



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

July 9, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our first full week of school is only 6 weeks away. In just 3 weeks, our new-to-GLA staff will be joining us for training to get ready for the school year, followed by our returning staff. As we look ahead to the 2024-25 school year, we are excitedly planning how we can build on the academic successes of the past couple of years to serve our students even better. We can't wait to see all of our returning students!

We are still looking for more students to enroll at GLA for the coming school year. While most of our grade levels currently are full and have a waitlist, we are still seeking Kindergarten students for the 2024-25 school year. Our families are our greatest source of student referrals because you refer students and families who are like-minded and aligned with our school's mission and values. If you know families looking for a great school for their kindergartner, please refer them to apply for a seat on our website or provide us their information by filling out this form and we will reach out to them. This time of year any seats left fill up fast!

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024-25 School Year Calendar

We are sharing our 2024-25 academic calendar. There are a couple of important items to note:

1. The first day of school for our K-1st students will be on Friday, August 16th. The first day of school for our 2nd-8th grade students will be Monday, August 19th. **This is a different start date than CPS district schools.**
2. Our last day of school will be June 6th which is a week earlier than CPS district schools.
3. We are pushing back our school start time to 8:00 am this school year. Doors will still open for breakfast beginning at 7:00 am just like last year. Dismissal times will be 3:20 pm on Monday-Thursday and 1:50 pm on Friday.
4. **NEW** We have added "Wellness Days" to our calendar that are non-holidays where school will not be in session (March 17th, April 18th, and May 1st and 2nd).

5. NEW GLA will resume in-person report card pick up this school year on November 1st and March 14th. Times will be communicated at a later date along with sign up information.

Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF version.

Great Lakes Academy 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

August 2024							September 2024							October 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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November 2024							December 2024							January 2025						
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February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
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May 2025							June 2025							July 2025						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		
KEY							Notable Dates													
No classes for students							Back to School Block Party													
△ 1:50 PM Dismissal (First Week of School)							Aug 14													
H/WD Holiday/Wellness Day, GLA closed							Presidents' Day													
PD Professional development, front office closed							Feb 17													
PTC Parent - Teacher Conferences							First Day for K-1 Students													
FDOS First Day of School							Aug 15													
FDQQ First Day of Quarter							Spring Break													
LDOS Last Day of School							Aug 19													
FDOS First Day of Summer School							Memorial Day													
LDOS Last Day of Summer School							May 26													
							Labor Day													
							Sep 2													
							8th Grade Graduation													
							Jun 6													
							Parent Night													
							Sep 12													
							Indigenous Peoples Day													
							Oct 14													
							Fall Break													
							Nov 25-29													
							Juneteenth													
							Jun 19													
							Winter Break													
							Dec 23 - Jan 3													
							First Day of Summer School													
							Jun 23													
							MLK Day													
							Jan 20													
							Independence Day													
							Jul 4													
							Last Day of Summer School													
							Jul 18													

Great Lakes Academy Front Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Student Dismissal: 3:20 PM
 Friday: 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Student Dismissal: 1:50 PM
info@glachicago.org
 (773) 530-3040

Summer School Calendar

The program will run from June 24-July 19, 2024 on Monday through Friday with no programming on July 4th, but programming will pick back up on the 5th.

Dates in yellow are program dates

*July 4th there is no programming - GLA CLOSED

**NOTE: Classes are in session on July 5th

June					July				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
					1	2	3	4	5**
10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19
24	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

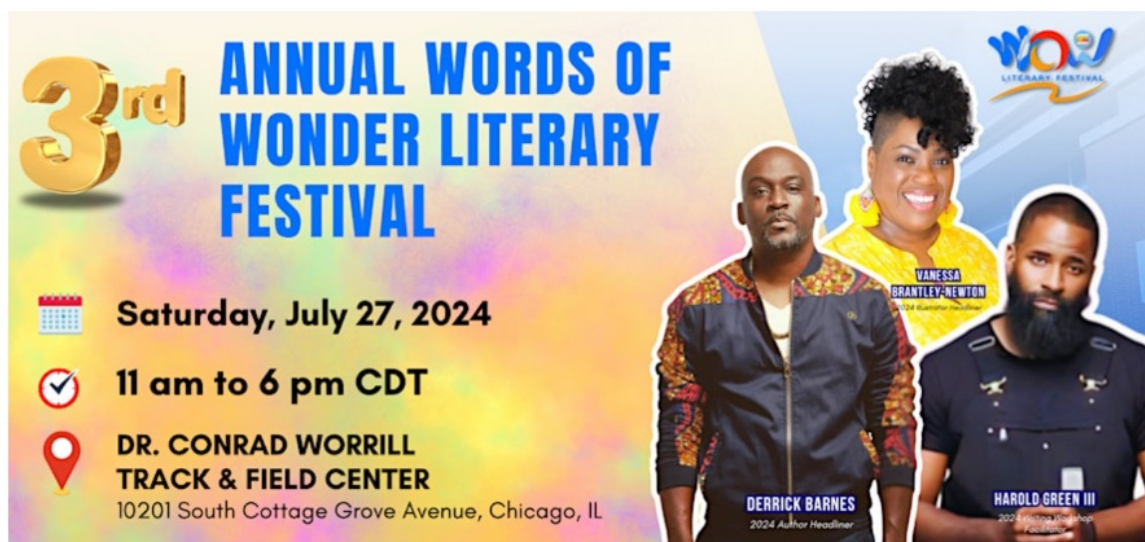
Summer Office Hours

This summer, the front office will be opened daily at the following times:

- June 24th - July 19th: 8:00-4:00 pm (*closed July 4th*)
- July 22nd - August 2nd: 8:00-2:30 pm

Summer Activity - WOW Literary Festival

Looking for a fun educational activity to do with your kids this summer? Attend the [Words of Wonder Literary Festival](#) at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center on July 27th. It's a wonderful event where participants can meet children's authors, visit community vendors, and get free books.



Free Summer Meals

You can access free meals over the summer/after school has ended! Information on where you can access these free meals is posted on our website and below.

- Link to summer meal finder tool from USDA: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>
- Link to Summer Meal Finder for Illinois: <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>
- You can also call 800-359-2163 or text FOODIL or COMIDASIL to 304304 to find a summer feeding location.

Please note this non-discrimination statement.

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

July 8th - August 2nd, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	9 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	10 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	11 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	12 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm
15 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	16 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	17 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	18 Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm	19 Last Day of Summer School Summer Office Hours 8:00-4:00 pm
22 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	23 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	24 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	25 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	26 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm
29 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	30 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	31 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	1 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm	2 Summer Office Hours 8:00-2:30 pm

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