



Weekly GLA Family Newsletter

April 30, 2024

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

K-4th ABC Countdown to Summer!

ABC COUNTDOWN				
mon	tue	wed	thu	fri
SUMMER IS COMING!			A nimal Day	B ubble Day
C razy Socks Day	D rawing Day	E nd of Year Awards	F ancy Fit Day	G ame Day
H at Day	I ce Pop Day	J oke Day	K indness Day	L ights Off Day
M usic Monday	N ew Name Day	O pposite Day	P icnic Day	Q ueen and King Day
	R ead Around the Room Day	S unglasses Day	T aki Day	U pside Down and Inside Out Day
V isit Day	W all to Wall Cleaning Day	eX change Seats Day	Y earbook Signing	Z oom into Summer Day 

The K-4th ABC Countdown to Summer begins on Thursday, May 2nd! Each day will be a letter of the alphabet and include a special theme or activity.

***Please note that only dedicated days are dress down days or added accessories to the scholars uniform- not all days are dress down specific and scholars will be expected to be in uniform.**

Days students can Dress Down / Bring an item to School: *Must be in uniform on all other days!*

Thursday 5/2 → Bring a stuffed animal to school (small or medium sized only)

Monday 5/6 → Wear crazy socks with their uniform

Thursday 5/9 → Dress down in a fancy fit
Friday 5/10 → Can wear a jersey or sports hat with their uniform
Monday 5/13 → Can wear a hat with their uniform
Wednesday 5/29 → Can wear sunglasses
Friday 5/31 → Can wear their uniform inside out
Please reach out to your scholars K-4th teacher for more information!

5th-8th Spring Ball - A Night in Hollywood



Friday, May 10th in GLA's final dance of the 2023-24 school year from 5:30-7:30 pm!

Requirements will begin Monday, April 29th:

- < 1 referral
- < 3 resets
- < 3 bathroom resets
- 90% attendance
- no physical or verbal altercations

First 100 students get a VIP bracelet!

Spring Book Fair May 10th-16th

The book fair will be starting next week! Families can attend Tuesday, 5/14 from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Next week look out for your student to bring home more information on what day their homeroom will be attending!

Annual Forms due Friday!

If your student is returning for the 2024-25 school year, you are asked to fill out paperwork in Schoolmint **by this Friday**. Please see your email for more information and reach out to the front office with questions.

After-School Music Program in Bronzeville

Great Lakes Academy is looking to partner with The People's Music School in the

upcoming years. Currently, they are looking for interested students that would like to join for Fall 2024 in Bronzeville. This program teaches strings and other instruments and is completely free. No experience is necessary! Please use the below QR code to sign up for more information!



AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM!

GREATER SOUTH SIDE PROGRAM

Who: Children Grades 1-11
What: Band, Orchestra, Choir and General Music Classes
Where: Wendell Phillips Academy HS in Bronzeville
When: Twice a week after school, up to 4 hours
Why: Gain skills that will last a lifetime with our intensive, high quality music program!

COMPLETELY TUITION-FREE!



Want to join our Greater South Side program? Attend our In-Person Open House!

OPEN HOUSE
Monday, May 20, 6:30PM
Wendell Phillips Academy High School
244 E Pershing Rd, Chicago, IL 60653



Fill out the interest form to stay informed on upcoming open houses and registration deadlines.
peoplesmusicschool.org/registration

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's raise charter voices

CPS is hosting a series of [community events](#) to provide information and hear what families think of the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan Proposal. This district recently stated they wanted to move away from school choice and charters like Great Lakes Academy.

Tell them what you want! Charter families deserve to have their voices heard. **Tomorrow (Wednesday), May 1 from 6pm - 8pm**, a meeting will be held right in our community at Corliss High School. Our Executive Director will be present, and we are looking for at least two other parents to come out and let their voices be heard. To register for the sessions, click [here](#). We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Durham at edurham@glachicago.org.

Help Us Grow Our Community: Seeking Kindergarten Students for 2024-25!

As we gear up for another exciting academic year, we're reaching out to you for help in spreading the word. Do you have friends, family, or neighbors with children who will be entering kindergarten this fall? **Encourage them to apply** (here: <https://glachicago.org/admissions-application-faqs>) and become part of our dynamic learning community. Also, remember that our early admission program is open to all students who will turn 5 by December 31st, 2024. Your support in sharing this opportunity is greatly appreciated!

