

Fair Garden In A Flash

Monthly Parent Newsletter- Volume 4 Issue 7- March 2023

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

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

3/12- DayLight Savings Time (Turn clock back 1 hr.)

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

3/20-**Re-enrollment packets will be going home with current PK3 Fair Garden students**

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

4/3/2023-**Fair Garden enrollment packets for 2023-2024 will be available for new students wanting to enroll at Fair Garden**

4/6- Food Truck During Students' Lunch Time- Parent Engagement Opportunity (Be On The Look Out For The Flyer With Prices For Food)

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 (3:15-5:15)

5/1-5/4- PTA Sending Yearbooks Home

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 We had several special visitors reading to our students to help us celebrate reading and promote the love of reading with our Fair Garden students for our Read Across America. We are thankful for the local celebrities, KCS's district personnel, and community partners that read to our Fair Garden students. Our Fair Garden students shined BRIGHTLY and were respectful to our guest readers. Their behavior was TOP notch and every visitor stated how well-behaved our students were, during the reading. We truly earned gold stars for our wonderful respectful behavior. One guest reader provided popsicles to be given to our students because of their amazing behavior.

Thank you for reading with your child **at least 20 minutes every day** and reinforcing behavior expectations. It is vital for our students to be exposed to reading every chance they have during the day. Thank you for reading with your child at home. Thank you for being actively involved and engaged with your child's education. Please ask your child's teachers how you can help in their classroom. **We welcome and appreciate parent volunteers.** Teachers are always needing someone to make copies, send in treats for their classroom PBIS incentives, etc. We appreciate your partnership. Thank you for asking how you can help.

As the end of the school year is quickly approaching, we are working even harder to make sure our students are kindergarten ready. Students need appropriate behavior to learn and reach their optimum potential in school. Thank you for your support with your child's behavior. It is not okay for students to hit other friends at school or staff. At Fair Garden, we are teaching our students to use their words and to ask for a break to go to the calm and cozy area. We expect our Fair Garden students to use their words and social-emotional strategies they've been taught when they are upset. Thank you for using these beneficial strategies at home too.

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Thank you,



Safety Steps When the Touching Rule is Broken

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This week we learned the “Touching Rule”: A bigger person should not touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy. Next, we will begin learning the “Safety Steps” that will guide them to know what to do if someone breaks the Touching Rule.

Safety Steps

1. Say words that mean “No.”
2. Get away.
3. Tell a grown up.

We encourage you to help your child think of different ways of saying “No.” (For example: “Leave me alone.” “Stop that.” “I’m not allowed to play touching games.” “I don’t like that.”) Help your child understand that getting away can be as simple as moving away from someone or going to another room. Or it might mean running home immediately. Help your child identify whom to tell and have him or her practice telling. Sometimes a child may not be able to get away; then the telling becomes even more important.

Help your child practice responding to the following:

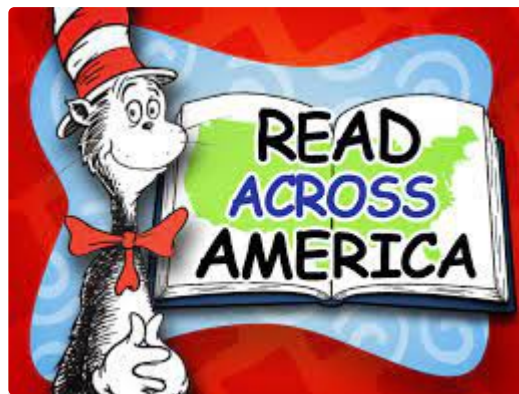
- What would you do if a grown-up you know wants to touch your private body parts—and it's not to keep you clean and healthy?
- What words would you say that mean "No"?
- How would you get away?
- Name a grown-up you could tell.
- Whom else could you tell?

Children need to be able to identify adults to talk to, both inside and outside the family, since you may not always be available. Children also learn in this lesson that it is never a child's fault if someone breaks the Touching Rule. Encourage your children to come to you if she/he has any questions about using the Touching Rule or the Safety Steps.

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Read Across America Week Being Celebrated At Fair Garden



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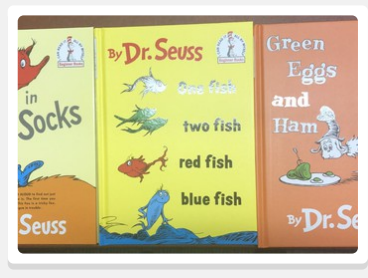
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Thank You For Providing Your Feedback

Parents, the feedback you shared with me on our mid-year survey was shared with the Fair Garden teachers and our Fair Garden PTA to refine and include your suggestions. Thank you so much.

Principal Spikes Shares - Our 2022-2023 Mid-Year Fair Garden Parent Survey Feedback.

7. Please give Fair Garden parent engagement (involvement) ideas for the upcoming second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

30 responses



- Have open house nights/days for families to get familiar with the school and teachers
- Teachers-Let the parents know what's going on in the classroom.
- Maybe more after school activities, and or maybe like a spirit week
- My child has been at Fair Garden for 2 years now and we absolutely love it. The only thing I had frustrations with this year was getting my child's stuff sent home or any news that was never in his backpack. I had to look on ParentSquare or ask other families.
- The Knoxville Zoo is always fun.
- I love everything we get to participate in and wish to see additional opportunities for parents in the future when possible.
- Splish Splash Summer Day
- Class Dojo-On Dojo merits, merits are a great way for parents to see what their child is doing and you can click on add note and even explain how they were or weren't following directions, etc.
- Teachers- Make sure teachers are communicating with parents this year. I didn't know about things until the last minute.
- More after school activities
- Back to school Meet and Greet for all teachers and upcoming students
- I would like to have a classroom event for parents to interact and see how our kids interact in their classroom
- Field trip to the zoo, have parents involved by dressing up as leaders during black history, or read stories. Have Career Day for parents to be engaged with students and share about their careers.
- More parent teacher meetings

KCS DISTRICT PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

Please click on the link below to see the district's priorities.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K5_OvA73mRxl4e-2Mf5KFeWm5XHQVtle/view?usp=sharing

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