



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter  
October 22, 2024

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Ms. Smith - 2nd Grade ELA Teacher**

***What made you want to become a teacher (or what made you want to work in a school)?***

I became a teacher because I knew having representation in the classroom is important, and I also wanted to ensure that students know that they are more than just statistics/ test scores; they deserve to be seen and heard inside and outside the classroom! They matter, and they must know that!

***Tell us one of your favorite memories from your time at GLA:***

My favorite memory at GLA is when we watched the solar eclipse as a school. It was amazing to see the joy that small moment created for so many scholars!

***Where are you originally from? (If Chicago, tell us what neighborhood!) What do you love about that place?***

I'm from the Southside of Chicago! I've lived in South Chicago, Chatham, and Bronzeville throughout my childhood. One thing I love about Chicago is the sense of history you get from each neighborhood, specifically, Bronzeville!

***What's your favorite thing to do in Chicago?***

My favorite thing to do in Chicago is to drive down Lake Shore Drive and admire the beautiful skyline!

***We all know teaching can be a stressful job! What's your favorite way to unwind?***

My favorite way to unwind is to listen to music and write in my journal about anything that is on my mind!

***What's your dream vacation?***

My dream vacation is to go to Amsterdam in the Netherlands!

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on our next Community Outing!



**JOIN US!**

# COMMUNITY OUTING

**CHICAGO BULLS**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH GAME**

TICKETS AS LOW AS  
**\$66**

**CHICAGO BULLS** VS **DETROIT PISTONS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**  
**UNITED CENTER**  
**PRE-SHOW: 5:45 PM**  
**TIP-OFF: 7:00 PM**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:  
[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/GROUPLAKESACADEMY](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/grouplakesacademy)



**— ACOMPAÑANOS! —**

# SALIDA COLECTIVA

**CHICAGO BULLS**  
**JUEGO PARA CELEBRAR EL MES DE LA HERENCIA AFROAMERICANA**

**BOLETOS A TAN SOLO \$66**

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Family Income Form

GLA is encouraging all families to complete the attached CPS Family Income Information Form for the 24-25 school year. This form is used to help determine school funding and help GLA keep programs like our free breakfast and lunch programs. Only one form needs to be completed per household. Please email completed forms and any questions to [sthunherst@glachicago.org](mailto:sthunherst@glachicago.org) (a paper version will also be sent home with your scholar this week).

- Click [Here](#) for an English Version
- Haga Click [Aqui](#) para la version en Español

### District 10 Board Candidate Forum

In November, Chicagoans will elect their first school board in history. After decades of mayoral appointees, our city is moving to an elected school board. Candidates will be on the Presidential ballot on November 5. We encourage all GLA parents to join us at the Gary Comer Youth Center on Tuesday, October 22 from 6 - 7:30 pm to hear from District 10 candidates representing the southeast side of Chicago. You can rsvp [here](#). The Youth Center is located at 7200 S Ingleside and refreshments will be served. To learn more about the candidates and their platforms, check out the WBEZ guide [here](#).

### The GREAT Chicago Jamboree

Join us for a Spooktacular Evening at The GREAT Chicago Fall Jamboree! For ages 0-13 (Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian). FREE Admission | RSVP by

scanning the QR code! Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy a night of fall fun with your family. See you there!



**THE GREAT CHICAGO  
FALL  
JAMBOREE**

**FREE**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2024**

**5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**For ages 0-13**

**GAMES  
COSTUME CONTEST  
FOOD  
FUN  
SCHOOL TOURS**

**RSVP**



**GREAT LAKES ACADEMY  
8401 S. SAGINAW AVE  
CHICAGO, IL  
773-530-3040**

**MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN**

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### The Great Hangout

Get ready for *The Great 3rd-5th Grade Hangout!*

Join us on November 8th at 5:00 PM at Great Lakes Academy for an evening of fun, games, and excitement! Make sure to RSVP and don't forget – all students must have a parent or guardian with them to attend. Let's make it a night to remember! This is a raffle ticket event.



**Great Lakes Academy Open House**

Please share the GLA Open House with your networks today. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year open on November 7, 2024.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE  
**APPLY ONLINE!**

**GREAT LAKES ACADEMY**

# OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, NOV 7<sup>th</sup>**  
at 5:30 PM

## What We Offer

- ✓ Free and Open Admission to ALL
- ✓ Free 7AM Drop-off and Daily Meals Provided
- ✓ Full-Day Kindergarten (4-Year-Old Early Entry Available)
- ✓ State-of-the-art campus featuring an Enrichment Center
- ✓ Full Athletic Facility and Turf Field



APPLY ONLINE



## Applications Open November 7th!

40% of the Class of 2024 was accepted to  
CPS Selective Enrollment



Website:  
<https://glachicago.org>



Campus Location:  
8401 S. Saginaw St., Chicago, IL



Telephone:  
(773) 530-3040

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### 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

## October 21st - November 15th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21  8th Grade DC Trip Parent Info Meeting (Virtual), 6:30 pm	22  Picture Day! 📷	23  AWAY Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm	24  AWAY Co-Ed Flag Football vs. St. Patricia, 4:45 pm  End of Quarter 1: Report Cards Distributed	25  <b>Staff PD, No School</b>
28  Math IA #1- 4th Grade  Mobile Dentist	29  Math IA #1- 4th Grade  Mobile Dentist	30  Fall Cultivate Survey, 5th-8th  Mobile Dentist  The Great Jack- O-Lantern Jamboree (K-8), 5:00-7:00 pm	31  Mobile Dentist  Dia de Los Muertos Celebration	1  <b>Parent Teacher Conferences- No School</b>
4  <b>Wellness Day, No School</b>	5  <b>Election Day, No School</b>	6  Mobile Dentist  Fire Drill #2	7  GLA Open House, 5:00-7:00 pm  2025-26 Application Launch Date	8  Mobile Dentist  3rd-5th Grade Hangout, 5:00-7:00 pm
11  GLA Week of Gratitude	12  GLA Week of Gratitude  Parent Engagement Meeting, 4:30-6 pm	13  GLA Week of Gratitude	14  GLA Week of Gratitude  IA #2 (3rd Grade)	15  GLA Week of Gratitude  IA #2 (3rd Grade)

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