



**FAIR PARK
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
2013-2014
PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

**Parent
Involvement
Plan**

www.fairparklr.org



Fair Park Early Childhood Parent Center

School Hours
Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Where is the Parent Center?

The parent center is located in Fair Park Early Childhood Center's Media Center



How can I contact the Parent Center?

- Visit us at 616 North Harrison
- Office - (501)447-4400
- Principal – Judy Milam
judith.milam@lrsd.org
- Parent Involvement Facilitator - Katie Runder
(501) 447-4419
kathleen.runder@lrsd.org
Coordinator - Laurine Williams
(501) 447-4428
laurine.williams@lrsd.org



Parent Involvement Committee

- Judy Milam, Principal
- Parents (PTA Board)
 - Carolyn Peiserich - President
 - Cecil Ennett - Vice President
 - Jocelyn Craig - 2nd Vice President
 - Dana Yates - 3rd Vice President
 - Cindy Kolb - Secretary
 - Grover Paul Miller - 1st Treasurer
 - Damon Meyer - 2nd Treasurer
- Katie Runder, Parent Facilitator
- Laurine Williams, Coordinator
- Alisha Baker and Becky Brown, Teacher Representatives
- Edna Walton, Secretary

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Fair Park Early Childhood Center to help each Pre-Kindergarten child achieve his or her maximum potential through a variety of learning experiences which are designed to create independent thinkers, self confidence, and eager learners. The faculty, staff, family, and communities will nurture children as they develop socially, emotionally, academically, and physically for future success in school.

Our school/principal will:

- Establish a nurturing atmosphere so that parents will always feel welcome.
- Designate a certified staff member to serve as Parent Facilitator to provide opportunities to foster parent involvement in the school.
- Provide parent communication system that consists of the following:
 - School and Classroom Newsletters
 - School Website
 - Emails / Text Messages
 - Telephone Calls
 - Student Check In/Out and Informal Conferences
 - Monthly Calendars
 - Provide and Discuss Progress Reports/Assessments for each of the four nine-week periods.
 - Conduct parent/teacher conferences
 - Utilize PTA and parent involvement bulletin boards in the front of the building and Parent Center
- Provide a parent center that contains books, magazines, a computer, and literature which parents can read to promote positive parenting.
- Give parents the opportunity to check out learning backpacks, developmentally appropriate games, manipulatives, books, and videos for their student(s)
- Provide copies of the school handbook that includes the process for resolving parent concerns.
- Enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.
- Fair Park ECC is a one year school for four-year-olds; therefore, a PTA Board with Fair Park staff and parents must be organized each year.
- All parents/guardians will be encouraged to join and participate in Fair Park Early Childhood Center PTA.

- Prepare Family Informational Packets that will be sent home with students to include:
 - Fair Park Early Childhood Center Parent Involvement Plan
 - Student Handbook
 - “TIPS” for effective parenting
 - Parent survey of parent interests and needs
 - Volunteer opportunities for parents to support the school community and the education of their children. Volunteers will be trained by the building principal and VIPS chairperson.
 - Calendar of family events
- Organize parent nights.
- Encourage communication between parents and teachers through two designated conferences, daily classroom visits, and informal conferences. Plan various activities throughout the school year to strengthen our school community and parent communication, such as:
 - August Parent Orientation - to provide parents the opportunity to meet teachers and be informed of school events. Contact person will be Judy Milam, principal. (501) 447-4400
- Provide many Parent Involvement Activities throughout the school year (at flexible times) that will involve parents and the community such as:

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Back to School Open House	August 15, 2013	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Grandparent's Day	September 20, 2013	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Fall Festival	October 17, 2013	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Parent Conferences	Oct. 21, 2013 Feb.17, 2014	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Pumpkin Patch	October 30, 2013	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Winter Musical	TBA	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Winter Parties	December 19, 2013	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Dr. ML King Parade	January 17, 2014	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Sweetheart's Party	February 13, 2014	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Dr. Seuss Celebration	March 7, 2014	Judy Milam	501-447-4400

Parent Appreciation	April 25, 2014	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
End of Year Celebration	TBA	Judy Milam	501-447-4400
Fair Park Water Park	TBA	Judy Milam	501-447-4400

- Parents/guardians will contact Fair Park Early Childhood Center Principal, Judy Milam, if there are questions regarding any activity.
- Staff members will participate in a minimum of two hours of parent involvement staff development each year.
- Fair Park Early Childhood Center is an Arkansas Better Chance School (ABC) and is not a Title 1 School. To ensure students are prepared for kindergarten, each parent/guardian is provided with a copy of the Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist. This instrument is available as a reference for parents/guardians to help them prepare their children for kindergarten.
- With parent input and participation, provide school parent compact to maximize the roles of student, parent, teacher, and principal.
- Send out parent surveys once a year to obtain information about the needs of parents. Results from the surveys will be used to help enhance the parental involvement program and other needs relating to the school environment.
- Engage parents in the evaluation of the program's parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.

The teachers will:

- Foster a classroom environment that encourages learning.
- Ensure students are engaged in developmental and meaningful instruction on a daily basis.
- Encourage parents to become active participants in the classroom community through open communication.
- Provide quarterly progress reports.
- Provide information to parents of students who demonstrate a need for additional support and provide appropriate UAMS Parent TIPS Cards as needed.

The parents will:

- Become an involved parent at Fair Park Early Childhood Center in one or more of the following ways:
 - Join and become active members of the Fair Park Early Childhood Center PTA
 - Volunteer and mentor at Fair Park Early Childhood Center
 - Review the monthly calendar provided by the school
 - Review informational pages from their child's daily or weekly folder
 - Attend parent conferences
 - Attend parent workshops
 - Attend school activities
 - Provide a quiet place at home to read with your child
 - Monitor your child's learning and provide assistance when needed.
- Monitor your child's progress as follows:
 - Review progress reports
 - Review notes sent home
 - Contact teachers on a regular basis

The Student will:

- Follow Fair Park's rules and regulations.
- Actively participate in all school activities.
- Come to school eager to learn.