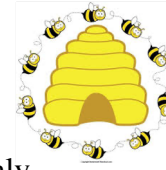




What's The Buzz

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Please make sure to check our school-wide Dojo, your child's class Dojo, and our school website to stay informed about events that are happening at Fair Garden. Please join our electronic platform: Fair Garden's Twitter: https://twitter.com/fair_garden Thank you. ☺



Important Dates:



- 12/1- Fair Garden Begins Mid-Year PK Assessments
- 12/6- KCS FAC Meeting for Fair Garden's Parent Representative (5:30-6:45 pm)
- 12/10- **Winter Fest (9:00)**- Parent Engagement Opportunity (Time and Details Will Be Coming At A Later Date)
- 12/16- PBIS 2nd Nine Weeks School-Wide Popsicle Celebration (**Students can bring their favorite stuff animal to school.**) **Tickets will be given to students.**
- 12/17- ½ Day For Students (**11:15 dismissal**)/End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- 12/20- 1/3- Winter Holidays (No School)
- 1/4- Students return from Winter Holidays
- 1/7- Students' 2nd Nine Weeks Performance Reports Are Sent Home (**Please sign and return these reports.**)
- 1/17- Dr. King Holiday (**No School**)
- 1/25- Parent Engagement Opportunity With Dr. Burkley- "Help! My Child's Manual Is Missing: Decreasing Defiance Through Effective Communication
- 1/26- KCS District Mid-Year PK Assessments End For Other Preschools
- 2/10- Spring Pictures (Pre-Pay Only)
- 2/21- Inservice Day (**No School**)

Talking About Touching Curriculum

Always Ask First Rule

In our next two *Talking About Touching* lessons, your Preschooler will learn what to do if someone wants them to go somewhere or someone wants to give them something. We teach the children that Mommy and Daddy, or whomever is in charge, loves them so much and will always do whatever they can to protect them. So if someone they know offers to take them somewhere, show them something, or give them a treat, they must ALWAYS ask the person in charge at their house. We also teach them if someone "they don't know" asks them to go somewhere or wants to give them something, that they don't even need to say, "I have to go ask my Mom." Instead, we teach them that strangers shouldn't be trying to get them to go somewhere so they are allowed to just run away from the person and run to Mom/Dad or the person in charge of them.

If your child follows the *Always Ask First Rule*, you will always know where your child is and with whom. You will also know who is trying to make friends with your child by offering gifts. Unfortunately, most children are abused by people they already know --- friends, family, or acquaintances. If your child understands to always ask first, you will be able to better monitor his or her safety. Thank you for helping teach and reinforce this safety rule.

In the first week of December, you will receive a letter requesting your consent before we go onto discussing touching safety. Here is what we will discuss:

The 3 Types of Touches

We just began talking about touching safety in our *Talking About Touching* lessons. The curriculum we cover identifies that there are three kinds of touches:

- **Safe touches.** These are touches that keep you safe and are good for your body. They make you feel cared for, loved, and important. Safe touches include hugging, holding hands, pats on the back, an arm around the shoulder, and a shot from the doctor.
- **Unsafe touches.** These are touches that are not good for your body and either hurt your body or your feelings. (for example, hitting, pushing, pinching, kicking, and touching the private parts of your body).
- **Unwanted touches.** These may be safe touches, yet the child doesn't want to be touched in that way, by that person, or at that moment in time. It is okay for a child to say "No" to unwanted touches. Children can say "No" to any unwanted touch, even if the person touching them is someone they know. Help your child practice saying "No" in an assertive yet polite voice. This will help children learn how to set personal boundaries for keeping themselves safe.

During classroom lessons, the children will learn the Touching Rule: "A bigger person should not touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy." They will learn that *private body parts* are "those parts covered by a swimsuit." It is recommended that you teach your child at home the correct anatomical names for private body parts so that, if necessary, he or she is able to communicate accurately about any touching questions or problems that arise. Thank you for being a partner in teaching safety to your child. I realize that touching safety is a sensitive topic, so please call me if you have any questions.



