

December 2025

# Gateway Elementary

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF SOUTHERN UTAH

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive and responsible citizens and leaders.



Happy  
Birthday



12/11 Liam H.  
12/13 Quinn  
12/14 Deacon  
12/15 Giovanni  
12/19 Rebeka  
12/19 Rowdy  
12/30 Athena  
12/31 Grace G.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/9 BGC Family Movie Night  
6:00-8:00 pm  
12/19 NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM  
12/22-1/5 Winter Break

## CLUB CLOSED

12/19 NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM  
12/22-1/5 Winter Break



## Get To Know

**Elise Beer**  
AmeriCorps STEM Specialist



Ms. Elise is a Junior at SUU studying Biology. She loves hiking and other outdoor activities as well as cooking and baking. She has loved getting to know the afterschool kids and is always amazed at their creativity and innovation. Ms. Elise brings so much fun to our STEM lessons. We are lucky to have her. Thank you Ms. Elise!!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PARENT RESOURCES

[Parent Handbook](#)  
[Membership Handbook](#)

## Project Learn

Monday & Wednesday  
K/1 & 4/5 : 4:00-4:30  
Tuesday & Thursday  
2/3 : 4:00-4:30

Students will have the opportunity to log Lexia and reading hours, in addition to working on homework, class projects, and assignments (as assigned by school day teachers). Students will also engage in math and reading through grade appropriate games, projects, and activities

## AmeriCorps STEM Labs

Monday & Wednesday  
2/3: 4:15-4:45  
K/1 & 4/5: 4:15-4:45  
Tuesday & Thursday  
K/1 & 4/5 : 4:15-4:45  
2/3: 4:15-4:45

Students will engage in hands-on, fun, age appropriate AmeriCorps STEM labs. This includes Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

## Specials & Enrichment

See Detailed Description Below

Monday & Wednesday  
K/1 & 4/5 Afterschool Fun Activities 4:45-5:15  
2/3: Afterschool Fun Activities 4:45-5:15  
Tuesday & Thursday  
K/1 & 4/5: Afterschool Fun Activities 4:45-5:15  
Fridays  
K/5: Friday Specials:  
My Favorite Place: Interior Design for Kids  
I'm An Artist, Too!-Artist Exploration  
Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures  
PE: Get Your Game On!  
1:45-2:40

These activities are age appropriate, tactile, and fun. They promote learning in a playful way, that encourages students to try new things, and encourages team building along the way

## Social Emotional Learning (Prevention & Behavior)

## Positive Action & Smartmoves

Monday & Wednesday-Positive Action  
K/1 & 4/5: 3:45-4:15  
Tuesday & Thursday-Positive Action  
2/3: 3:45-4:15  
Friday-Smartmoves  
3:45-4:15

This time will be centered around learning ways to develop our sense of self, how we can better ourselves and improve our relationships with those around us.



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**Gateway Elementary  
After School Program  
2025 - 2026**

**DECEMBER**



Social Emotional Learning Weekly Focus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mid-Year Survey #1	1 SEL 2/3 Mid-Year Survey #1 4/5: Mid-Year Survey #1 K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	2 SEL K/1 Mid-Year Survey #1 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	3 SEL 2/3 Mid-Year Survey #1 4/5: Mid-Year Survey #1 K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	4 SEL K/1 Mid-Year Survey #1 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	5 K/5 Specials: Art Exploration: I'm An Artist, Tool Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures! My Favorite Place: Interior Design For Kids PE: Get Your Game On! SEL (P) SmartMoves: K1 & 2/3 Coping Strategies Gallery 4/5 Coping Strategies Carnival K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities <b>*MONTHLY FIRE DRILL*</b>
Self Awareness & Our Feelings	8 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3: Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Looking for Love, Finding It K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	9 SEL (P) : Positive Action K/1 Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities <b>*BGC Family Movie Night*</b>	10 SEL (B) : Positive Action 2/3: Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Action 4/5: What Scares Me Now K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	11 SEL (B) :Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	12 K/5 Specials: Art Exploration: I'm An Artist, Tool Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures! My Favorite Place: Interior Design For Kids PE: Get Your Game On! K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities
Gratitude & Frustration	15 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3: Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	16 SEL (P) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	17 SEL (B) : Positive Action 2/3: Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Frustration, Smushtration K/1 & 4/5 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	18 SEL (B) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 2/3 STEM K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	19 <b>NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM</b>
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**Daily Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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## **December Message to Parents, Resource Focus & Student of the Month**