GLA's 9th Annual BE GREAT Benefit: May 2nd

Put on your best pair of sneakers for an unforgettable evening celebrating our scholars, our recent academic achievements, and more! Enjoy delicious food, an open bar, and a unique silent auction all while supporting our scholars' education and the GLA community.

Tickets for GLA families are \$100 with the discount code **"BEGREAT1"**. Click [here](#) to

purchase!

We hope to see you for a night of fun and celebration supporting Great Lakes Academy!

9th Annual Great Lakes Academy BE GREAT Benefit

MAY 2, 2024
6:00 - 9:30 pm

GALLERIA MARCHETTI
825 W. Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60642
Attire: suits and sneakers

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 Funds raised will allow Great Lakes Academy to continue delivering a world class education to scholars on Chicago's southeast side.

Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony- Friday, June 7th

- Doors open at 8:30 for a prompt 9:00 am start
- To celebrate our Kindergarteners who are moving up to 1st grade
 - Handing of certificates, poems, and chants - graduation style
- Four (4) tickets will be disbursed via the front desk beginning on May 24th
- There is no entry without a ticket.
- Reach out to kinder teachers for more information!

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 or Caitlin O'Leary, coleary@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 Dates to Note

The countdown is on for the 8th Grade celebratory events happening at the end of this year! I wanted to remind you of important dates approaching quickly. In order to send our scholars off the GLA way and to their high school of choice, we have many events planned. Please mark down and/or reserve the following dates of importance:

Friday, May 3rd - 8th Grade Photos (during school hours, must wear cap and gown)

Friday, May 10th - Spring Ball, 5:30 pm (5th-8th grade)

Friday, May 17th - High School Decision Day, 9 am*

Tuesday, May 21-Friday, May 24th - 8th Grade DC Trip

Tuesday, May 28th - 8th Grade Awards Dinner, 5:30 pm*

Thursday, May 30th - 8th Grade Clap Out (during school hours)

Tuesday, May 28th-Friday, May 31st - 8th Grade Spirit Week

Friday, May 31st - Graduation, 4 pm*

Wednesday, June 5th - Field Day (during school hours)

(*families invited)

Families are invited to Decision Day, the Awards Dinner, and Graduation. The Awards Dinner and Graduation will be ticketed events. The following ticket amounts will be available:

Awards Dinner: Four (4) tickets available including scholar (**must purchase, \$25 each**)

Graduation: Four (4) tickets for family, no ticket needed for scholar (**free**)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND PICK-UP AS OF MAY 1st AT THE FRONT DESK.

Cap and gown fees are due! **The purchase at cost, \$25.** There will be no loaner gowns.

8th Grade photos will be free of charge, complimentary of GLA. You will receive the photo link approximately 2-3 weeks after portrait day. No photo packet is necessary.

Furthermore, **class t-shirts will also be available to purchase for \$20** prior to Decision Day. You will be sent a PayPal link once t-shirts arrive.

Please reach out to Stephanie Beck, sbeck@glachicago.org or 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

April 29th - May 24th, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Power Parent Meeting 4:00-6:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>El Dia Del Niño Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month</p> <p>Far South Community Forum 6:00-8:00 pm <i>Corliss High School</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Spring Cultivate Survey <i>Grades 5-8</i></p> <p>GLA Spring Benefit 6:00-10:00 pm <i>Galleria Marchetti</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>8th Grade Portraits</p> <p>Mid-Trimester 3 Progress Reports</p> <p>24-25 Annual Forms Due</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>Mobile Dentist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>Last Day of Spring Athletics</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>Book Fair</p> <p>5th-8th Grade Spring Ball 5:30-7:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Book Fair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>Book Fair <i>Family Shopping Open 3:30-4:30 pm</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Book Fair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Book Fair</p> <p>Virtual 7th Grade HS Success Info Session 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Haitian Flag Day Celebration</p> <p>Decision Day 9:00-11:00 am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p>8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p>8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p>8th Grade DC Trip</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>ANET Q4 Navigator Interims iReady EOY Assessments</p> <p>8th Grade DC Trip</p>

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