GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

September 2026

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

We are off to a wonderful start to the school year! It has been exciting to see our students settling into their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers, reconnecting with familiar friends, and making new ones along the way. The beginning of a school year is always a time of adjustment as students learn new routines, expectations, and schedules, and we appreciate your partnership and encouragement as they make this transition. Our teachers and staff are working hard to create welcoming classrooms where every student feels comfortable, supported, and ready to learn. Thank you for helping your child begin the year with a positive attitude and a willingness to try new things.

As we look ahead to September, there are a few important dates to note on your calendar. We encourage all families to consider joining our Guardian Committee. This is a wonderful way to become more connected to our school community, meet other families, share ideas, and be involved in supporting our students and school. The next Guardian Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m., and we would love to see you there. Please remember that there will be no school on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 24. Please watch for additional information as we get closer to the date. We will also hold our monthly school assembly on Friday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. Families are always welcome to join us for our assemblies as we come together to celebrate our students, recognize their accomplishments, and build a strong sense of school community. Finally, our annual school fundraiser will kick off on Monday, September 28. We will share additional details and information with families as the fundraiser approaches.

As we begin settling into our routines for the school year, I want to take a moment to highlight another important part of a successful school year: regular attendance. Being at school each day gives students the opportunity to learn, practice new skills, participate in classroom activities, and build relationships with their teachers and classmates. Even missing an occasional day can make it more difficult for students to keep up with instruction and classroom routines. When students attend regularly and arrive on time, they are better able to stay connected to their learning and feel confident in the classroom. We understand that illnesses and other circumstances sometimes make absences unavoidable, and we appreciate your partnership in making regular attendance a priority whenever possible.

We would also like to thank all our families who are following our carpool procedures each day. Your attention to these guidelines helps us keep our students safe and allows our arrival and dismissal routines to run as smoothly as possible. During morning carpool, please remember to pull all the way forward when dropping off your student so we can make room for as many vehicles as possible. Please do not stop at the crosswalk to allow pedestrians to cross unless a staff member directs you to stop. Our goal is to keep vehicles moving efficiently and to get as many cars as possible off the street and into the designated carpool area. For safety and efficiency, please remain in your vehicle during drop-off rather than getting out to unload your student. During afternoon carpool, please remember that there should be only two lanes of traffic in the back of the school: one lane for picking up students and one lane for driving through. We have noticed that some vehicles are creating a second and third lane near the sidewalk, which blocks the flow of traffic and can bring the entire carpool line to a stop. Think of the carpool area much like an airport pick-up area—vehicles need to follow the designated lanes, keep moving forward, and use the appropriate area for loading. We appreciate everyone's patience, cooperation, and careful driving as we work together to make arrival and dismissal safe and efficient for everyone.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year filled with learning, growth, and many opportunities to celebrate our students. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and commitment to our school community. We are grateful to have such supportive families and look forward to working together to make this a successful and memorable year for every student.

Warmest regards,

Lisa Erwin M.Ed.
Executive Director

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is Thursday, September 24!

Students are required to wear their school uniform for pictures. Please make sure your child follows all school uniform guidelines on Picture Day.

More information will be sent home as the date gets closer. Be on the lookout for more details!

SAVE THE DATE

7: Labor Day-No School
10: Parent University
14: Board Meeting
24: Picture Day
25: Assembly
28: Fundraiser Kick Off

FOUNDATION STONE

SELF-CONTROL

Choosing to do what is right, even when I don't feel like it!

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 P.M.

Please join us for our Parent University with presentations from Mrs. Bleach and Ms. Spangler on Google Classroom. There will also be a Parent Education Seminar presented by Brandon Peterson. Topics will include bullying, mental health, internet safety, substance abuse, and suicide prevention.

Guardian Committee Newsletter

September 2026

Monthly Update

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in our Pastries with Parents! We had a wonderful turn out and hope everyone was able to enjoy their time visiting with other parents!
Before school started we were able to provided a breakfast for our teachers. We also provided a welcome back to school treat to staff on the first day of school.

FYI

All teachers have an Amazon wish list. You can access by following this link below.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S8yxLMbhqGJxAhVgh5VH3j2gdrUVXJ-talrbloJhiQ8/edit?usp=sharing

or by scanning the QR code.

Save the Date

2026 - 2027 Event Dates

Fundraiser
September 29th - October 9th
Fundraiser Finale Event
October 9th
Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat
October 9th
Community Hero Day
November 18th
Literature Night
January 21st
Kindness Week
February 8th to 11th
STEM Night
April 22nd

Upcoming Events

Room Parent Orientation
Thursday, September 3rd

Guardian Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 3rd
Friday, September 4th

No School
Monday, September 7th

Picture Day
Thursday, September 24th

Assembly
Friday, September 25th

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, September 3rd at 6 p.m.

Here is the link to join us.

https://meet.google.com/qqf-hsei-pci?hs=224

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

2026 - 2027 Guardian Committee Meetings

September 3rd and 4th
September 3rd Room Parent Orientation meeting begins at 5:30pm
October 1st and 2nd
November 5th and 6th
December 3rd and 4th
January 7th and 8th
February 4th and 5th
March 4th and 5th
April 8th and 9th (Position Voting)
May 13th and 14th
All Thursday Meeting begin at 6:00pm
All Friday meetings begin at 8:00am

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PARENT UNIVERSITY

Thursday, September 10
6:00 P.M.

PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Presentation by Brandon Peterson

Topics include: bullying, mental health, internet safety, substance abuse, and suicide prevention.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM AT 6PM AND 6:30 PM

Presentation by Mrs. Bleach and Ms. Spangler

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR PARENTS WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6.



For more information, please call:
801-393-2950

SAVE THE DATE

Riverdale
Community
Center

Jr.Jazz Basketball

Season begins in October

COED K-2nd grade
Girls 3rd-9th grade

Registration runs Aug 15th-Sep 4th
Cost: $55 for Residents
$65 for Non-Residents

For more information or to register, go to
Riverdaleutah.gov/youthsports

Volunteer Coaches are Needed!

Background Check Required
Interested in coaching?

Email Leah at lseawright@riverdaleutah.gov







Riverdale Community Center

After School Club

2026 Session coming!

FREE Week!

8/31 to 9/3 for kids ages 6-12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Dodgeball	**Broomball**	**Kickball**	**Gaga Ball**
3:20-4:30pm	3:20-4:30pm	12:20-1:30pm	3:20-4:30pm

All classes held at the Riverdale Community Center

AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL!

Buy 3 get 1 FREE!

$60

for 4 sessions

Includes sessions September-December

an $80 value

Must register this week only for Session BUNDLE Price! (8/24-9/4)

To register visit Riverdaleutah.gov/afterschoolclub

September Session

Sep 8th-Oct 1st

Monday **New Sport Day** 3:20-4:30pm	Tuesday **Craft Day** 3:20-4:30pm
Wednesday **Treat Day** 12:20-1:30	Thursday **Time to Shine** 3:20-4:30pm

Cost: $20-resident $25-non-resident

Join us each day for GAMES and other fun activities!

NEXT GENERATION

PROGRAMS:

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

REGISTER ONLINE

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