

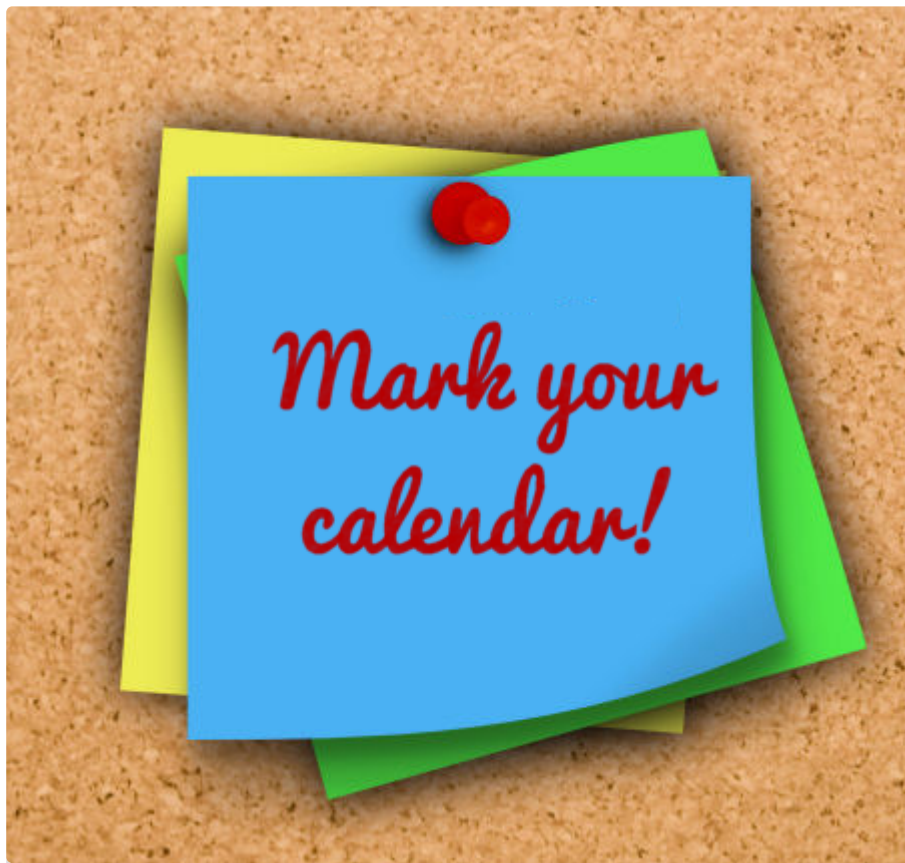
Fair Garden In A Flash

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Ways You Can Stay Informed At Fair Garden

Please make sure to check our school-wide ParentSquare, your child's class ParentSquare, and our school's 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://www.knoxschools.org/fairgarden>





Please Mark Your Calendar

2/8- The 100th Day of Preschool (Please reach out to your child's teachers, if you have questions about how they are celebrating.)

2/9- Fair Garden Spring Pictures

2/10- King & Queen Money Is Due (1:30 pm)

2/15- KCS Early Release Day (**11:15 Dismissal for Fair Garden Students**) Please be on time to pick your child up.

2/17- Black History Program/King & Queen Crowning (9:00 am)

2/20- PK-12 System-Wide In-Service (Student Holiday)

2/27- 3/3- **Read Across America Week** (Celebrity Guest Readers) Look for a flier for dress up days for the week.

3/3- KDC Book Mobile Visits Fair Garden

3/10- PBIS School-Wide Celebration For Students that Earned The Appropriate Number of Behavior Points (Chalk It Up)

3/13- 3/17- Spring Break (No School)

3/22- KCS Early Release Day (**11:15 Dismissal for Fair Garden Students**) Please be on time to pick your child up.

3/24- 3rd Nine Weeks Performance Level Report Goes Home With Students

4/7- No School (Good Friday)

4/10- KCS In-Service Day (No School For Students)

4/12- **Class Group Pictures (Prepay Only) & PK4 Stepping PK Up Pictures (Proofs provided)**

4/13- Fair Garden PK Round-Up (3:15-4:30)

5/19- PK4 Stepping Up Program (9:00-In The Gym)

5/24- Last Day for students (11:15 dismissal)

Message From The Principal



A Message From Mrs. Spikes

Thank you, parents, for being our valued partners in this educational journey at Fair Garden. Wow, our students are getting so SMART every day. At Fair Garden, students are recognizing letters & letter sounds, rhyming words, decoding, blending sounds together to read words, we have a few students that are actually reading books in their enrichment groups, writing their names, adding numbers together to get an answer, measuring, and really working hard every day to be kindergarten ready. We are doing great things here at Fair Garden and we will stay the course in each of our classrooms. Preschool is a new learning experience and it's up to each staff member in each class to help each student to be successful. Only together can we make a difference.

Remember, we need every student at school EVERY day he or she doesn't have a fever, isn't vomiting, having diarrhea, or hasn't been advised by the doctor to stay at home. Missing school causes children to miss valuable instruction that is preparation for kindergarten.

Thank you all for valuing education at Fair Garden. Parents, I appreciate your daily support of our school. You are important to our school's success. Thank you for being your child's advocate. Thank you for reaching out to me, if you need me. Thank you for helping our school continue our path of GREATNESS.

*Thank you,
Principal Spikes*

What Is Your Child Learning In Their Taking About Touching Class With Mrs. Gnage?

[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 February 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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Our Fair Garden PTA Providing
Breakfast To The Staff

