



# The Weekly Wave

## Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

January 31, 2023

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **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.

If you're interested, please fill out [this survey](#) and join the Power Parents [today](#) (Tuesday), January 31st at 5:30pm in GLA's Enrichment Center. Refreshments will be served!

#### **January Students of the Month**

We are so excited and happy to announce our Students of the Month that showed exemplary achievement through leadership, core values, and doing the right thing. Please join us in celebrating the following students:

U of Illinois- Mason Hamilton  
Northwestern- India Smith  
U of Chicago- Miley Barron  
DePaul- Darrius Owens  
Howard- Susie Lopez  
Duke- Jacoby Huff  
Emory- Aubri Martin  
Harvard- Alyzah Mercer  
Stanford- Kaleb White  
Michigan- Rosilyn Penn  
Purdue- Olakunle Ebietomiye  
Tennessee- Amir Boyd  
GT- Odin Foster  
UIC- Alex Frazier  
Xavier- Adam Avila  
Morgan State- Jada Williams  
Princeton- Emmanuella Marseille  
NIU- Tyrell Logan

Congratulations, scholars!

#### **AM Drop-Off**

We strive to move cars through the morning drop-off line as quickly and *safely* as possible. We are unable to do that without your help. We want to remind everyone of a couple procedures that will enhance the speed and safety of morning drop-off:

- **Do not drop off** students in the middle of the street.
- If you park and drop off your student, please make sure they use the crosswalk if they have to cross the street.
- When you are first in the next wave of cars to drop-off, please do not stop at the 84th St. gate or drive school entrance door. Please pull forward a couple of car lengths so more cars can drop off at once.
- Please have your child ready to get out of the car. If they are not ready, pull further forward so cars do not have to wait on you.

### **Possip Survey Feedback**

Thank you for sharing ideas through Possip this week! We've heard from 272 of you during the course of the year. We are seeing that 88% of you are happy or mostly happy with Great Lakes Academy this week.

This week we heard members of the school community share examples of praise, appreciation, and feedback or questions.

- *Praise for understanding teachers and the positive influence they have on students*
- *Appreciation for a positive and happy atmosphere*
- *Feedback about teacher communication*
- *Questions about after-school opportunities now that the sports program has ended*

School leadership teams take all of your feedback and ideas into consideration for future planning. We also reach out to follow up with parents who leave their contact information in the survey so we can discuss concerns. We hope to hear from you again on our next Possip Pulse Check!

Thanks again for sharing!

### **PTDYA Rehearsals**

With the final performance on Friday, February 24th at 5:30 pm (doors open at 5:15 pm), the updated PTDYA rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Friday, February 3rd
- Wednesday February 8th
- Friday, February 10th
- Monday February 13th
- Wednesday February 15th
- Friday, February 17th
- Wednesday February 22nd
- Thursday February 23rd
- Friday, February 24th (Performance)

**All Monday through Thursday rehearsals are from 3:30-5:00 pm.**

**All Friday rehearsals are until 4 pm.**

\*Rehearsal dates are final for the time leading up to the final performance.

Please reach out should you have any questions.

## **GENERAL 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](#)

## **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.

## **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).

## **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 31st: Power Parents Meeting (5:30 pm), at GLA's Enrichment Center

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

February 17th: GLA Career Day

February 20th: Presidents' Day, **No Classes, Office Closed**

February 21st: Staff PD, **No Classes**

February 24th: A Tribute to Black Entertainment, PTDYA Performance (5:30-7:00 pm)

## January 30th - February 24th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Ageless Eyecare Visits	31 Power Parents Meeting <i>5:30 pm at GLA</i>	1 Black History Month Begins	2	3
6	7 100th Day of School <i>(dress down day)</i>	8 Monthly Principal Townhall <i>5:30-6:30 pm at GLA</i>	9	10 ACCESS Testing Ends
13	14	15 Family Content Night <i>5:00-6:00 pm at GLA</i>	16 Last Day of T2 After-school Programs	17 GLA Career Day
20 Presidents' Day <b>No Classes School Closed</b>	21 Staff PD <b>No Classes</b>	22	23	24 A Tribute to Black Entertainment, PTDYA   Performance <i>5:30-7:00 pm at GLA</i>

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