

# UNDER currents

## 8th Grade Graduates



We want to send a heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022-2023 middle school 8th grade graduates. Each student has grown in their own unique and incredible ways during their years at Undercroft. While saying goodbye — especially to students we have known for so long — is never easy, we are beyond proud of the people each of them has become. Please join us in wishing all graduates the best on the next step in their journey.

Each graduate gained acceptance to their first-choice high schools. Here is where they will go this fall:

- Kate Coman — Holland Hall
- Jackson Coon — Riverfield
- Adelyn David — Bishop Kelley
- Mara Goldfarb — Bishop Kelley
- Eli Hundley — Vanguard Academy
- Attila Rees — Booker T. Washington
- Jack Rogers — Bishop Kelley

*“Clearly, we have a social duty towards this future man, this man who exists as a silhouette around the child, a duty towards this man of tomorrow. Perhaps a great future leader or a great genius is with us and his power will come from the power of the child he is today. This is the vision which we must have.”*  
—Dr. Maria Montessori

## REMINDERS

**May 19**

*Last Day of School*

**May 19**

*Bridging and Graduation Ceremony  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.*

**May 22-25**

*Staff Professional Week  
No Classes or Kids' Camp*

**May 29**

*Memorial Day  
School Closed*

**May 30**

*Summer School begins*

**June 19**

*Juneteenth  
School Closed*

**July 3-4**

*Independence Day  
School Closed*

**July 31-August 4**

*Peace, Love and Kids' Camp*

**August 7**

*Early Childhood New Student Phase-in  
Begins*

**August 16**

*First Day of School for All Students*



## Celebrating Family Through Community Lunch



Community lunch is one of the highlights of our elementary and middle school programs, and this year, some of our classes took a new approach to the experience. Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, Lower Elementary Southeast set a goal to deepen their sense of community and connection by integrating the Practical Life curriculum of cooking and food preparation with recipes provided by classroom families. They named this unit “Family Recipe Community Lunch.”

With each shared recipe, the class gained a peek into families' favorite meals and their treasured recipes, ingredients, and stories. The classroom was honored by the graciousness and celebration that accompanied each recipe.

Students learned about new foods, prepared all of the meals together, and shared throughout the year when they were having certain foods for the first time. Together they discussed “no thank you bites,” and many times, one “no thank you bite” turned into a full serving, and then seconds, or thirds.

- Some of our students discovered new favorite meals.
- Some of our students shared century-old recipes, passed down through generations.
- Some recipes came from across the country, or even, across the world.
- Our students learned about each other, and about themselves.
- All of our students practiced grace and courtesy, and no one ate until everyone was served.
- This project was immensely meaningful to the classroom, to the guides, and to the community at large. It was not unusual to have unannounced visitors from around the school drop by to see what they were creating that day, to partake in leftovers, and to hear the stories from the students about their recipes.

## Congratulations, Bridgers!



Early Childhood Bridgers



Lower Elementary Bridgers



Upper Elementary Bridgers

# COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

# CBC

## CBC Co-Chairs

**Laura Thomas & Elizabeth Edwards**

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### CBC Meetings

The CBC will take a break from monthly meetings during the summer. During the school year, meetings are the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. We meet to discuss upcoming events, answer questions, enjoy some laughs and community fellowship. Do you want to get involved in the fall? Contact our CBC chairs, or look for more information to come!

### Spirit Nights

Support Undercroft while you dine or shop! Our last Spirit Night of the year will give back to our school when you buy brunch for your family. Check Facebook and Instagram for more information.

- May 20 (noon to 8:00 p.m.) and May 21 (noon to 6:00 p.m.) — **Matea's Kitchen** all-day brunch at Renaissance Brewing, 1147 S. Lewis Ave.

## Welcome, Kirsten West!

Undercroft is excited to welcome Kirsten West as our new Admissions Coordinator! Kirsten has been in training with Jamie Gartside and will take over full-time at the end of this school year. She is also an Undercroft parent of two early childhood students. Please join us in welcoming Kirsten the next time you come by the main office!

## fUNDERaiser Exceeds Goals

On April 22, Undercroft held our 22nd annual fUNDERaiser event. We are so excited to share that the event raised nearly \$65,000 to support the school. All funds will be used to purchase technology, supplies, and materials to enrich and enhance our classrooms and the Playscape.

