



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter
March 11, 2025

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Ms. Miner - 2nd Grade ELA

Tell us one of your favorite memories from your time at GLA.

One year, before summer break, I had my students write a persuasive piece on why we should have an ice cream party. They definitely convinced me and we got to celebrate with some ice cream sandwiches since that was all I could find at the store. Even if it wasn't an ice cream sundae, they loved putting all the toppings onto their ice cream sandwiches. It was so messy but so fun!

What keeps you coming back to GLA every day?

The kids. Definitely them. Not only do I love seeing my current second grade scholars, but I love that I can see all the students I had that are now in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. I am so proud of how so many of them have grown and continue to grow each year. I'm looking forward to seeing my first group of 2nd graders graduate 8th grade in just a few years!

What's your favorite memory from elementary/middle school?

I LOVED the book fair. It was absolutely one of my favorite things to do at school. I couldn't wait to buy a few books and maybe something fun like a cool pencil or eraser. It definitely gave me something to look forward to and enjoy as a kid.

What's your favorite thing to do in Chicago?

I really enjoy going to coffee shops or cafes because I love a sweet treat! I'm always looking for places where I can sit and read a book and get something good to drink. I enjoy going around Chinatown, Wicker Park, River North and Lincoln Park to find some nice places!

We all know teaching can be a stressful job! What's your favorite way to unwind?
Read a book I'm really into!

What's your dream vacation?

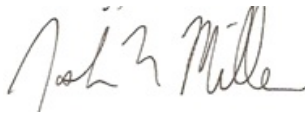
I've traveled around a lot but I've never been to Japan. It looks so beautiful, the food looks yummy and I know they have lots of great cafes to check out!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

All **3rd-8th** graders will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). This is a required state assessment of grade level standards in English Language Arts and Math. There will be testing each morning from Monday, April 7th to Thursday, April 10th.

We are little less than 30 days away and we are ramping up test prep and practice to prepare our students. Parents, we need your help as well. Please encourage students to practice IAR skills at home during these weeks leading up to the test. Furthermore, it is extremely important for all students to be in attendance for this test each day. **Please ensure your student is on time to school each day (no later than 8:00)** and gets a good night's sleep each night so they can be their best!

With gratitude,



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLA Parent Advocacy Meeting

- Join us for our next meeting **TODAY** Tuesday, March 11th, from 4:30-6:00 pm. There will be a presentation from Natural Path Nutrition on easy food hacks and ideas with free samples.
- Google Meet joining info: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pks-zgka-hqf> or dial: (US) +1 314-474-2565 PIN: 886 654 647 #



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**Natural Path Nutrition will present
healthy snack and drink ideas with free
samples!**

GoCPS High School Results: Release 03/14

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Release:
March 14th at 5pm
Visit: apply.cps.edu

coleary@glachicago.edu or brobinson@cjaacademy.org
for support

On Friday, March 14th, High School results will be released on the [GoCPS](https://apply.cps.edu) platform at 5pm. Please make sure you can log into the platform before then, as the platform will be closed from March 10th - March 14th at 4:59 pm.

If you have any questions or need support, contact Ms. O'Leary (coleary@glachicago.org) or Ms. Robinson (brobinson@cjaacademy.org).

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing! If your student is missing a jacket, sweater, lunchbox, or folder please have them look in the lost and found. **We will be donating any items not claimed on Friday, March 21st.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Lakes Academy Spring Benefit

Join us for a night of fun, networking and **FUN**raising! The 10th Annual I Be Great Spring Benefit will be held Thursday Apr 3, 2025 from 6pm- 10pm. We are excited to

have our GLA families come celebrate with us. Use the promo code GLAFamily25 for your discounted ticket of \$100



THURSDAY,
APRIL 3, 2025
6:00PM-10:00PM

CITY HALL RECESS
838 W. KINZIE ST.
CHICAGO, IL

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Intent to Return 2025-26- PAST DUE

- To help us plan our enrollment for the 2024-25 school year, we ask all families

to confirm if their scholar(s) will be returning to Great Lakes Academy next year by filling out our annual Intent to Return Form.

- This year, the form will be completed online in the platform “Powerschool Enrollment”.
- You should have received an email with instructions; if you have any questions, please contact the front office at 773-530-3040.

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

March 10 - April 4, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 5Essentials Survey Comer Med Van Visit	11 5Essentials Survey IA#3 (4th Grade) Parent Advocacy Meeting, 4:30 pm	12 IA#3 (4th Grade)	13 End of Q3- Report Card Distribution	14 Parent Teacher Conferences, No School 8th Grade GoCPS: High School Results Released
17 Wellness Day, No School	18	19 GLA: Community Conversation, 8:00 am	20	21 2025-2026 Lottery
24 Spring Break, No School	25 Spring Break, No School	26 Spring Break, No School	27 Spring Break, No School	28 Spring Break, No School
31 Student and Staff Spirit Week	1 Student and Staff Spirit Week	2 Student and Staff Spirit Week	3 Student and Staff Spirit Week GLA Spring Benefit, 6:00 pm	4 Student and Staff Spirit Week

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