



## Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

May 14, 2024

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Dismissal Reminder: Permission to Walk

If your student is in 5th-8th grade, you must pick them up along Marquette Avenue at dismissal unless they have a signed walker permission slip. Students without this form cannot walk to cars parked elsewhere. **To allow your student to walk, please complete and return [THIS](#) form.**

This ensures all students are accounted for and safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 7th Grade Virtual GoCPS Parent Night- May 16th

- Start to learn the GoCPS High School application process!
- 6:00-7:00 pm via link
- <https://meet.google.com/ehy-mmty-iaj>
- Please reach out to Caitlin O'Leary, [coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org), with any questions!

#### K-7th Lighthouse Awards Night

On Thursday, May 30th GLA will be hosting an awards night for K-7th scholars (*8th grade will have a separate celebration*)! Families will be notified if their child is receiving an award ahead of time, but all families are welcome!

We will be honoring scholars that have shown leadership, citizenship, growth, character and fitness, art, and music achievement, along with perfect attendance, honor roll, and more via certificates, plaques, and medals!

**Lighthouse Awards will be on May 30th at 5:30 pm in the Enrichment Center. *Doors open at 5:15 pm.***

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, [sbeck@glachicago.org](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org), or Caitlin O'Leary, [coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org), with any questions.

#### K-4th May Reading Challenge

# MAY at GLA

## Reading Challenge

**Who? Kindergarten - 4th Grade Scholars**  
**When? May 1st - 31st, 2024**  
**What? Read as many steps as possible during the month of May! Scholars and classes with the most reading steps will win awards!**



Each grade will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner - these will be the scholars with the MOST steps!

The homeroom in each grade with the most steps will win a posside party!



### K-4th ABC Countdown to Summer!

The K-4th ABC Countdown to Summer begins on Thursday, May 2nd! Each day will be a letter of the alphabet and include a special theme or activity.

## ABC COUNTDOWN

mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
SUMMER IS COMING!			A nimal Day	B ubble Day
Crazy Socks Day	Drawing Day	E nd of Year Awards	F ancy Fit Day	G ame Day
H at Day	I ce Pop Day	J oke Day	K indness Day	L ights Off Day
M usic Monday	N ew Name Day	O pposite Day	P icnic Day	Q ueen and King Day
 Read Around the Room Day	S unglASSES Day	T aki Day	U pside Down and Inside Out Day	
V isit Day	W all to Wall Cleaning Day	eX change Seats Day	Y earbook Signing	Z oom into Summer Day 

**\*Please note that only dedicated days are dress down days or added accessories to the scholars uniform- not all days are dress down specific and scholars will be expected to be in uniform.**

**Days students can Dress Down / Bring an item to School: *Must be in uniform on all other days!***

Wednesday 5/29 → Can wear sunglasses

Friday 5/31 → Can wear their uniform inside out

Please reach out to your scholars K-4th teacher for more information!

### **Spring Book Fair May 10th-16th**

The book fair started last Friday! Families can attend today (Tuesday), 5/14 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Classes will attend on the following days:

**Wednesday 5/15:** Illinois, U Chicago, Purdue, GT, Princeton

**Thursday 5/16:** Open for students who were absent the day their homeroom visited.

Please check your students backpack for more information.

### **Help Us Grow Our Community: Seeking Kindergarten Students for 2024-25!**

As we gear up for another exciting academic year, we're reaching out to you for help in spreading the word. Do you have friends, family, or neighbors with children who will be entering kindergarten this fall? **Encourage them to apply** (here:

<https://glachicago.org/admissions-application-faqs>) and become part of our dynamic learning community. Also, remember that our early admission program is open to all students who will turn 5 by December 31st, 2024. Your support in sharing this opportunity is greatly appreciated!

### **Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony- Friday, June 7th**

- Doors open at 8:30 for a prompt 9:00 am start
- To celebrate our Kindergarteners who are moving up to 1st grade
  - Handing of certificates, poems, and chants - graduation style
- Four (4) tickets will be disbursed via the front desk beginning on May 24th
- There is no entry without a ticket.
- Reach out to kinder teachers for more information!

### **Wave 3- After-School Programming**

- T3 programming will begin Monday, March 4th-Thursday, May 30th
- Programs will be Monday/Wednesday and/or Tuesday/Thursday
- Programs run from 3:30-5:00 pm each day
- Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, [sbeck@glachicago.org](mailto:sbeck@glachicago.org) or Caitlin O'Leary, [coleary@glachicago.org](mailto:coleary@glachicago.org) with any questions.

### **8th Grade Dates to Note**

The countdown is on for the 8th Grade celebratory events happening at the end of this year! I wanted to remind you of important dates approaching quickly. In order to send our scholars off the GLA way and to their high school of choice, we have many events planned. Please mark down and/or reserve the following dates of importance:

**Friday, May 17th** - High School Decision Day, 9 am\*

**Tuesday, May 21-Friday, May 24th** - 8th Grade DC Trip

**Tuesday, May 28th** - 8th Grade Awards Dinner, 5:30 pm\*

**Thursday, May 30th** - 8th Grade Clap Out (during school hours)

**Tuesday, May 28th-Friday, May 31st** - 8th Grade Spirit Week

**Friday, May 31st** - Graduation, 4 pm\*

**Wednesday, June 5th** - Field Day (during school hours)

(\*families invited)

Families are invited to:

Decision Day; Doors open at 8:45 AM  
Awards Dinner; Doors open at 5:15 PM  
Graduation; Doors open at 3:45 PM

The Awards Dinner and Graduation will be ticketed events. The following ticket amounts will be available:

**Awards Dinner:** Four (4) tickets available including scholar (**must purchase, \$25 each**)

**Graduation:** Four (4) tickets for family, no ticket needed for scholar (**free**)

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Furthermore, **class t-shirts will also be available to purchase for \$20** prior to Decision Day. You will be sent a PayPal link once t-shirts arrive.

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#### **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**

## May 13th - June 7th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair <i>Family Shopping Open 3:30-4:30 pm</i>	15 Book Fair  Monthly Community Conversation <i>8:00-9:00 am @GLA or virtual</i>	16 Book Fair  Virtual 7th Grade HS Success Info Session <i>6:00-7:00 pm</i>	17  Haitian Flag Day Celebration  Decision Day <i>9:00-11:00 am</i>
20  ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments	21  ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments  8th Grade DC Trip	22  ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments  8th Grade DC Trip	23  ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments  8th Grade DC Trip	24  ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments  8th Grade DC Trip
27  Memorial Day <b>School Closed</b>	28  8th Grade Awards Dinner <i>5:30-7:00 pm</i>	29	30  Wave 3 After-school Programs End  8th Grade Clap Out <i>2:45 pm</i>  Lighthouse Awards Night <i>5:30-7:00 pm</i>	31  8th Grade Graduation <i>4:00-5:30 pm</i>
3	4	5  Field Day	6  Trimester 3 Field Trips	7  Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony <i>8:30-9:30 am</i>  Last Day of School

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