



Education is the cornerstone of our society. We have a rich and vibrant education community right here in Fairpark. Each month, we plan to highlight our schools and events to keep our citizens informed and engaged in the education activities happening around us.

Our schools need volunteers. Please contact one of the schools in our community to offer your services. Fairpark Community children are served by these public schools and community programs:

- [Backman Elementary School](#)
- [Jackson Elementary School](#)
- [Northwest Middle School](#)
- [West High School](#)
- [Capitol West Boys and Girls Club](#)

This month we are featuring Backman Elementary School and Capitol West Boys and Girls Club.



Backman Elementary School was named after school board member Gustave H. Backman, and first opened its doors in 1955. The current school building was opened in 2002 and currently has 600 students in grades pre-K through 6th grade. It is located at 601 North 1500 West in Salt Lake City.

Some facts about Backman Elementary School:

- The school mascot is the Lion, which symbolizes Pride in the school community
- The After School Program offers a balanced curriculum with emphasis on homework and strong collaboration with the teachers.
- Backman Elementary is a [Gold Medal School](#), a program developed by the Utah Department of Health to improve student academic success through good nutrition, physical activity and staying tobacco free. As a result, fresh fruits and vegetables (independent of the lunch program) are served weekly.

- Parent nights are held monthly and include math night, parenting classes, and literacy night, sponsored by KUED.
- A strong counseling program includes conflict resolution and community council.
- The annual Spring Carnival brings the community together to celebrate students' progress during the year.

Backman Elementary community participated in the "Lights on After School on October 15 as part of the nationwide event sponsored by the [After School Alliance](#). The event celebrated after school programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities.

Learn more about Backman Elementary School and watch for upcoming events on their [website](#) or call the school at 801.578.8100.



[The Capitol West Boys and Girls Club](#) has been serving youth and families in the Fairpark Community for over 35 years. Serving youth ages 6-18, homework help and tutoring are available daily as well as other educational activities such as an elementary reading initiative, academic enrichment activities for all ages, and college preparation and exploration for teens. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from after-school to 6pm for elementary youth and after-school to 7pm for teens. Snacks and dinner are served every day.

"Fun is a Priority at the Club", states Maren Miller, Director of the Capitol West club. "All Club members have the opportunity to participate in sports, games, art, field trips, computer time and more. We also offer programming to tackle the wide variety of risk factors that impact our community. These programs include healthy habits, drug and alcohol resistance, pregnancy and STI prevention, gang prevention and intervention, and a new program about dating violence. October is a great time to join the Club!"

Upcoming events at the Capitol West Boys and Girls Club include: haunted houses, pumpkin carving, service projects, science Olympiad, basketball tournaments, Jazz games, rock climbing, and dinner with superheroes.

A membership to the Club is only \$10 for one year. For more information, visit the [website](#) or contact Maren Miller via [email](#) or by phone, 801-531-7652.

If you have information that you would like to see highlighted in the Gazette about our schools and organizations, please email the [Education Corner](#)