



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
Good Foundations Academy
May 2026
NEWSLETTER



Dear GFA Families,

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year at Good Foundations Academy, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your contributions help make our school an amazing place for students to learn and grow. Whether you volunteered your time, worked in classrooms, chaperoned field trips, supported events, or encouraged learning at home, your involvement has made a meaningful difference. Our school community is stronger because of you, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

I would also like to recognize our incredible faculty and staff. Their dedication to excellence in education is evident in everything they do each day. They work tirelessly to create engaging lessons, build strong relationships with students, and foster a safe and supportive learning environment. Beyond academics, they help nurture confidence, curiosity, and kindness in every child. Their commitment, passion, and professionalism are what make our school such a special place, and I feel fortunate to work alongside such an outstanding team.

As we move into these final weeks, I'd like to share a few important reminders about upcoming events. Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 4 through May 8. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and families to show their gratitude to the teachers who have made such a positive impact throughout the year. Simple gestures like kind notes, drawings, or words of thanks can go a long way in showing appreciation for all their hard work and care.

We are excited to host our final Book Fair of the year from May 11 through May 15. This is our annual Buy One, Get One Free (BOGO) Book Fair, which is always a favorite among students. It's a great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading while encouraging a love of literacy. We hope you'll stop by and explore the wonderful selection of books available for all ages.

Please join us as we celebrate some very special milestones for our students. Our sixth grade graduation will take place on Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. This event is a meaningful opportunity to honor our sixth grade students as they reflect on their elementary years and prepare for the exciting transition to junior high. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to celebrating this important moment with their families. Kindergarten graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. This joyful celebration recognizes our youngest learners and all the growth they have made during their first year of school. It is always a heartwarming event filled with smiles, songs, and proud moments as we celebrate this important milestone.

Our much-anticipated Field Day is scheduled for May 20. This fun-filled day provides students with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities, teamwork, and school spirit. If you are interested in supporting this event by volunteering, please reach out to Coach Carty. We always appreciate the extra help in making this day memorable for our students.

Our end-of-year assembly will take place on Friday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. Families are welcome to join us as we celebrate our students and recognize all the growth and achievements that have taken place throughout the year. It is a wonderful way to come together as a school community and reflect on a successful year.

It is hard to believe how quickly this school year has passed. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming students on the first day of school, and now we are preparing to celebrate all that has been accomplished. I want to express my deepest gratitude for your support, trust, and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have created an environment where students feel valued, supported, and inspired to learn. The growth we have seen—academically, socially, and emotionally—has been truly remarkable. None of this would be possible without your involvement and encouragement at home. Thank you for sharing your children with us and for being such an important part of our school community. We are proud of all that has been achieved and look forward to continuing this partnership next year!

Warmest regards,

Lisa Erwin M.Ed.
Executive Director
Good Foundations Academy



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1: No School-Professional Development for Teachers
- 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7: After School Programs End
- 11: Board Meeting
- 11-15: BOGO Book Fair
- 18: Sixth Grade Graduation
- 19: Kindergarten Graduation
- 20: Field Day
- 22: Assembly
- 22: End of Fourth Quarter
- 22: Last Day of School



BOGO Book Fair

May 11-May 15 is the BOGO Book Fair. This is a great opportunity for students to stock up on books for the summer with the buy one, get one free deal. More information will be coming home soon.



FIELD DAY

Field Day will be on Wednesday, May 20th. Coach will have a special surprise at 2:30 p.m. for GFA Students. Students may want to bring a beach towel and put on sunscreen before they come to school.

More information will be coming home soon. Volunteers will be needed.



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

MAY 2026



April Monthly Recap

We hosted STEM Night on April 15th and it was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this night possible and for all the families that came out and participated in the evening.

We had our Spirit Night at Chuck-E-Cheese on April 25th. Their Mascot came out to the school at the end of the day to wave hi to all the families. The money earned went towards providing a meal for our teachers on their Professional Development Day on May 1st.

FYI

The meeting held on April 9th was our Guardian Committee Leadership position voting. While most positions are filled there are still some that need to be filled, this will help us have another successful 2026-2027 year.

Without you, our committee cannot run this coming school year. Please take a moment and scan the QR code for more information on each position and to become a member of our amazing team!



Volunteer Opportunities

Book Fair will be held Monday, May 11th to Friday May 15th. Mrs. Taylor will need help throughout the day running the book fair. Watch for an email to be sent out with the time slots to volunteer.

Field Day will be on Wednesday, May 20th. Coach Carty is always in need of help to make it a fun and successful day for the children. An email will be sent out soon with information on volunteering.



Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4th to May 8th

Book Fair
May 11th to May 15th

6th Grade Graduation
Monday, May 18th

Kindergarten Graduation
Tuesday, May 19th

Field Day
Wednesday, May 20th

End of Year Assembly
Friday, May 22nd

Last Day of School
Friday, May 22nd



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, May 7th at 6 p.m.

Here is the link to join us.

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



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

Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, May 4th to Friday May 8th

Join the Guardian Committee in tipping our hats to our amazing teachers! Use the QR code to find your teacher's Amazon wish list. To get your teacher's favorites list, please contact the office or your room parent.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
☞ GET A FREE SHIP ON A THANK-YOU TO EVERY TEACHER YOU SEE	☞ HELP YOUR TEACHER BY BEING EXTRA POLITE AND HELPFUL TO THEIR CLASSMATES	☞ BRING AN ITEM FROM YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE LIST OR HELP CLEAN YOUR CLASSROOM	☞ BRING AN ITEM FOR THE CLASSROOM OR HELP YOUR TEACHER A COMPLETELY!	☞ WRITE A NOTE OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR YOUR TEACHER



Riverdale
Community
Center

SUMMER 2026 Programs



Registration begins

APRIL 15TH

Non-resident registration begins May 1st



**REGISTER
NOW!**

Summer Fun

Mon/Wed

Ages 8-12

June 1st-24th

9:00am-12:00pm

Join us for games, crafts, &
various activities to make
your Summer FUN!

Track

Tues/Thur

Ages 4-12

June 2nd-25th

9:30am-10:30am

Helping Kids to enjoy running & get faster

Pickleball

Mon/Wed

Ages 8-12

July 6th-22nd

9:30am-10:30am

Come learn the basics of pickleball!

Archery

Mon/Wed

Ages 8-15

July 27th-Aug 5th

3 Session options:

9am-10am

10am-11am

11am-12pm

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?*



NEXT GENERATION

PROGRAMS:

- EXTENDED CARE
- BIBLE EDUCATION
- PRESCHOOL & KINDER
- CAMP

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