



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
September 17, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd-4th Grade Families: Save the Date!

3rd-4th grade scholars are invited to attend Summer Camp in 2025!



3RD-4TH GRADE

CAMP

FOR ALL

KIDS



- Free, renewable, sleep-away camp for GLA scholars
- 4-weeks of fun in Wisconsin & Minnesota

HEAR FROM CURRENT GLA SCHOLARS & RECENT CAMPERS

ACTIVITIES

- Field Sports
- Archery
- Cookouts
- Fishing
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Horseback Riding
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Waterskiing
- Campfires

& so much more!

INFO SESSIONS

VIRTUAL



MON. SEPT 30TH
5:30-6:30 PM
<-- SCAN TO JOIN

IN-PERSON

TUES. OCT. 8TH
6:00-7:00 PM **@ GLA GYM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:

email
coleary@glachicago.org

visit
<https://campforallkids.org>

Join GLA and Camp For All Kids on Monday, September 30th from 5:30-6:30pm to learn about the CFAK experience! Hear from previous campers, GLA scholars, and their families about their experience at camp this past summer and the memories that will last a lifetime.

Click [here](#) to join the call on Monday, September 30th!

Interested in meeting the Camp for All Kids Staff in-person? We will also be hosting an in-person information session at GLA on Tuesday, October 8th from 6pm-7pm.

Virtual 8th Grade GoCPS Information Night

Join Ms. O'Leary **TONIGHT** (Tuesday, September 17th) from 6:00-7:00 pm on GoogleMeet to learn about the GoCPS High School Admissions process.

Click [here](#) to join.

Academic Intervention

Beacon Boost is a critical component of our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework, designed to provide intensive, individualized instruction for students who need additional support in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. MTSS uses three tiers of support to help every student succeed:

- **Tier 1: Core Instruction**
 - What: High-quality classroom teaching for all students
 - Who: Everyone receives this support
- **Tier 2: Targeted Support**
 - What: Extra help for students who need a boost
 - Who: Small groups of students who need more practice.
 - When: This takes place during math block 2, Intervention block and wide read.
 - All students have received a parent letter for IRLA level and/or iready.
- **Tier 3: Intensive Support (Beacon Boost)**
 - What: One-on-one or very small group help
 - Who: Students who need the most support
 - When: During the day and after school
 - Students identified as Tier 3 have received a letter or will receive one today.

If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Johnson
mjohanson@glachicago.org.

SY24-25 Family Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

Please find the [2024-25 GLA Family Handbook and Student Code of Conduct](#). We are asking all parents/guardians to read the updated handbook thoroughly and reach out with any questions.

Once you have read the 2024-25 Family Handbook, please confirm you've done so by filling out and submitting [this Google Form](#). We ask that all families review the handbook and fill out this form by Friday, September 6th.

The GREAT K-2nd Playdate

The Great K-2nd Grade Playdate happening on Friday, October 11, 2024, from 5 PM to 7 PM. This event is noted as a parent engagement raffle entry. Please click the link to [RSVP today!](#)



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

**THE GREAT
K-2ND GRADE
PLAYDATE**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2024
5PM-7PM**

**This event is a
parent engagement
raffle entry!**

**Students must
be
accompanied by an
adult.**

Limited Kindergarten Seats Available

Limited Kindergarten seats are still available at GLA! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our main office today.



Great Lakes Academy
**NOW ENROLLING
KINDERGARTEN**

FREE, PUBLIC, AND OPEN TO ALL

FREE 7AM DROP OFF
FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
SPORTS AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR 1ST - 8TH GRADE WAITLIST
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medical and Dental Exam Van Visits!

If your scholar needs to be seen by the dentist, eye doctor, and/or a medical professional (school physical/sport physical) we are excited to announce that the mobile dentist, mobile eye doctor and Comer Pediatric Medical Van will be at GLA throughout the 2024-25 school year!

***Scholars will not be seen without completed consent forms.**

Please contact Ms. Thunherst at sthunherst@glachicago.org to start the process now!

Power Parents

Are you passionate about your child's education and looking for a way to get more involved in the Great Lakes Academy community? We invite you to join the GLA Power Parent – a group dedicated to strengthening parent engagement and building a stronger connection between families and our school! [Sign up here!](#)



Great Lakes Academy **POWER PARENTS**

The GLA Power Parent Committee aims to foster an environment where parents are empowered to actively contribute to their children's academic success and help shape the future of GLA

2nd Tuesday of each month 4:30pm-6:00pm

October 8, 2024
November 12, 2024
December 10, 2024
January 14, 2025
February 11, 2025
March 11, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 13, 2025
June 10, 2025

[JOIN US](#)

School Year Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 7:30-4:30 pm

Friday, 7:30-2:00 pm

GLA Breakfast, Lunch and Supper Menus

Click [here](#) to access (these are also linked on our website's [Parent and Student Resource Page](#))

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 16th - October 11th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 Girls Volleyball Game, 4:00/5:00 pm	17 Virtual 8th Grade GoCPS Orientation Zoom, 6:00 pm	18 GLA Community Conversation, 8:00 am	19	20
23 Fire Drill #1	24 Comer's Medical Van Visit	25	26 Girls Volleyball Game @ Ninos Heroes, 4:00/5:00 pm	27 Staff PD, No School
30 Girls Volleyball Game, 4:30/5:30 pm 3rd-4th Grade: Camp for All Kids Virtual Info Session, 6:00-7:00 pm	1 Law Enforcement Lockdown Drill	2 Co-ed Flag Football @ St. Patricia, 4:45 pm	3 Math IA #1 (3rd Grade)	4 Math IA #1 (3rd Grade)
7	8 Power Parents Meeting, 4:30-6:00 pm 3rd-4th Grade: Camp for All Kids In-Person Info Session, 6:00-7:00 pm	9 Comer's Medical Van Visit 8th Grade HSAT Testing HOME Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm	10	11 K-2 Family Playdate, 5:00-7:00 pm

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