. Donaldson  
\*Mr. Brickell/Ms. Jasmine

### Special Education

\*Mrs. Friesen/Ms. Claire/  
Mrs. Brown

### **FUN TEACHER FACTS!**

Did you know Mrs. Bafford has 4 kids and 3 dogs? Her oldest son is now serving our country in the Marines. Did you know Mrs. Bafford enjoys tent camping during spring and summer? Did you know Mrs. Montgomery is a shopaholic? She also considers herself a taxi driver for her three kids!

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**

-Nelson Mandela



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