



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Good Foundations Academy

February 2026

NEWSLETTER



Dear GFA Families,

I hope your family has enjoyed a wonderful start to the new year! It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving, as we are already in the third quarter. As we move forward, I would like to share several upcoming events happening at our school.

First, I want to thank all of our families who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. These conversations are so valuable in supporting student growth and success. If you were unable to attend or would still like to connect with your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to reach out to schedule a meeting.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered or joined us for Literature Night. With over 300 people in attendance, the evening was a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of reading and learning. Events like these are only possible because of the incredible support and involvement of our school community.

Mark your calendars for our monthly assembly which will take place on Friday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m. During this assembly, our second-grade students will introduce the foundation stone of cooperation. Students across grade levels will be recognized for their positive character, academic accomplishments, and acts of kindness. This celebration highlights the many ways GFA students continue to shine.

Please note that there will be no school on Friday, February 13th and Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day. We hope our families enjoy the long weekend and time together.

I would also like to highlight an exciting upcoming event for our sixth-grade students. Our annual Science Fair will take place on Friday, February 20th. Students have been working hard on their projects, showing impressive creativity and dedication to the scientific process and are eager to share their projects with our school community. I hope you will join us in celebrating their efforts and supporting their hard work.

Additionally, our annual Geography Bee will take place on Monday, February 23rd. This exciting event gives students the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of the world.

The final school-wide event for the month will be our "Kindness Night" on Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. This special evening will celebrate compassion, kindness, empathy, and positive connections within our school community. More information will be shared soon.

Thank you, as always, for the many ways you support our school, our staff, and—most importantly—our students. Your involvement and encouragement make a lasting impact and a tremendous difference in your child's education and our school community!

Warm regards,

Lisa Erwin M.Ed.
Executive Director
Good Foundations Academy
Building Knowledge and Character



FOUNDATION STONE

COOPERATION

Being willing to
work together with
other people for
a purpose.



IMPORTANT DATES

3: Spirit Night-Cafe Zupas
6: Assembly
9: Board Meeting
13: No School-Comp Day
16: No School-President's Day
20: Sixth Grade Science Fair
23: Geography Bee
24: Kindness Night

Save the Date
March 6: Assembly



NO SCHOOL

There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, February
13th or on Monday, February 16th.



School Directory



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K-3 Assistant Director



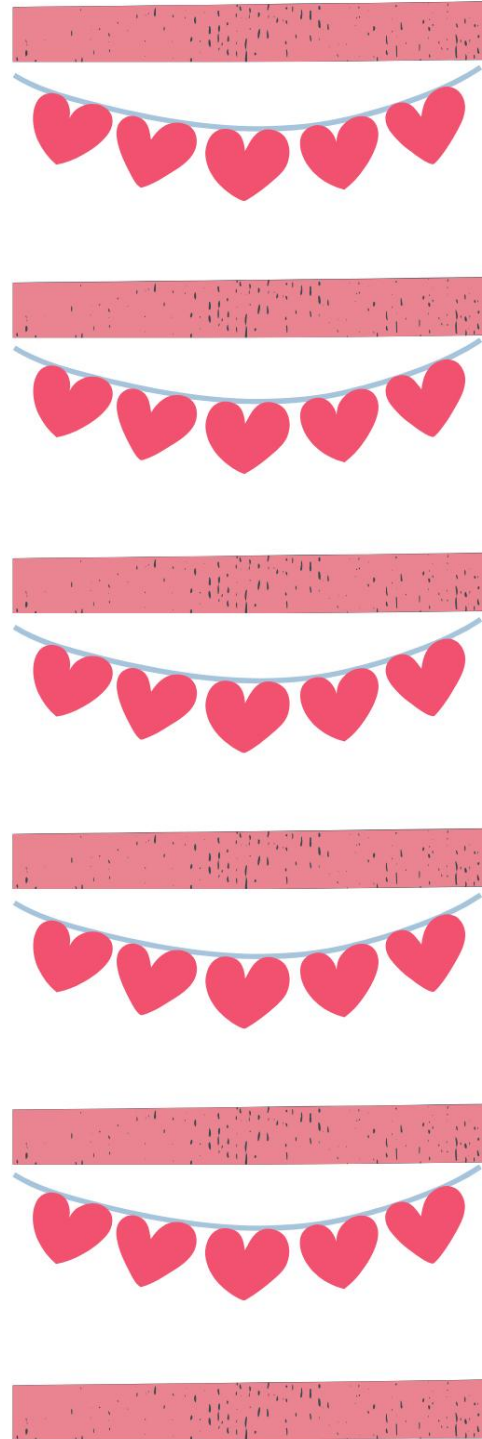
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Guardian Committee Newsletter

February 2026



February Monthly Recap

We held Literature Night on January 22nd, and it was a success! Thank you to everyone who came and a huge **THANK YOU** to those of you that volunteered!!

With the help of your donations we were able to provide a snack bag for our teachers to munch on during their Parent Teacher Conferences. We were also able to provide a meal for our teachers on their Professional Development day, January 16th, from Ramen Haus.

