



**Weekly GLA Family Newsletter**  
January 24th, 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In homeroom classrooms the past week and a half, students have continued engagement in our *Leader In Me* SEL program. Depending on the grade level, students have been learning about leadership, character, and contributing to a positive emotional environment. Core to each lesson is the idea that every student can be a leader and can show leadership in different ways.

Students are learning about ways they can “lead self” and “lead others.” They are learning how they choose to lead impacts themselves and those around them.

Ask your child this week (and for the next few weeks) at home:

What makes someone a leader?

What does being a leader mean to you?

Who is someone you know that is a good leader? What makes them a good leader?

How can you contribute to a joyful classroom and school environment?

Principal Miller

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ACCESS Testing**

ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills. If your child has been identified as an EL (English learner), they will be taking this assessment during the next two weeks. Please reach out to our ELPT, Haddie with any questions: [herickson@glachicago.org](mailto:herickson@glachicago.org)!

For more information on what the ACCESS Test is, please click on the following links:

- [WIDA Parent Resources ACCESS for ELLs](#)
- [ACCESS - Parent Handout - Spanish](#)
- [ACCESS - Parent Handout - Haitian](#)

### **Power Parents**

Are you interested in engaging with other parents to discuss ways to support the GLA school community? The Power Parents group is reconvening! Please join the Power Parents on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:30pm in GLA's Enrichment Center.

## **Run with Google - Spring Break Internship for 6th-8th Grade Girls**

Run in partnership with Google, Future Founders' Startup Spring Break is an empowering, fast-paced learning experience for female- and nonbinary-identifying middle schoolers who are builders, makers, and dreamers. During this one-week experience, students from across Chicago will come together to learn about entrepreneurship, meet inspiring female founders making an impact, and collaborate to create their own startup ideas.

The program will run during Chicago Public Schools' Spring Break (April 3-7, 2023) and is open to female/nonbinary middle school students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Programming will take place in person from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM daily at a downtown Chicago location.

To apply or learn more, visit <https://www.futurefounders.com/startup-spring-break/>. Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 17, 2023. In-person interviews of qualified applicants will follow at 1871 in downtown Chicago by the end of the month.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Parent Volunteer - AM Entry**

We would like to thank Mr. Hawthorne, parent of two GLA scholars, for generously giving his time last week to support the morning entry. The extra support is appreciated!

### **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](mailto:dclifford@glachicago.org).

### **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	<a href="mailto:rsmoot@glachicago.org">rsmoot@glachicago.org</a>
Taylor Tompkins	K-4 Math Instructional Coach	<a href="mailto:Ttompkins@glachicago.org">Ttompkins@glachicago.org</a>
Alexis Whaley	5th-8th Math Instructional Coach	<a href="mailto:awhaley@glachicago.org">awhaley@glachicago.org</a>

## **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](mailto:info@glachicago.org). Please fill out one form per scholar.

### **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](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org)- Stephanie Beck, to enroll today!

### **GLA Parent Swag!**

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 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 (dress down day)

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

February 15th: Family Content Night (5:00-6:00 pm)

February 16th: Last Day of T2 After-school Programs



January 23rd - February 17th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 ACCESS Testing Begins	24	25	26	27 Mid Trimester 2 Progress Reports Emailed to Families
30	31 Ageless Eyecare Visits	1 Black History Month Begins	2	3
6	7 100th Day of School (dress down day)	8 Monthly Principal Townhall 5:30-6:30 pm at GLA	9	10 ACCESS Testing Ends
13	14	15 Family Content Night 5:00-6:00 pm at GLA	16 Last Day of T2 After-school Programs	17 GLA Career Day

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