



## Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

January 23, 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It seems like the Chicago winter held off until 2024 but it has hit us with force the last couple of weeks. Given how our weather usually is we can probably expect another 2 months of cold, snow, and ice. I wanted to provide a couple of weather-related reminders as we navigate the rest of this winter:

- Always assume GLA will not be closed for weather unless you receive communication of closure from us.
- We typically follow Chicago Public Schools' decision on school closures. However, we reserve the right to make our own decision on whether we close or remain open.
- As stated in our Family Handbook, we will always notify families no later than 7am if school will be closed. In practice, we will always attempt to notify families earlier if possible.
- If you send students to school in snow boots, please send a pair of shoes in their bag they can change into during the school day.
- When school is in session, we are required by law to take attendance and attendance counts.

I have noticed that attendance has slipped in the last couple of weeks. I know that travel is more challenging when the weather is cold or snowy but it is important to make sure your child is here everyday. Each day of absence means missed instructional time which creates or adds to gaps in learning that build over time. Every day matters!

Principal Miller

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Virtual Parent WorkShop 1.24.24 @ 6:00 pm

*Reclaiming Minds Therapy and Wellness* is facilitating a parent workshop on " Domestic Violence and Its Effect on Children's Behavior." Therapist Aneque Blakely will be facilitating. Please join us.

Time: Jan 24, 2024, 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

### **2024-25 New Student Application Open**

New student applications for next school year are open! If you know an incoming kindergarten-8th grader *who does not currently attend GLA*, please encourage them to [visit our website](#) for more information and a link to the application.

We will also be hosting a *New Beacon Open House* on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:15-6:15 pm for any *new* families interested in applying for the 2024-25 school year. Please share this with anyone you may know who is interested in applying!

Note: All students who are currently enrolled at GLA **do not** need to submit a new application. Instead, you will be asked to fill out our annual "Intent to Return Form" (will be sent home soon).

### **T1 Honor Roll Accolades**

Congratulations to our T1 scholars who garnered Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, or Principal's Honor Roll! We are so proud of your academic achievements in the classroom!

<b><u>Honor Roll</u></b> <b><u>3.0 GPA</u></b>	<b><u>High Honor Roll</u></b> <b><u>3.5 GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Principal's Honor Roll</u></b> <b><u>4.0 GPA</u></b>
Messiah Crouch	Juan Ayala	Johan De La Cruz
Shamiya Poe	Justin Stewart	Olakunle Ebietomiye
Kara Romero	Abygaelle Supre	Aniyah Gonnigan
Malia Taylor	Noah Avila	D'Amari Rias
Au'Lani Watkins	Oluwashomi Benson	Ja'Marion Sloan
Kaleb White	Trayvon Clark	Johnathan Thomas
Gabriella Williams	E'Miyah Harris	Zyannah Johnson
Kameron Williams	Mia Jones	Trinity Smith
Cassidy Carter	Lyriq Lee	Aymar Valdivia
Seaven Dixon	Keion Miller	Jayden Wricks
Kaylee Lennett	Zhaiden Campbell	Adam Avila
Maliyah Owens	Alexandria Frazier	Alante Henry
Treasure Sims	La'Majay Gipson	Ethan Herrera
Eden Williams	Alexzandrea Guerrier	Ryan Short
Chloe Woodfork	Caleb Jean-Baptiste	Jaxon Stewart
Alaysia Wortham	Maximilliano Pena	Patrice Thomas
Demitri Davis	Ayden Poston	Jada Williams
Damaraeyah Dotson	Lamonze Railey	Jermani Williams
Calyce Douglas	Corinne Woodfork	
Melina Gonzalez-Acosta	Azhahn Galloway	
Denim Henry	Jayden Harris	
Samuel Jean-Baptiste	Christiana Lakes	
Ja'nya Johnson	Jeremiah Logan	
Alondra Martinez	Zaniyah Steward	
Tylor Stallworth	Malani Lockett	
Naimah Amacker	Kaleah Tyson	
Carille Chaney	Caleb Williams	
Khalil Cromwell		
Nevaeh Daniels		
J'La Johnson		
Ariyawna Johnson-Bryant		
Ja'Von Lee		
Kasey Lee		

