GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

November 2026

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

Dear GFA Families,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall season and taking time to appreciate the changing colors and cooler weather. It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along! Second quarter is off to a great start, and we are excited about the learning and growth taking place in our classrooms each day.

Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend parent-teacher conferences. These meetings are an important opportunity for parents and teachers to connect, celebrate student successes, discuss academic and social progress, and identify areas where additional support may be helpful. Strong communication between home and school helps ensure that students have the encouragement and resources they need to be successful. Conferences also give families an opportunity to ask questions, share valuable insights about their children, and work collaboratively with teachers to establish goals for continued growth. We appreciate your time, involvement, and commitment to your child's education!

I would also like to thank the families who consistently follow our carpool procedures and help keep our students safe during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Your cooperation makes a big difference in helping traffic move efficiently and ensuring students can enter and leave the school safely. To help keep our morning drop-off running smoothly, here are a few important reminders. Please pull as far forward as possible before stopping to let your student out of the vehicle. Students should have their backpacks and belongings ready and be prepared to exit the car promptly so the line can continue moving. Please do not get out of your vehicle in the carpool lane. If your child needs assistance getting out of the car, gathering belongings, or preparing to enter the school, please park in the parking lot rather than stopping in the carpool lane.

Additionally, we need everyone's help to keep our afternoon carpool line safe and moving smoothly. When vehicles begin forming two or three lanes in the back of the school, instead of staying in the designated carpool line, traffic becomes difficult to navigate. Families who are properly lined up closest to the curb can become blocked by vehicles that have formed additional lanes, preventing them from safely exiting the pick-up area. This creates congestion, slows down the entire process, and can create safety concerns for students and drivers. Please remain in the designated carpool line and do not create additional lanes. When everyone follows the same traffic pattern, cars can move more efficiently, families can exit safely, and students can be picked up more quickly. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together to make carpool a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events coming up in November! Picture retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 for students who need or would like to have their pictures retaken. On Friday, November 6, we will hold our monthly assembly, where we will introduce our character trait of "Responsibility" and recognize students for their achievements and positive contributions to our school. We love having the opportunity to celebrate our students and highlight the many ways they demonstrate positive character and make our school a better place. On Wednesday, November 18, we will celebrate Community Hero Day, giving us an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the individuals who serve, protect, and support our community. Finally, our Thanksgiving Break is scheduled from November 23 through November 27, and there will be no school during this time. We hope you and your family enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable break together!

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our school community. We are grateful for the many ways our families contribute to our school and for the important role you play in helping make our school a wonderful place for students to learn and grow.

Warmest regards,

Lisa Erwin M.Ed.
Executive Director

FOUNDATION STONE

RESPONSIBILITY

Taking ownership of my thoughts, words, and actions.

I can show responsibility by:

*being dependable and doing what I say I will do.

*holding myself accountable to my own actions and words.

*staying focused on my tasks.

*doing what is expected of me.

COMMUNITY HERO DAY

Wednesday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m.

If you are interested in participating, please see the Guardian Committee Newsletter for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

3: Flu Clinic
4: Picture Retakes
6: Assembly
9: Board Meeting
9: Spirit Night-Shake Shack
18: Community Hero Day
23-27: Thanksgiving Break- No School

Save the Date
Dec. 18- Winter Assembly

Guardian Committee Newsletter

November 2026

Monthly Update

-We kicked off our yearly fundraiser on Monday, September 28th, with our final event on Friday, October 9th. Thank you to all our parent volunteers that helped make our fundraiser event a successful one! We raised $27,602.13! We will be able to use this money to provide teachers a way to purchase additional resources that directly support student learning, engagement, and classroom experiences!
-Our Fall Festival took place the evening of Friday, October 9th, we had a great turn out! Thank you to all those that hosted a trick or treating table!
-We were also able to provide a snack bag to all teachers during Parent Teacher conference week due to your generous donations.

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

Community Hero Day
November 18th

Literature Night
January 21st

Kindness Week
February 8th to 11th

STEM Night
April 22nd

Upcoming Events

Guardian Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 5th
Friday, November 6th

Assembly
Friday, November 6th

Spirit Night
Monday, November 9th

Community Helper Day
Wednesday, November 18th

Thanksgiving Break - No School
Monday, November 23rd to Friday, November 27th

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, November 5th at 6 p.m.