Thank you to the fUNDERaiser planning committee, the entire CBC, all room representatives, and everyone who contributed to, and/or attended, the event! We could not have done it without you.

**We also want to thank our generous sponsors who underwrote the costs of the event to ensure every dollar raised at fUNDERaiser went back to support learning:**

George Kaiser Family Foundation, Heidi & Sean Shadid | Robert & Laura Thomas, Anonymous, Dr. Jason Kinder (Jason & Addi Kinder), Asemio, Becca & Joe Povlock, KKT Architects, Tess Merrifield, The Varner Family, Jennifer & Zac Clark, Jill & Aaron Rogers, Scott Ferris, Advancement Connections, The Holbird Family, Beth & Austin Park, and Bevan & Evie Houston.

## Summer School



Don't miss your chance to enroll your Undercroft student in Summer School! Spaces are limited. Enroll online here: [www.undercroft.org/enrollment-deposit-summer-school](http://www.undercroft.org/enrollment-deposit-summer-school)





## Spirit Store Returns



**NEW**  
Undercroft Montessori Tulsa -  
"Script UCM" Ladies' Fine  
Jersey SS T  
from \$20.00

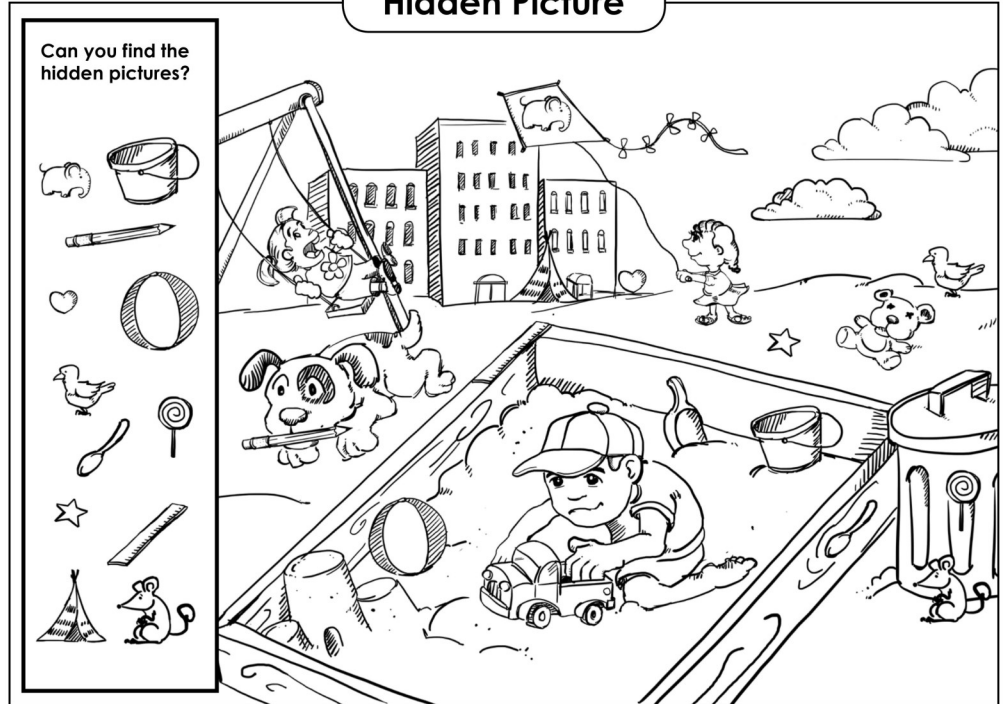


**NEW**  
Undercroft Montessori Tulsa -  
Toddler/Youth/Adult Blended  
SS T  
from \$20.00

The Undercroft School Spirit Store is back! Check out our new merchandise, including redesigned T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and fleece pullovers. Ordering is now easy and online! A portion of the proceeds of sales goes back to support our school. You can order online here: <https://theschooleys.com/collections/ucmtulsa>.

Note: All orders placed between May 16th and July 31st will be processed in one batch on August 1st for school delivery or shipping by August 10-15th.

## Hidden Picture



# Loving Learning



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