FYI

This time a year there are lots of sniffles and sneezes going on, and our students use quite a few tissues, sanitation wipes, and hand sanitizer. Consider dropping some off to your teacher, we know it will be appreciated!

Each teacher has a favorites list that is available to you by reaching out to your classroom parent or asking the office.

Each teacher also has an Amazon Wish List with items they would like for the classroom and personal use. If you would like to view their list please contact the Guardian Committee.

Kindness Night



We will hold our Kindness Night on Tuesday, February 24th. More information is to come, as we are still in the planning phase for our activities that night.

If you would like to have a part in helping to plan the activities please join us at our next Guardian Committee meeting or by reaching out to us through email or GroupMe.



Upcoming Events

Spirit Night- Cafe Zupas
Tuesday, February 3rd
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Assembly
Friday, February 6th

Comp Day
No School - Friday, February 13th

Presidents Day
No School - Monday, February 16th

Kindness Night
Tuesday, February 24th



Important

We know that some of you can't make our Thursday meetings in person, so we are holding a virtual option through Google Meet for the meeting on Thursday, February 5th at 6 p.m.

Here is the link to join us.

<https://meet.google.com/gqf-hsej-pcj?hs=224>



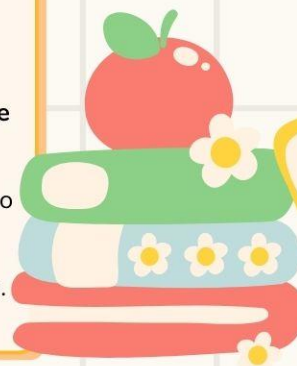
Contact us anytime at
fguardiancommittee@gmail.com
or by joining the
Guardian Committee GroupMe

Guardian Committee Meeting

Just a friendly reminder that our monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. with a morning meeting Friday, February 6th at 8:00 a.m. in the portable.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Guardian Committee meetings.

We welcome all parents who want to volunteer or have ideas for events. There is no fee to be a part of the committee or to attend the meetings.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES **2** DAYS A MONTH...

They will miss **20 days** a year.

They will miss **30 hours** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 hours** of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 year** of school by graduation.

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES **4** DAYS A MONTH...

They will miss **40 days** a year.

They will miss **60 hours** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 hours** of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 years** of school by graduation.

Help Your Child Become a Better Reader

Read more!

- ❖ *Make reading fun!*
- ❖ *Read together every day.*
- ❖ *Tell your child, "You are a good reader!"*
- ❖ *Let your child see you reading.*

Ask questions before reading:

- ❖ *"What do you think the book will be about?"*
- ❖ *"What do you think will happen to the character on the cover?"*
- ❖ *"What does the title mean?"*
- ❖ *"Why do you think the author chose that title?"*

Ask questions while reading:

- ❖ *"Why does that boy look so sad?"*
- ❖ *"What is that mom looking for?"*
- ❖ *"What does "endangered" mean?"*
- ❖ *"Where is that dog going?"*

Make predictions:

- ❖ *"I think that she will win the race."*
- ❖ *"I think he will find the bunny."*
- ❖ *"I think that George will tell the truth."*
- ❖ *"I think they are going to get lost in there."*

Point to the words:

- ❖ *This will help your child match the words with the print.*
- ❖ *You can point, and encourage your child to point as time goes on.*
- ❖ *Use mainly on short texts with big words or you both will get tired!*

Make connections to your own lives:

- ❖ *"That cat reminds me of Jenny's cat."*
- ❖ *"This reminds me of that time when we drove to Grandma's house."*
- ❖ *"This boy looks like John"*
- ❖ *"This reminds me of dinner at our house."*

Make connections to other books:

- ❖ *"Charlotte the spider is smart and helpful but Anansi the spider is tricky."*
- ❖ *"In Goodnight Moon, I notice a picture of the bunnies from Runaway Bunny."*
- ❖ *The pigeon is funny in both Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog.*
- ❖ *The Gingerbread Baby is kind of like the story of The Gingerbread Man because they both have to run away from the fox.*

Visualize and create sensory images:

- ❖ *Close your eyes and picture it in your head. Can you see it?*
- ❖ *Imagine it. Can you see all those beautiful colors?*
- ❖ *Can you smell that grass right after it is cut?*
- ❖ *Imagine how loud Clifford's bark is! Can you hear it?*
- ❖ *Can you feel that cool wind on your face?*

Reflect on the book:

- ❖ *Did you like it or not? What makes you say that?*
- ❖ *Retell what happened in the story.*
- ❖ *Who else might like it?*
- ❖ *Should we read more by this author?*



GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

Kindergarten Round Up

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR CHILD TO MEET
THE PRINCIPAL AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.
LEARN ABOUT A TYPICAL DAY OF A
KINDERGARTNER, DISCUSS WAYS TO HELP YOUR
CHILD PREPARE FOR SCHOOL, AND ASK ANY
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT GFA.**

**Open to all students who will be 5 years old
on or before September 1, 2026.**



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