



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

February 7, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

GLA Families,

When Dr. Carter G. Woodson forwarded the idea of establishing a week (which later became a month) to promote the study of Black history, he did so because the significant impact of African Americans in history was misrepresented, undertold, or even completely ignored.



Recently, we have seen conflicts raging in society on television, on social media, and in school board meetings over what is taught in schools, particularly involving subjects of race. Among these ideas is that teaching students about the role Black people had in shaping American history does not belong in schools. As a former history teacher, that is unconscionable to me. It is impossible to understand American history without understanding the centrality of the Black experience and its role in shaping America.

We are excited to be celebrating Black History Month at GLA. We have planned a range of events and activities for our students in February in observance. We observe Black History Month to reflect upon and celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. We observe to help preserve the legacy of Black history. We observe as a school community because it is an important part of our shared cultural heritage.

In partnership,

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opportunity

We would like to share a job opportunity that will be starting in Early February. With Aldermanic races in Chicago starting up, they are looking to expand their field outreach team. They are accepting and training alumni, parents and students who are turning 18 this year. Please click [here](#) for more information!

Principal's Town Hall

Do you have questions you want to ask about the school? Would you like to share feedback about your student's experience at GLA? Would you like to share ideas for this year or future years? Would you like to know more about what's happening at GLA in the next couple of months? Come to the school's Enrichment Center anytime between 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday, February 8th to hear from and talk with Principal Miller. Refreshments will be provided.

Spring Sport Sign-Ups

Spring sports will begin Monday, February 27th. **You can sign up [HERE!](#)**

- **Spring sports offered this year include:** Co-ed track, boys volleyball, and girls soccer
- **Season dates:** Monday, February 27th- Thursday, April 20th.
- **Practices:** Monday-Thursday 3:15-5:00 pm.

There is a mandatory parent zoom meeting Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 pm. A link will be sent out a week prior.

There will be no late sign-ups! The final day to sign up is Friday, February 24th.

Please contact Titus Perez, tperez@glachicago.org if you have any questions.

Trimester 3 After-School Programs

Trimester 3 After-School programs will be released March 1st and close on March 10th. All scholars that wish to enroll in a program must meet the deadlines. Be on the lookout for text links and emails!

GLA Annual Fee

Each year, GLA families pay an annual fee for each scholar enrolled. This nonrefundable fee covers a small portion of a variety of individual online learning platforms for your child, along with supply needs.

This year, the fee of \$90 per student is due by August 11th, 2023, but can be paid now by visiting our website (<https://glachicago.org/supplyandtechfee>) or calling the front office (these are the only two methods in which the fee may be paid).

GLA 100 Honorary

There are 100 Recipients that "Kept it 100!" the first 100 days of school! Recipients were chosen based on top rankings in "On track" (grades 3-8), GPA, Attendance, and a review of their disciplinary record. 16 of the recipients are *SGA members! All recipients were honored today in a picture with their certificate, locker decals, cupcakes at lunch, and one dress down and homework pass.

SGA is happy to present this year's inaugural "GLA 100 Honorary"!!

Kindergarten
Aregbesola, Jalil

3rd Grade
Catlett, Cyle

6th Grade
Campbell, Zhaiden

Dabel, Kayla
De la Cruz, Angel
Harvey, Evan
Hernandez, Ramon
Hicks IV, Walter
Ibrahim, Ayden
Ramirez Jr., Martin
Wilford, Journei
Williams, Harmoni

1st Grade

Carlvin, Kylie
Findlay, Royal
Hawthorne-Tate, Jayla
Howell, Laylah
Jones, Nubia
Johnson, Cavanah
Lampkin, Jordan
Mitchell, Taniya
Moss, Ezekiel
Omisanya, Adeola
Storey, Dallas
Thomas, Jr., Nathan

2nd Grade

Ash, Raphael
Bowles, Marcel
Colbert, Javonte
Cross, David
Ford, Madison
Ford, Maysen
Ford, Melody
Johnson, Elijah
Morris, Ronald
Stacker, Ja'Niya
Wheatly, Jabaree

Ebietomiye, Titilayo
Jones, Leila Marie
King, Cary
Owoade, Nifemi
Pean, Preston
Poston, Jerne
Solomon, Lizbeth
Valdivia, Abigail
Williams, Jamaya
Wright, Meagan

4th Grade

Adams, Kayden
Ayala, Juan
Azard, Esdras
Joseph, Tracy
Moore, KaMya
Poole, Isis
Stewart, Justin
Supre, Abygaelle
Taylor, Elijah
White, Kaleb
Williams, Kameron

5th Grade

Avila, Noah
Benson, Oluwashomi*
De La Cruz, Johan
Ebietomiye, Olakunle
Jacobs, Sumeyre
Jones, Mia
Lowe, Averi
Miller, Keion
Rias, D'Amari*
Thomas, Johnathan*
Woodfork, Chloe*

Frazier, Alexandria
Gonzalez-Acosta, Melina
Jean-Baptiste, Caleb
Johnson, Ja'nya
Johnson, Zyannah
Martinez, Alondra
Owoade, Teniola*
Valdivia, Rodrigo*
Woodfork, Corinne*
Wricks, Jayden*

7th Grade

Avila, Adam*
Banks, Robinson
Henry, Alante
Herrera, Ethan
Lockett, Malani
Short, Ryan*
Stewart, Jaxon
Tyson, Kaleah
Williams, Caleb*
Williams, Jada*
Williams, Jermani

8th Grade

Banner, Reginald
Bunch, Breanna *
Dunlap, Amiah*
Ebietomiye, Olasunkanmi
Espinoza, Naidelyn
Gray, Takhya*
Logan, Tyrell
Marseille, Emmanuella*
Mercer, Azariah
Petty, Alant'e
Smith, Israel
Valdivia, Kiara

GENERAL 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! If you're interested, please fill out [this survey!](#)

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.**
- **Do not block crosswalks when waiting in line.** This creates a safety hazard for pedestrians.
- 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.

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:

- 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.

This performance will be “A Tribute to Black Entertainment: Past, Present, and Future” provided to you by PTDYA and our very own 5th-8th graders! This is open to GLA families.

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.

Breakfast will be provided for all participants!

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 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.

Family Content Night

Save the date! We will be having an in person Family Content night on February 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm. We will have prizes, dress down tickets and resources! If you would like to learn more about K-4 Math, K-4 Literacy and 5th-8th grade Math this is the perfect opportunity! There will be 2 sessions at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

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!

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

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, School Closed**

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

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

February 27th: First Day of Spring Sports

March 1st: First Day of Womens' History Month

February 6th - March 3rd, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 No Classes School Closed	21 Staff PD No Classes School Closed	22	23	24 A Tribute to Black Entertainment, PTDYA Performance <i>5:30-7:00 pm at GLA</i>
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