



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

October 29, 2024

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Kelly-Ann Williams - 1st Grade ELA

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

The Great Play Date was so much fun!

Tell us one of your proudest teacher moments.

Working with my co-teacher Sabrae Gayles to get better at teaching reading and writing.

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

I had awesome teachers growing up.

What keeps you coming back to GLA every day?

Supporting scholar achievement

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

The Boogie Down Bronx!

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

Taking the subway for a field trip in 4th grade!

What's your favorite thing to do in Chicago?

Hang out with my friends, usually at a nice dinner.

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

The gym!

What are your hidden or surprising talents?

MCing/Hosting/Writing Poetry

What's your dream vacation?

I've already taken it- to Cancun to marry my husband!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parents, save the date! Parent-teacher conferences are Friday, November 1, 2025 from 11am - 7pm. These conferences will be held in person, a change from previous years. This Friday parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers and learn more about their scholar's academic progress. This is a great time to ask any questions you may currently have and explore ways to continue supporting your scholar's growth. There will also be informational tables for school programs.

If you have not done so already, please sign up for a 15 minute conference slot in advance through Sign Up Genius. Please see the emails GLA has sent with your child's homeroom's unique Sign Up Genius link.

We hope to see you there!

Principal Miller



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent Advocacy Committee (PAC)

Thank you to all who have attended previous parent engagement sessions. GLA will no longer sponsor the Power Parents group. However, we have formed a **Parent Advocacy Committee (PAC)** that will work with a school liaison to support the school's mission. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month, and the next meeting is scheduled for **November 12th at 4:30 pm**. This committee will prioritize increasing parent engagement and supporting school initiatives. Our Dean of Student and Family Engagement, Ms. Melissa Stangl, will be the GLA Liaison for the PAC. Please join us for our next meeting to learn more about the committee and how your participation can support the GLA community.

Sign Ups Open: Wave Two After-School Enrichment

Wave Two Sign-Ups are now open! [CLICK HERE!](#)

SIGN UP FOR WAVE 2

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 12TH
ONLINE OR WITH MS. O'LEARY



MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

K-2 Science Explorers	4-8 Goddess Mentoring
K-3 HW Help	4-8 Advanced Art
2-5 Beacon Board Games	4-8 Spoken Word
3-4 Jr. Beacon Athletics	4-8 Sustainability Club
	7-8 GLA Nail Salon

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

K-2 HW Help	5-8 Strength & Conditioning
K-4 Intro to Dance	6-8 Party Planning Committee
K-8 Karate Kids	7-8 GLA Nail Salon
3-5 HW Help	

Programs meet twice weekly on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. If you want your scholar enrolled Monday-Thursday, you will have to sign them up for two programs on the respective days.

- Wave Two: Monday, November 18th - Thursday, February 27th

All programs will run 3:15-5:00 pm. Cost: ***\$175/each program/per wave** unless otherwise noted.

Please reach out to Caitlin O'Leary, coleary@glachicago.org with any questions!

Winter Sports Sign-up!

Winter sports will get underway November 11th. The sports offered will be girls & boys basketball as well as co-ed cheer!

Both the girls and boys basketball teams will be competing in a league this year with a chance to win a championship. If you have a student-athlete that played last year or has played competitively in the past we would love to have them back! See sign-up below.

Winter sports sign-up

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items will be set out during Parent Teacher Conferences (11/1: 11am-7pm). Any items not picked up will be donated. Please remind your student to visit the Lost and Found during the week if they are missing an item.

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
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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 (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

The GREAT Chicago Jamboree

Join us for a Spooktacular Evening at The GREAT Chicago Fall Jamboree! **TOMORROW NIGHT!!** 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 7th
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 28th - November 22nd, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	31	1
Math IA #1- 4th Grade Mobile Dentist	Math IA #1- 4th Grade Mobile Dentist	Fall Cultivate Survey, 5th-8th Mobile Dentist The Great Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree (K-8), 5:00-7:00 pm	Mobile Dentist Dia de Los Muertos Celebration	Parent Teacher Conferences- No School
4	5	6	7	8
Wellness Day, No School	Election Day, No School	Mobile Dentist Fire Drill #2	GLA Open House, 5:00-7:00 pm 2025-26 Application Launch Date	Mobile Dentist 3rd-5th Grade Hangout, 5:00-7:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15
GLA Week of Gratitude	GLA Week of Gratitude Parent Engagement Meeting, 4:30-6 pm	GLA Week of Gratitude	GLA Week of Gratitude IA #2 (3rd Grade)	GLA Week of Gratitude IA #2 (3rd Grade)
18	19	20	21	22
Wave 2 After-School Programs Begin	↑	GLA Community Conversation, 8 am IA #2 (5th-8th Grade)	IA #2 (1st-2nd Grade)	IA #2 (1st-2nd Grade)

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