Here is the link to join us.

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

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

Community Helper Day

Good Foundations Academy would like to celebrate the heroes and helpers in our community! On Wednesday, November 18th, we invite any member of the community that works in public service (for example: military, police, fire, medical, post office, waste management, etc.) to meet with 1-2 classes and talk about their job and what they do for the community. We will also have a short musical presentation and a thank you goodie bag of snacks for their help.

Please fill out the information unsing the QR code if you or someone you know are able to join us on November 18th @ 8:30 AM. When you arrive, enter the front office doors and someone will help you get signed in as a visitor before joining us in the Cafeteria. This event will conclude by 10:30 AM.

To sign up, please scan the QR code

If you have any questions please contact the Guardian Committee at gfaguardiancommittee@gmail.com

For Parents & Families

How to Support Your Reader at Home

(Even Though You're Not a Reading Teacher)

If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing the reading experience with your reader, don't worry—there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together.

Consider these suggestions for supporting your reader with daily reading at home:

1 Make it appealing
Enhance the experience by talking about what's on the pages such as the colors, the letters, the pictures, as well as talking about what's taking place in the story. Also, get creative with your voice. You can't be too silly when reading with a child, the more exaggerated the voices, the better!

2 Encourage connections
When kids connect what they already know to what they read, it helps them focus. As you read to your reader, they will begin to associate the content of the book with other things you've read together, people you know, animals you've seen, places you've been and so on. Take time to allow children to ask questions that launch meaningful conversation within reading time.

3 Ask questions
Asking open-ended questions encourages kids to look for clues in the text about what's taking place on the page or in the story. When you read together, ask questions to spark your reader's curiosity. Ask things like "What do you think will happen?" or "How is that character feeling?"

4 Create "mind movies"
Visualizing helps bring a story to life. That's where mind movies come in. When you read with your reader, describe what the scene looks like in your head. Talk about how it makes you feel. You can use other senses, too. For example, if the scene takes place outside, what does it smell like? Then invite your reader to make a mind movie of their own. Point out how their movie is different from yours. If your reader likes to draw or color, encourage them to also draw a picture of the scene.

5 Look for clues
When you combine what you already know with clues from a story, you can make guesses or predictions. These are inferences and making them is a terrific way to build reading comprehension. For example, when we read "Maya's eyes were red, and her nose was runny," we can conclude that Maya has a cold, allergies or has been crying. Help your reader do this as you read. If a character is wearing athletic clothes and sweating, ask them what the character might have been doing before.

6 Figure out what's important
Some questions to ask your reader: "Who are the main characters?" "What's the most important thing that has happened in the story so far?" "What problem are the characters trying to solve?" When kids can point out what's important, they are more likely to understand what they read.

7 Check understanding
It helps to encourage kids to stop and ask themselves, "Is this making sense?" If your reader gets stuck, suggest rereading the part that didn't make sense. What about it was confusing? Were there specific words that tripped your reader up? Then work together to resolve the confusion.

8 Try new things
The more kids know about the world, the more they can get meaning out of what they read. You don't have to take an expensive trip to do this, though. You can expand kids' background knowledge and vocabulary in lots of ways. For example, shooting hoops or watching a baseball game can help children connect more with books about sports. Riding the subway might make children interested in books that take place in big cities. Walking in a park might get them interested in bugs or birds. The possibilities of new experiences for children are endless.

9 Build confidence
Read aloud to your reader, and when it's time, have them read to you. Reading builds confidence in kids. There's nothing quite as enriching as sharing a book together, so elevate your reader's self-assurance by reading together.

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BASKETBALL

BOYS 3RD - 9TH GRADE

REGISTRATION OPENS
NOVEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 1

SEASON DATES
JANUARY 5 TO MARCH 13



REGISTER ONLINE AT
riverdalecity.com/youth-sports
OR AT THE RIVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER

Participants will receive a reversible Jr. Jazz jersey designed to match the Utah Jazz team jerseys.

Matching reversible shorts may be purchased separately at jazzteamstore.com/jr-jazz.

Game schedules, playing nights, and locations will be determined after registration closes.

Schedules are expected to be distributed before Christmas. We appreciate your patience while teams and schedules are finalized.

If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please contact Malik at mjohnson@riverdaleutah.gov or the Riverdale City Recreation Department.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT BASKETBALL SEASON!

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