Keyonna Logan-Jackson  
Jayden Nelson  
RMarvion Robinson  
Cameron Shepherd  
Courtney Thomas  
Joscelyn Thompson

### **Future Founders Internship**

**Future Founders** is building the nation's largest inclusive community of intentional young entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial-minded leaders. We are excited to offer students from Chicago Public Schools access to a great range of opportunities. Information about the following programs in 2024 can be found below:



- (1) Startup Spring Break - Paid week long internship for Middle Schoolers
- (2) Workshops - Free introduction to entrepreneurship workshops for High School and Middle School

#### **Startup Spring Break - Middle Schoolers**

Middle Schooler girls, trans and nonbinary youth have the chance to create an app for the first time while getting paid as a Startup Spring Break Intern! Over the course of 1 week, students will get the chance to meet young women entrepreneurs from across the city and country, take a trip to visit Google HQ, and practice their leadership and business skills.

Startup Spring Break will meet from Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29, 2024

9:00 am-3:30 pm CST and will be hosted downtown at Future Founders Offices (Downtown Chicago).

We will have a Startup Summer Break this summer 2024 dates TBD for middle schoolers of all genders!

[APPLY HERE](#)

#### **In-School Workshops: Middle Schoolers**

We are thrilled to offer all CPS schools a free introduction to entrepreneurship workshop. Sessions are fully interactive and give students the chance to work in teams to create and pitch their own business idea. All workshops are free of charge and last between 1.5-2hrs. [Fill in the interest form to learn more](#). A member of the Future Founders team will then follow-up to schedule your workshop.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEW: Power Parents GroupMe**

If you are interested in connecting with other parents and staying informed on happenings at GLA, the GLA Power Parents have a GroupMe. You're invited to join the group "GLA POWER PARENTS" on GroupMe. Use this link to join:

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/96440269/Zld8TRrb](https://groupme.com/join_group/96440269/Zld8TRrb)

### **Power Parents Meeting**

Great Lakes Academy's Power Parents meeting will be Monday, January 29th @ 5:00pm.

### **Reflection Forms**

The Culture and Climate Team has prepared each classroom with reflection forms.

Scholars are asked to complete the reflection form in the calm corner/ reflection desk after receiving two deductions. The reflection form is used to reset the scholar's behavior inside the classroom to prevent a behavior reset/referral in the dean's office. Parents are expected to review, sign, and return the form the next day to acknowledge awareness and encourage parental support about the incident.

### Uniform Reminder

As the winter season approaches, we would like to remind everyone that scholars are not permitted to wear inclement weather footwear (snow or rain boots) during class hours. They should bring a change of shoes. This policy is in place to maintain a clean and safe learning environment.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our classrooms remain conducive to effective learning. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact us.

### Parent and Family Volunteers

#### **Current Opportunities:**

  Arrival and Dismissal Support

Lunch and Recess Support  

  Classroom Support

#### **Upcoming Events:**

 Library Support 

If you are interested in helping grow the GLA community and volunteering please complete [this form](#). You can reach out to Madaline Harlan, [mharlan@glachicago.org](mailto:mharlan@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

## January 22nd - February 16th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24 Reclaiming Minds GLA Parent Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm	25 Staff vs. Student Basketball Game 4:00-6:00 pm	26 Mid-Trimester 2 Progress Reports Released
29 Power Parents Meeting 5pm @ GLA	30	31	1 First Day of Black History Month	2
5	6 Family Curriculum Night	7 100th Day of School  Reclaiming Minds GLA Parent Workshop 6:00-7:30 pm	8	9
12 National African American Parent Involvement Day	13 New Beacon Open House <i>For students interested in attending GLA next school year 5:15-6:15 pm</i>	14	15	16 Career Day

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