



The Weekly Wave

Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

March 12, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Friday, we will be holding our Trimester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences provide an important opportunity to get updates on your child's progress academically and social-emotionally. It also gives parents a chance to talk to teachers about what they are noticing about their child and inquire about how they can better support them at home.

In Trimester 1, we held conferences for 89% of our students. We would like for that to be **100% for Trimester 2!** It is critically important for us to connect with you.

To sign-up for conferences, look for the email titled 'GLA: T2 Parent Teacher Conferences - Sign-up Link [Your Student's Homeroom]'. Within the email, there is a link unique to your student's homeroom (this link was also sent by text). Click the link and follow the instructions to sign-up. **Sign-ups close tonight (3/12).**

We all have the same goals in mind for our students. We want them to be happy, to be successful, and to achieve academically so they can have choice-filled lives as they get older.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences. We look forward to deepening our partnerships with each parent in order to best serve each student.

Principal Miller

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 - 2025 Calendar & Student Code of Conduct Feedback Due 3/22

We would like your feedback on our next school year's calendar and student code of conduct. To provide your feedback, please take a few moments to fill out the following Google Forms:

- School Calendar Feedback Form: Click [HERE](#)
- Student Code of Conduct/Family Handbook Feedback Form: Click [HERE](#)

Birthday Celebrations

We cannot allow birthday celebrations to interrupt the academic day or allow birthday celebrations at lunch considering that classes are eating together in the cafeteria. If you would like to bring a birthday treat, please contact your child's classroom teacher to make arrangements for the treat to be distributed at dismissal. Parents will be informed if there is a food allergy in the class; if such an allergy exists, we ask parents to be considerate and avoid that food product in birthday snacks. Treats must be store bought (not homemade).

Middle school has academic classes until dismissal, therefore they are not allowed birthday celebrations at school.

Parent Portal Survey: Please Give Your Feedback!

GLA is excited to introduce a cutting-edge Parent Portal, a virtual hub tailored to provide real-time insights into student progress. We value the input of GLA Parents/Guardians and Staff Members in shaping this innovative platform. Your perspectives are essential to us; we invite you to respond to our survey below and help shape the future of our Parent Portal!

- Access the survey [here](#)
- Please respond by Friday, March 22nd

Lost and Found

If your student is missing any hats, gloves, sweatshirts, or jackets, please have them check the lost and found. All items remaining in the lost and found on March 22nd will be donated.

Loaner Uniforms

All K-2nd parents, please send an extra labeled change of clothes to school with your scholar. This will remain in their locker in the event they have a spill or accident and need a change of clothes.

All parents, please return any GLA loaner pants your scholar has worn home.

If you have extra pants that your scholar has grown out of, we will always accept donations at the front office.

Parent Teacher Conference Sign-ups

Parent teacher conferences will be held virtually on Friday, March 15th. As Mr. Miller mentioned above, sign-ups were emailed on Tuesday, February 27th and close TODAY, Tuesday, March 12th. Please check your email and text messages for your sign-up link (each homeroom has a unique link). Contact the front office if you did not receive one.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Use Your Voice to Shape the Black Student Success Plan

The CPS Black Student Success Working Group would like to hear from you as they shape their plan to improve outcomes for Black students across the district. Please consider attending one of the opportunities listed below to share your thoughts.

Help Chicago Public Schools Create Our Black Student Success Plan

What is the Black Student Success Plan?

Helping our Black students achieve increased success in the classroom and beyond is one of our top priorities. Thus, we have created a **Black Student Success Working Group** to develop a plan to guide our efforts.

How Can I Help?

Our **Black Student Success Working Group** wants to hear from you as they decide on the recommendations to include in our plan. We are hosting seven upcoming community roundtables to discuss these recommendations. You are welcome to attend any of the meetings below.

Date	Location	Time	Location
Tuesday, March 12	Northside (Uptown)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Uplift Community High School (900 W Wilson Ave)
Wednesday, March 13	Southside (Englewood)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Kennedy King College (U-building is 740 W. 63rd St, Chicago, IL, 60621)
Thursday, March 14	Westside (North Lawndale/West Humboldt Park/Garfield Park)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Beidler Elementary (3151 W Walnut St, Chicago, IL 60612)
Tuesday, March 19	Virtual	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Link to be provided
Tuesday, March 19	Far South (Roseland)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Family Services (235 E 103 St)
Wednesday, March 20	Southside (Bronzeville/Hyde Park)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts (555 E 51st St)
Thursday, March 21	Far Westside (Austin)	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Michele Clark Magnet High School (5101 W Harrison St)

REGISTER!

Where Can I Ask Questions?

Please feel free to send any questions to bss@cps.edu.



[Great Lakes Academy's 9th Annual BE GREAT Benefit](#)



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Be Great Benefit

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YEAR

Galleria Marchetti

825 WEST ERIE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60642

START TIME
6 p.m.

March Madness! March 18-March 22nd

March Madness this year will be Monday, March 18th - Friday, March 22nd. During this week, students will compete in academic challenges and fun activities as they pump up for the upcoming IAR tests. Spirit dress down days are as follows for *all* grades:

Monday, March 18 -Hat Day (wear your favorite hat!)

Tuesday, March 19 -Superhero Day (dress as your favorite superhero!)

Wednesday, March 20 -Twin Day (dress up with friends and match!)

Thursday, March 21 -Class Clash Day (pick a class color and everyone wears it!)

Friday, March 22 - Game Day (wear your favorite jersey!)

4th-8th Grade 5Essentials Survey

- Wednesday, March 20th during school
- Survey on the comprehensive picture of the school environment based on five essential areas critical for school improvement in a meaningful context of similar and successful schools

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, with any questions.

Athletics- Co-ed Track and Field

- Co-ed Track and Field begins Tuesday, February 27th-Thursday, May 9th
- All practices will be Tuesdays/Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 pm
- Meets will be on the GLA website calendar and given to the athletes by the coach
- Please reach out to Titus Perez, tperez@glachicago.org, with any questions.

8th Grade GoCPS Acceptance

High School Decision Accept/Decline deadline is March 15th at 5:00 pm!!

Please reach out to 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

March 11th - April 5th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 ANET 3	12 Trimester 2 Field Trips ANET 3	13 2024-25 Lottery Q3 Assessments End Today ANET 3	14 Staff PD No Classes	15 T2 Parent Teacher Conferences No Classes T2 Report Cards Emailed to Families GoCPS Accept/Decline Deadline <i>8th grade</i>
18 March Madness Celebration Begins Staff and Student Spirit Week Hat Day Trimester 3 Begins	19 Staff and Student Spirit Week Superhero Day	20 GLA Monthly Community Conversation <i>8:00-9:00 am @ GLA or virtual</i> 5Essentials Survey Staff and Student Spirit Week Twin Day	21 Staff and Student Spirit Week Class Clash Day	22 March Madness Celebration Ends Staff and Student Spirit Week Game Day
25 Spring Break School Closed	26 Spring Break School Closed	27 Spring Break School Closed	28 Spring Break School Closed	29 Spring Break School Closed
1 First Day of Autism Acceptance Month	2	3 Reclaiming Minds Therapy: GLA Parent Workshop <i>6:00-7:30 pm</i>	4	5

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