

# A New Chapter for Fair Garden- The Erection Of Our Very Own Fair Garden PK Library

Fair Garden made history on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**. This is the first time our preschool has had a library and I'm so very thankful for this new reality. It's taken perseverance, a lot of late hours working, and pure determination for this dream to become a reality. I'm first thankful for one of my former students' parents (Stacy Davis) from 20 years ago for meeting with me this summer. I had a vision for our library, and she helped shape my vision by offering her expert library experience to me and this was the first phase of the planning process. I'm so thankful for Ms. Thornhill (our new Fair Garden permanent sub this year) for her consistent unwavering support of me during this journey of erecting a library for our precious fireflies and staff. Thank you, Ms. Thornhill. Without you sorting all the books for endless hours this would have never been possible. I would also like to say thank you to, Ms. Goodwin, with Barnes & Noble for the recent book donations. Thanks to Title 1 for allowing me to use some funds this year to purchase some hard back and board books that will promote longevity of the life span of our Fair Garden books. Another bit of thanks to the Knox County Library media services for donating books recently. I would also like to thank our Fair Garden custodians and Knox County maintenance for getting everything moved to our new library area. Now, I would like to thank each of you for what you will do moving forward for our Fair Garden library. **We are always accepting donations for NEW books in our library (hard back or board books).** I've shared a few links for titles for culturally versed books you can purchase for our new Fair Garden library. Thank you in advance for your donations of hard back and board books to Fair Garden. Thank you for helping me continue our path of GREATNESS at Fair Garden. 😊

\* <https://pocketofpreschool.com/celebrate-diversity-books-little-learners/>

\* <https://growingbookbybook.com/multicultural-books-for-preschoolers/>

Lastly, thank you to Darlene Miller and Anthony Hancock for being our scheduled guest readers for our grand opening.

Thank you to all our supporters that made time to come out to our grand opening. What an amazing day this event was for our school. I hope your child came home and shared about our new library. **Parents, I still need your help for the FINAL phase to our new library. I need parents to bring their computers to our library and help me type titles of books to go on a digital book title list to document our books in our library.**



## Our Fair Garden Library



# Fair Garden News In A Flash



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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](https://twitter.com/fair_garden) **Thank you.** 😊



## Important Dates:



- 10/7- Dawgs For Dads (Action Team 1) **Dads, please RSVP to your child's teachers.**
- 10/7- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- 10/7- 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks PBIS Celebration
- 10/10-10/14- Fall Break **(No School)**
- 10-17- National Boss' Day
- 10/21- 1<sup>st</sup> Fair Garden Performance Level Report Is Sent Home
- 10/25- FluMist for Fair Garden students
- 10/28- PTA Providing Breakfast For Staff (Room 2 Parents Sponsoring)
- 10/31- Fair Garden's Fall Festival & STEM Night (5:00-7:00) UT students will assist.
- 11/8- In-Service Day- **(No School)**
- 11/6-Daylight Savings Time **(Turn clocks back 1 hour)**
- 11/16- KCS Early Release Day **(Pick- Up Your Child At 11:15 am)**
- 11/17- Thanksgiving Lunch (Parents Are Invited- RSVP With Child's Teachers)**
- 11/22- Fire Safety House Comes To Fair Garden
- 11/23-11/25- Thanksgiving Holidays **(No School)**
- 12/8- Friends of Literacy Family Engagement Opportunity (5:00-6:30)
- 12/16-Fair Garden WinterFest (9:00 am)
- 12/20- PBIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Celebration
- 12/21- ½ Day For Students **(11:15 dismissal)**
- 12/22- 1/6- Winter Holidays **(No School)**



## A Message from Your Principal- Mrs. Spikes

Thank you to everyone that participated in the coupon book campaign at Fair Garden. Every coupon book sold, the funds will be used to benefit our students and school. We will keep **\$10.00** out of the \$10.00 at Fair Garden.

Parents, we want you to volunteer in your child's class. How can you volunteer? Ask your child's teacher to send things home that you can cut out or draw for them. You can also donate things on their classroom wish list. Ask your child's teacher how you can assist as a volunteer. **I need volunteers for our NEW library. I need parents to bring their computers to help me type names of books on a list.** Just call the front office the day you are coming to volunteer for me and bring your own computer. Personally, as a teacher, I LOVED parent volunteers and used them weekly in my own classroom. Thank you for volunteering.

Thank you, parents for having your child to school on time every day. To be enrolled at Fair Garden, attendance is expected every day to remain enrolled. If your child is absent, a doctor's excuse is expected when your child returns from their absence. You only have 10 parent notes for the whole school year. We want every student at school every day all day, if he or she doesn't have a fever, symptoms of COVID-19, flu, diarrhea, or are vomiting. Attendance makes a difference and is expected at Fair Garden.

