



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

January 17th, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last week, I wrote about what's next with our social emotional learning (SEL) initiative for the remainder of the year. Starting this week, we will begin teaching principles called "The 7 Habits" that are part of a program called *Leader In Me*. The "7 Habits" may be familiar to you as they come from a popular series of best-selling books: [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People](#) and [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#).

The ***Leader In Me*** program teaches students SEL skills through the frame of being a leader. In the next couple of weeks, students will be learning what it means to be a leader. Then, students will begin learning about the **7 Habits**:

- Habit 1: Be Proactive - You're in charge
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind - Have a plan
- Habit 3: Put Things First - Work first, then play
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win - Everyone can win
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood - Listen before you talk
- Habit 6: Synergize - Together is better
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw - Balance feels best.

Over time, the school will be creating more leadership opportunities for students in classrooms and across the school. We know all of our students have the ability to be incredible leaders (many of them already are!), and we look forward to giving them tools and experiences that will add to what they are already learning at home.

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLA Career Day

On February 17th, Great Lakes



Academy will be hosting a career day and are looking for professionals to come speak to our scholars. Career day gives our scholars an opportunity to discover traditional and non-traditional career paths while also connecting their learning to the real world. If you are interested in attending “Career Day”, please fill out the linked [GLA Career Day Interest Form](#) or reach out to Dashae Clifford, dclifford@glachicago.org.

Breakfast will be provided for all participants!

Academic Intervention

Round 2 Intervention groups are starting this week! Letters have been sent home to students who were identified for these groups. Intervention for round 2 will be for LS math, LS reading and MS math. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the following.

Name	Content Area	Email
Rebecca Smoot	K-4 Literacy Instructional Coach	rsmoot@glachicago.org
Taylor Tompkins	K-4 Math Instructional Coach	Ttompkins@glachicago.org
Alexis Whaley	5th-8th Math Instructional Coach	awhaley@glachicago.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Testing

If you would like to opt your child out of COVID testing, you can complete this form: <https://forms.gle/NbMrxDeJhtNDFfZm6>

2023-24 School Year: Intent to Return Form and Annual Fee

To help us plan our enrollment for the 2023-24 school year, **please confirm if your scholar will be returning to Great Lakes Academy next year by filling out and returning the Intent to Return Form** (sent home with your scholar last week or you can click [here](#)). Families can send completed forms to school with their scholar or can email them to info@glachicago.org. Please fill out one form per scholar.

2023-24 New Student Application Open

New student applications for next school year are now open! If you know an incoming kindergarten-8th grader *who does not currently attend GLA*, please encourage them to [visit our website](#) for more information and a link to the application.

Note: All students who are currently enrolled at GLA **do not** need to submit a new application. Instead, please fill out and return the “Intent to Return Form” mentioned above.

C&F: Sex-Ed:

5th-8th grade Sex-Ed classes will start January 10th. A letter will be going home with each scholar detailing the material covered. For more information on material covered or if you would like to opt-out your scholar, contact Titus Perez (tperez@glachicago.org).

Family Content Night

Save the date! We will be having an in-person Family Content Night on February 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm. More information is coming soon!

After School (Anchor) Programming

Trimester two programs will run Monday, November 28th- Thursday, February 16th.

Reminder: Pick-up is at 5 pm daily for after school programming. There are no late pick-ups.

Please see your acceptance email for policies and procedures.

Before School “On Deck” Programming

On Deck (before school) enrollment will always be open and available as an as needed basis as well for \$10 cash/card paid on the spot. Reach out to, sbeck@glachicago.org- Stephanie Beck, to enroll today!

GLA Parent Swag is ON SALE!

Great Lakes Academy new parent swag is still available for purchase. Sizes range from men's small to 3XL. Head over to the [GLA Store](#) to grab yours today!

We can't wait to see you in your GLA parent swag!

Options for delivery include: scholar hand-off, pick up*, or shipping (an additional \$5 fee).

**To avoid disruption to the scholar drop-off and dismissal process, pick up hours will be from 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30 am-1:00 pm on Friday. Thank you for your understanding.*

Breakfast and Lunch Menu:

To view the breakfast and lunch menu for the upcoming month, please [click here](#).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 17th: 5th-8th Grade Girls' and Boys' Basketball Game

January 23rd: ACCESS Testing Begins

January 27th: Mid Trimester 2 Progress Reports (sent via email)

February 1st: Black History Month Begins

February 7th: 100th Day of School

February 8th: Monthly Principal Townhall (5:30-6:30 pm), at GLA

Upcoming: February 15, 2023 Family Content Night (5:00-6:00 pm)

January 16th - February 10th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No Classes	17 5th-8th Grade Boys' Basketball Game 4:00-6:00 pm	18	19	20
23 ACCESS Testing Begins	24	25	26	27 Mid Trimester 2 Progress Reports <i>Emailed to Families</i>
30	31	1 Black History Month Begins	2	3
6	7 100th Day of School	8 Monthly Principal Townhall 5:30-6:30 pm at GLA	9	10

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