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Positive Quote(s):



A Message from Mrs. Spikes



Parents
The home is the child's first school,
the parent is the child's first teacher,
and reading is the child's first subject.
Thank you for your amazing partnership at Fair Garden.

Please know that during this holiday season, **I am thankful for each of you.** I'm thankful that you give your very best to your child. I'm thankful that you truly understand the partnership that you and the school must have to help your child meet his or her optimum potential. We both want the same thing. We want each student and parent represented at Fair Garden to make a difference at our school and in the community. **Thank you for lighting a path for GREATNESS at Fair Garden. ☺**

Please review the below document about EXCUSED absence with Knox County Schools.

Thank you,
Mrs. Spikes

34 Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the school leader or his/her
35 designee. Excused absences shall include:⁴
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38 1. Personal illness;
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40 2. Illness of immediate family member;
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42 3. Death in the family;
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1 4. Extreme weather conditions;
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3 5. Religious observances;⁵
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5 6. College visits;
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7 7. Pregnancy;
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9 8. School sponsored or school endorsed activities;⁶
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11 9. Military active duty/deployment (as outlined below);⁷
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13 a) An excused absence for one (1) day when the member is deployed;
14 b) An excused absence for one (1) day when the service member returns from deployment; and
15 c) Excused absences for up to ten (10) days for visitation when the member is granted rest and



Being On Time- Arrival

Thank you for having your child at school **between 7:10-7:45 am.**

Dismissal

Thank you for picking your child up from school **between 1:15-1:30.** After 1:30 you are late, this is the staff's lunch time, professional development time, and planning time.



Clinic Reminders:

- ◆ Please DO NOT send medication to school in student backpacks. ALL medication requires a doctor's order and must be checked in at the front office. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!
- ◆ Clinic Supply Needs: boys' underwear size 4, bottled waters. Donations are greatly appreciated!

Safer in 7

When it comes to safety for your children, you know the basics: buckle up, wear a helmet, learn to swim, look both ways. Here are some lesser-known tips to make your family even safer in 7 easy steps.



- 1. Tug on your kid's car seat where the seat belt goes. If it moves more than 1" at the base, tighten it up.**

About 73% of car seats are not installed correctly, but we can show you how to make sure your kid's ride is safe. SafeKids.org/carseat.



- 2. Secure furniture and TVs. Mount flat screens and keep bulky-style TVs on a low and stable base, or recycle them.**

Every two weeks, a child dies from a television or furniture tip-over. Check your house for furniture a child might try to climb and for TVs that could topple.



- 3. Make sure your smoke and CO alarms are working. Replace batteries every year.**

When a young child dies from a residential fire, a smoke alarm is usually either not present or not working because of dead or missing batteries. You can't see, taste, or smell carbon monoxide, so your family needs both types of alarms.



- 4. Scan your home for places kids can get into medicine. It is pills in purses, vitamins on counters and medicine in daily reminder boxes that curious kids get into.**

Every 8 minutes, a child goes to the ER for medicine poisoning, and almost 9 times out of 10, the medicine belongs to an adult. Look at your house from a child's perspective to see what they can see or reach.



- 5. Keep laundry packets and cleaning supplies up, up and away.**

Little ones love to explore and often put things in their mouths. Did you know that every hour, poison centers receive a call about a child who has gotten into a laundry detergent packet? Take a moment to place all cleaning products out of sight and reach of little explorers.



- 6. Ask your kid's coaches if they have had concussion or sports safety training.**

To keep kids staying active and enjoying sports, young athletes and coaches need to know how to stay hydrated, stretch thoroughly, use the right equipment and recognize the signs and symptoms of concussions.



- 7. Take action against distraction.**

Distraction impacts driving, walking, bath time, just about everything. Here's a challenge: take a month to notice times when you or your kids are distracted. Help each other remember to put down the phone (or whatever is diverting you) and focus on looking out for each other.

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WORLDWIDE™**

