

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Good Foundations Academy

March 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear GFA Families,

As we approach the end of the third quarter, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Your encouragement at home and involvement in our school community make a meaningful difference in the success of our students. I truly appreciate all that you do to support our teachers and students each day.

As we head into the month of March, our school community has many activities and events planned. We look forward to sharing these special moments with our students and families, so please take a moment to mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

On Friday, March 6, we will hold our monthly school assembly. Families are invited to join us as we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. During the assembly, we will recognize students for demonstrating positive character traits, kindness, academic growth in areas such as math, and other achievements. Our third-grade students will also present and introduce the Foundation Stone of Perseverance, sharing what it means to continue working toward goals even when challenges arise. These assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students and reinforce the values that help build a strong school community.

Please note that the end of the third quarter is March 12. Over the next couple of weeks, we encourage students to stay focused and make sure all assignments are completed and turned in. This is a great time for students to check in with their teachers, review any missing work, and finish the quarter strong. If you have any questions regarding grades, assignments, or your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to your child's teacher. We appreciate your support in helping students stay organized and motivated during this important time of the school year.

Friday, March 13, will be a scheduled professional development day for our teachers. On this day, staff members will be participating in training and collaborative learning opportunities to support continued growth in teaching and learning. There will be no school for students that day.

Our much anticipated school musical will take place on March 13 and 14. Students have been working very hard over the past several months to prepare for this exciting production, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and enthusiasm. Tickets are now on sale, and we hope many of you will join us for this special event.

Our annual Battle of the Books competition, organized by Mrs. Taylor, will be held on March 20. Students have been reading and preparing for this event for quite some time, and we are excited to see their hard work come to life during the competition. This program continues to inspire a love of reading among our students. Additional information will be shared soon.

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. If you know families in the community with children who will be entering kindergarten next year, please encourage them to attend. This event provides a great opportunity for families to learn more about our school, meet staff members, and begin preparing for a successful start to the school year. We are also excited to share that this fall we will be offering both full-day and half-day kindergarten options.

Spring Break will take place from March 30 through April 3. We hope this break provides families with an opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend quality time together. Whether it's traveling, enjoying outdoor activities, reading a good book, or simply slowing down for a few days, we hope everyone finds time to do something fun and refreshing. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, April 6, ready for the final stretch of the school year.

Thank you again for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful students and families. Together, we will continue to make this a positive, supportive, and engaging place for every child to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and wish you a wonderful month ahead.

Warm regards,

Lisa Erwin, M.Ed.
Executive Director
Good Foundations Academy

FOUNDATION STONE

PERSEVERANCE

Sticking to a
purpose and not
giving up.

IMPORTANT DATES

6: Assembly
9: Board Meeting
10: Spring Pictures
13: No School-Comp Day
13: Musical
14: Musical
20: Battle of the Books
March 30th-April 3:
No School-Spring Break

Save the Date
April 10: Assembly

ALICE AND WONDERLAND

Our school musical will take place on Friday, March 13th and Saturday, March 14th at Mount Ogden Junior High. Tickets are on sale now.



Scan here for tickets



School Directory



Ms. Erwin - Director



Mrs. Wood
K-3 Assistant Director



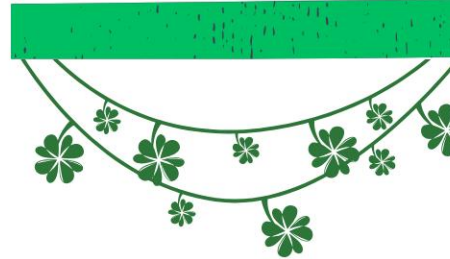
Mrs. Prieto
4-6 Assistant Director



Mrs. Adams
Office Manager



Mrs. Ogden
Administrative
Assistant



Guardian Committee Newsletter

March 2026



February Monthly Recap

We held Kindness Night on February 24th and it was a success! Thank you to everyone who came and a huge THANK YOU to those of you that volunteered!! Our kindness chain will remain up for a couple weeks, make sure you check it out the next time you stop by the school. Our spirit night on February 3rd at Café Zupas raised \$339.63 and will go towards providing our teachers with a meal on their next professional development day.

FYI

At our April meeting, we will be voting on positions within the Guardian Committee Leadership for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have an interest in holding a position, be on the look out for an email and a flyer. Please plan on attending the Guardian Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 6:00pm.

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.

STEM Night



We will hold our STEM Night on Wednesday, April 15th. More information will come, 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

Assembly
Friday, March 6th

Tuesday, March 10th
Spring Picture Day

Friday, March 13th - No School
Professional Development Day

Friday, March 13th and
Saturday, March 14th
School Musical at:
Mount Ogden Jr High School.
Tickets are on sale now
<https://gfatheater.ludus.com/index.php>

March 30th to April 3rd
Spring Break - No School



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, March 5th at 6 p.m.

Here is the link to join us.

<https://meet.google.com/gaf-hsej-pc?hs=224>



Guardian Committee Meeting

Just a friendly reminder, our monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. with a morning meeting Friday, March 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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PARKS

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COLORS MEAN
DIFFERENT
PRIZES!



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BLUE, BRONZE,
SILVER, AND
GOLD EGGS!



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FOR CANDY!

March 8th to April 5th

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