We want to continuously work together, as a school family to promote success. Thank you for making sure your child comes to school EVERY day ready to learn. Thank you for lightening a path for GREATNESS. 😊

Thank you,

Mrs. Spikes (Principal)



## A Message From Our School Worker- Deanna Gnage

### Safety

You've spent years teaching your children how to be safe. Throughout October and into early November, I will be using the *Talking About Touching* curriculum to emphasize what you've already taught them. When children hear **ALL** the *adults* in their lives reinforcing the same rules and teaching the same responses, they gain a sense of well-being and security from it. Here are the lessons we are covering in the first 4 lessons of our *Talk About Touching* curriculum:

1. **Car Safety**: We will spend time talking about how important it is to always be in a car seat or booster seat, depending upon age or size. Tennessee's Child Restraint Law (T.C.A. 55-9-602) states:

Children age one (1) through age three (3), and weighing more than twenty (20) pounds, must be secured in a child safety seat in a forward facing position in the rear seat, if available, or according to the child safety restraint system or vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

Children age four (4) through age eight (8), and measuring less than four feet nine inches (4'9") in height, must be secured in a belt-positioning booster seat system, meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards in the rear seat, if available, or according to the child safety restraint system or vehicle manufacturer's instructions. (Note: If the child is not between age four (4) and age eight (8), but is less than four feet nine inches (4'9") in height, he/she must still use a seat belt system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.)

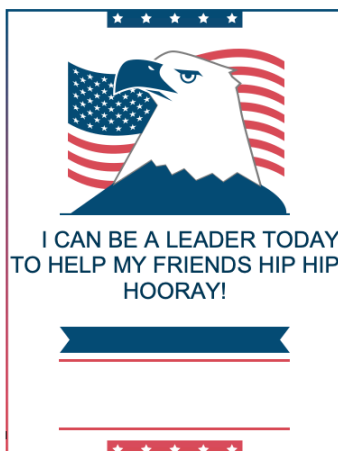
2. **Traffic Safety**: In our traffic safety lesson, children are reminded to look in **ALL** directions before crossing the street; hold an adult's hand and listen for sounds that indicate danger.
3. **Fire Safety**: Ask your child what he/she learned about fire safety. Ask what she/he would do if another child wanted to play with a lighter or matches. The response children learn in class is to say "No" and then tell you about it.
4. **Gun Safety**: Our students are reassured that most guns are locked up safely. However, if they were to find a gun, they are not to touch it but to find a grown up and tell them where it is so that it can be put up safely. Be sure to congratulate your child when they demonstrate that they have practiced these safety rules. They are being encouraged to follow your safety rules, and to assertively say "No, that's not safe" if another child encourages them to do something that could cause them harm.

Thank you,

Mrs. Gnage

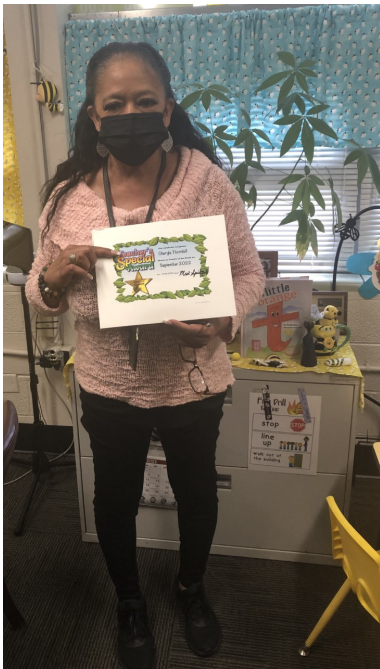
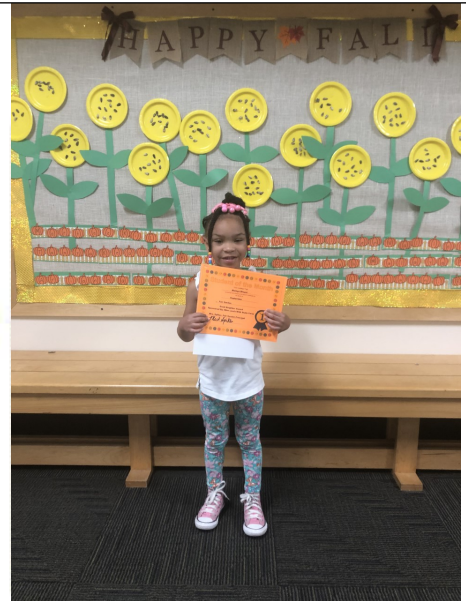


**September Overall Leader Award Winner: Leland Middlebrook**





## Celebrating Good Neighbor September Students and Staff of the Month



*Cherlye Thornhill*

*Mia Flowers*

*Celebrating and Recognizing Staff and Students*



For Nurse Amanda



**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!

If your student has a medical or dietary need, please turn in the required orders. All orders are to be completed by a health care provider AND signed by the parent/guardian. Having these orders ensures we are able to meet your student's needs.

Clinic Supply Needs: new or gently used clothing/underwear/socks size 3T-8, and donations of bottled waters for student use are greatly appreciated.



## Flu Vaccine for Students!



Knox County Health Department will be providing the **Flu Mist nasal spray vaccine** for Fair Garden students this year!

An information sheet and consent form were sent home this week.



Who: Fair Garden Students

What: FluMist nasal spray flu vaccine

When: **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM**



Completed forms are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Nurse Amanda

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Thank you for all you do to keep your children safe and healthy at school!