

January 2026

# 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



- 1/19 Patrick
- 1/21 Emma
- 1/22 Quentin
- 1/25 Olivia Bent.
- 1/31 Urifida

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**1/6/26 First Day Afterschool Program in 2026!**

### CLUB CLOSED

- 1/5 No School
- 1/16 Staff Training
- 1/19 MLK Holiday



### Get To Know



#### Jo Hernandez-Elementary Site Director

Please welcome Mr. Jo to his new position as the Site Director of the Boys & Girls Club Afterschool Elementary Program! Mr. Jo has worked with BGC over the past 2 years as a YDP and AmeriCorps STEM specialist in the elementary and middle school programs. He is a Software Engineer major at SUU and has fallen head-over-heels in love with teaching kids in the afterschool program. Mr. Jo is kind, empathetic, creative, and as his students tell him: "The most patient person I've ever met". Mr. Jo will work hard to get to know the elementary kids and parents over the coming weeks. He is excited to serve families and will be a great asset to the afterschool program. Welcome Mr. Jo!!

### 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, Tool-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

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



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Social Emotional Learning Weekly Focus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	29	30	31	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2
The Golden Rule	5 <b>No School</b>	6 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	7 SEL (B) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Treating Others the Way We Want to be Treated <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	8 SEL (B): Positive Action 2/3 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	9 K/5 Specials: Art Explorer Club: A Journey Through Time Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures! Courage Explorers Club PE: Get Your Game On! K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities <b>*MONTHLY FIRE DRILL*</b>
Respect	12 SEL (P) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Your Code <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	13 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	14 SEL (B) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Action 4/5: Respecting Me, Respecting You <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	15 <b>No Afterschool Program- GPA STEM Night</b>	16 <b>No Afterschool Program- Staff Training</b>
Friendship & Connection	19 <b>No School</b>	20 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	21 SEL (B) : Positive Action K/1 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Action 4/5: What We Understand <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	22 SEL (B) :Positive Action 2/3 Managing Yourself Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	23 K/5 Specials: Art Explorer Club: A Journey Through Time Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures! Courage Explorers Club PE: Get Your Game On! K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities
Taking Ownership	26 SEL (P) : Positive Action K/1: Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions 4/5: Saying Good Things <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	27 SEL (P) : Positive Action 2/3 Getting Along with Others Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	28 SEL (B) : Positive Action K/1: Telling Yourself the Truth Using Social Emotional Positive Action 4/5: Doing Your Part <b>K/1 &amp; 4/5 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	29 SEL (B) :Positive Action 2/3 Telling Yourself the Truth Using Social Emotional Positive Actions <b>2/3 STEM</b> K/5 Project Learn-Academic Support K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities	30 K/5 Specials: Art Explorer Club: A Journey Through Time Fur, Feathers & Fins: Animal Adventures! Courage Explorers Club PE: Get Your Game On! K/5 Afterschool Fun: Classroom Activities



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**Daily Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>K/1-Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>2/3 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>4/5 Lunch Room Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up	<b>K/1-Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>2/3 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>4/5 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up	<b>K/1-Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>2/3 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>4/5 Lunch Room Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up	<b>K/1-Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>2/3 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 STEM 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>4/5 Lunch Room-Check-in</b> 2:55-3:40 Outside Time/Snack 3:45-4:15 SEL: Positive Action 4:15-4:45 Project Learn/Snack 4:45-5:15 Afterschool Fun Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up	<b>K/1-Check in-Lunch Room</b> 1:00-1:25 Outside Time 1:30-1:40 Small Snack 1:45-2:40 Specials Choice 2:40-3:25 Outside Time/Snack 3:30-4:00 SEL: SmartMoves 4:05-4:35 Afterschool Fun Activities 4:40-5:15 Choice Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>2/3-Check in-Lunch Room</b> 1:00-1:25 Outside Time 1:30-1:40 Small Snack 1:45-2:40 Specials Choice 2:40-3:25 Outside Time/Snack 3:30-4:00 SEL: SmartMoves 4:05-4:35 Afterschool Fun Activities 4:40-5:15 Choice Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up <b>4/5 Check in-Lunch Room</b> 1:00-1:25 Outside Time 1:30-1:40 Small Snack 1:45-2:40 Specials Choice 2:40-3:25 Outside Time/Snack 3:30-4:00 SEL: SmartMoves 4:05-4:35 Afterschool Fun Activities 4:40-5:15 Choice Activities 5:15-5:30 Clean-up 5:30 Parent Pick up

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**Message to Parents:**

Hello! Welcome to January. We are excited to have your kids join us in the new year as we learn and grow together. Jo Hernandez will be fully taking the reins this month. He is excited to continue to get to know your kids and you! Please reach out to Jo with any questions or concerns you have regarding the Gateway Elementary afterschool program at: [jo.hernandez@bgcutah.org](mailto:jo.hernandez@bgcutah.org).