### **Message to Parents:**

Happy December! There is so much to love about this month and all of the holiday fun and family it brings. We look forward to sharing this glorious month with you and your students. Teachers have lots of fun holiday themed activities planned-from STEM to Social Emotional Learning all things 'Happy Holidays' will prevail. December is also about reflecting on the past while moving toward the future, which often means change. Jennifer Dail has accepted a position with Gateway Middle School as their 6th grade PE teacher, CTE & FACS teacher. She will be leaving Boys & Girls Club at the end of December. Jo Hernandez (Mr Jo) will be stepping in as the new Site Director for the elementary program. Jo has worked the past two years as an afterschool teacher for Boys & Girls Club in both the elementary and middle school programs. He has a big heart, loves kids, and is very excited to step into this new role. We will also be losing Halli Johnson in December. Ms. Halli has been with BGC for almost 3 years and loves her afterschool students-and they love her! She will be starting the student teaching component of her Elementary Education degree in January. Ms. Halli has been such a positive influence on the afterschool program. We will miss her tremendously! We are so fortunate to have found a phenomenal person who will be stepping into Ms. Halli's shoes. May Abernathy will be joining BGC in December. While it will be hard to fill those shoes, Ms. May is up to the task. She has extensive experience working with children and is dedicated to educational programming that supports kids and families. While we will be sad to see the 'old' crew leave, the future is bright for Gateway's afterschool program. These newcomers will bring new ideas and energy to the program and most importantly create a space where all children feel safe and can thrive. Happy Holidays to you and yours. Here's looking forward to celebrating what we're leaving behind while looking forward to a bright future!

### **December Family Support & Resource Focus:**

#### **Iron County Care & Share Food Pantry**

435-586-4962

222 West 900 North

Cedar City, Utah

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Pantry application required-visit website to access application and for more information

[Iron County Care & Share](#)

#### **Utah Food Bank**

##### **Southern Distribution Site:**

4416 River Road

St. George, Utah

##### **Mobile Food Bank**

520 South 1100 West

First Friday of every month

10:30 am-11:30am

More information and resources are available at:

[Utah Food Bank](#)

### **November Student of the Month: Vincent Carnesecca!**

Vincent is an awesome kid that brings curiosity and kindness everyday he is in afterschool. He is eager to learn and loves helping others. We love having Vincent in the afterschool program. Congratulations!



## December Club & Activity Details

### **Special K/1: Art Exploration: I'm An Artist, Too!**

**Fridays 1:45-2:40**

**Ms. Goody**

**November 14-December 12**

Students will explore the world of art through the eyes of famous artists and moments in art history — and then make it their own! Each week, we'll "step into the shoes" of a different artist, learning about their unique style, colors, and techniques. From bold Van Gogh swirls to the playful shapes of Matisse, students will experiment with school-appropriate projects inspired by art history's most creative minds. By blending what they've learned with their own imagination, they'll create one-of-a-kind masterpieces that are both personal and inspired by the greats. It's part history, part creativity, and all fun!

### **Special K/1: Fur, Feathers & Fins-Animal Adventure!**

**Fridays 1:45-2:40**

**Ms. Kirsti**

**November 14-December 12**

Welcome to the Animal Adventures Club! We will be exploring a new animal each week. Our these 4 weeks will highlight our flying, feathered and finned friends. A learning activity will be paired with a craft to balance research with entertainment. From the shivering penguins in Antarctica to the sweltering Camels of the Sahara. Come along as the students study the wonderful animals around the world.

### **Special 2/5: Comic Club**

**Fridays 1:45-2:40**

**Ms. Halli**

**November 14-December 12**

Welcome to Comic Club! Each week, students jump into the world of imagination as we *read*, *create*, and *bring to life* our very own comics. From designing characters to building adventurous storylines, kids get to explore their creativity in a hands-on, engaging way. We'll practice reading skills, boost confidence in writing, and most importantly—have a blast sharing our stories with friends. Get ready for colorful pages, big ideas, and lots of laughter as we make our comics come alive!

### **Special 2/5: PE: Get Your Game On!**

**Fridays 1:45-2:40**

**Ms. Elise**

**November 14-December 12**

Get ready to get up and move! Students will be playing a variety of playground games aimed at getting them up and moving, developing camaraderie and a sense of belonging with their peers, while building good sportsmanship habits and team building skills. Kids will be voting on games each week. Ms. Elise is so excited to get to know our afterschool kids through this fun class!





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