



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

May 7, 2024

NEW 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, 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, or Caitlin O'Leary, coleary@glachicago.org, with any questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!*

Thursday 5/9 → Dress down in a fancy fit

Friday 5/10 → Can wear a jersey or sports hat with their uniform

Monday 5/13 → Can wear a hat with their uniform

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!

5th-8th Spring Ball - A Night in Hollywood

Friday, May 10th in GLA's final dance of the 2023-24 school year from 5:30-7:30 pm!



Requirements began Wednesday, May 1st:

- No more than 1 referral
- No more than 3 resets
- No more than 3 bathroom resets
- 90% attendance
- No physical or verbal altercations

First 100 students get a VIP bracelet!

Spring Book Fair May 10th-16th

The book fair will be starting this Friday! Families can attend Tuesday, 5/14 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Classes will attend on the following days:

Friday 5/10: Stanford, UT, UIC, Morgan St.

Monday 5/13: Duke, Howard, Emory, Harvard, Xavier

Tuesday 5/14: Chicago St, Northwestern, DePaul, Michigan, NIU, Family Night

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.

Annual Forms Past Due!

If your student is returning for the 2024-25 school year, you were asked to fill out paperwork in Schoolmint **by last Friday**. If you've not yet done so, please log in to www.glachicago.schoolmint.net to fill out the paperwork and reach out to the front office with questions.

After-School Music Program in Bronzeville

Great Lakes Academy is looking to partner with The People's Music School in the upcoming years. Currently, they are looking for interested students that would like to join for Fall 2024 in Bronzeville. This program teaches strings and other instruments and is completely free. No experience is necessary! Please use the below QR code to sign up for more information!



**AFTER SCHOOL
MUSIC PROGRAM!**

GREATER SOUTH SIDE PROGRAM

Who: Children Grades 1-11
What: Band, Orchestra, Choir and General Music Classes
Where: Wendell Phillips Academy HS in Bronzeville
When: Twice a week after school, up to 4 hours
Why: Gain skills that will last a lifetime with our intensive, high quality music program!

COMPLETELY TUITION-FREE!



**Want to join our
Greater South Side
program? Attend our
In-Person Open House!**

OPEN HOUSE
Monday, May 20, 6:30PM
Wendell Phillips Academy High School
244 E Pershing Rd, Chicago, IL 60653



Fill out the interest form to stay informed on upcoming open houses and registration deadlines.
peoplesmusicchool.org/registration

Let's raise charter voices

CPS is hosting a series of [community events](#) to provide information and hear what families think of the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan Proposal. This district recently stated they wanted to move away from school choice and charters like Great Lakes Academy.

Tell them what you want! Charter families deserve to have their voices heard. **Tomorrow (Wednesday), May 8 from 6pm - 8pm**, the final meeting will be held at Richard High School. To register for the sessions, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Durham at edurham@glachicago.org.

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 or Caitlin O'Leary, 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 10th - Spring Ball, 5:30 pm (5th-8th grade)

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, the Awards Dinner, and Graduation. 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**)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND PICK-UP AS OF MAY 1st AT THE FRONT DESK.

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.

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org or Caitlin O'Leary, coleary@glachicago.org with any questions.

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 6 - May 31st, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mobile Dentist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Appreciation Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Appreciation Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Day of Spring Athletics</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Fair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5th-8th Grade Spring Ball 5:30-7:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Fair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Fair <i>Family Shopping Open 3:30-4:30 pm</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Fair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Fair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Virtual 7th Grade HS Success Info Session 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Haitian Flag Day Celebration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Decision Day 9:00-11:00 am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade DC Trip</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day School Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade Awards Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wave 3 After-school Programs End</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade Clap Out 2:45 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lighthouse Awards Night 5:30-7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade Graduation 4:00-5:30 pm</p>

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