This month we will be focusing on our Social Emotional Learning weekly themes in all of our lessons and activities: The Golden Rule, Respect, Friendship & Connection, and Taking Ownership. These are important concepts for everyone to learn. Our teachers are excited to integrate them into our afterschool fun. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are looking forward to a great second half of the school year!

**Monthly Focus Parent Resource: Boys & Girls Club Professional Counseling Benefit**

**Renew Family Counseling: Individual & Family Counseling**

All active BGC members are eligible for 6 free individual and/or family counseling sessions. These sessions are virtual and done by a licensed therapist through *Renew Family Counseling*. If parents feel that their child or their family would benefit from professional counseling they can reach out to Jennifer Dail for a referral. Parents do not need to give an in depth reason for the referral, just submit a request and a general reason (anxiety, depression, behavior issues, trauma, etc.). This helps in finding the right therapist for your family's needs. When you submit a request, please make sure to include the names of your children you are referring for services, or if you would like to seek out family counseling. All referrals and sessions are confidential. Please reach out with any questions or for more information.

**Student of the Month:**

Because of the shortened month and time off. We did not choose a student of the month for December.. We will have a SOM for January!



## January Club & Activity Details

### Special 2/5: 🎨 Art Explorers Club: A Journey Through Time!

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

**Ms. Goody**

**January 9-February 13**

Welcome to the **Art Explorers Club**, where young artists travel through history using their imaginations! Each week, children will discover how art has changed across different time periods—from ancient cave paintings and Egyptian symbols to Renaissance masterpieces, modern art movements, and today's creative styles.

Through hands-on projects, fun discussions, and playful exploration, students will learn about famous artists, important techniques, and the stories behind the art of each era. They'll experiment with drawing, painting, sculpting, and mixed media as they create their own time-traveling masterpieces.

This club encourages curiosity, confidence, and creativity while helping children see how art has grown and changed throughout the years—just like they do!

Perfect for young creatives eager to explore, make, and imagine!

### Special 2/5: Courage Explorers Club

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

**Ms. May**

**January 9-February 13**

In this hands-on, adventure-filled program where students learn about real-life heroes and discover the courage inside themselves! Each week, we meet a famous changemaker from history and explore the unique type of courage they showed whether it's calm courage, empathy, problem-solving, or brave leadership.

Through creative Montessori-inspired stations, art projects, teamwork challenges, nature activities, and SEL reflections, students get to learn, play, build confidence, and grow their inner hero. We will also watch calm videos for focus as well as choice of appropriate instrumental music

This isn't just a history club, it's an interactive experience! Kids will:

- ✨ Plant and grow their own mini nature project
- ✨ Role-play solving conflicts with kindness
- ✨ Navigate a team maze as fearless leaders
- ✨ Create art, journals, and fun character crafts
- ✨ Practice mindfulness, observation, and peaceful communication
- ✨ Choice of movie about what we are learning (pg school appropriate)



✨ Coloring pages

✨ Leaf prints

✨ Bracelet making

✨ Gluing items found outside (nature)

✨ Scavenger hunt

✨ Paper animals

✨ Dance/and move

✨ Rubber band earth ball

✨ Play-doh sculpting

✨ Make your own hero using cardstock and yarn

✨ Learn about incredible people like Rosa Parks, Jane Goodall, Nelson Mandela, and Harriet Tubman,

Every session brings a new story, a new activity, and a new type of courage to explore. Students leave each week feeling empowered, connected, and proud of something they created or discovered.

### **Special K/1: 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!

### **Special 2/5: 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. Over these 6 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.

Week 1: Flamingos

Week 2: Hedgehogs

Week 3: Snails

Week 4: Giraffes

Week 5: Snow Leopards

Week 6: Pick Your Favorite!.



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