



GREAT LAKES ACADEMY



THE EAGLES NEST

Welcome to the First Edition of 2021

We're Still Standing!

Entering into a new year can be filled with excitement and anxiety; we can never tell what will happen next. But, we must remain resilient through it all. GLA is here to provide support and share the load during the best and worst of times.

In this issue, and those that follow, the Eagles Nest will communicate the many ways that GLA is here to support our families. You'll learn about services that our community partners provide as well as how our teachers and staff are here to help prepare our students for the future. We will also celebrate achievements and happy occasions and look forward to you sharing yours with us. Let's stay encouraged and in touch!

Here's to a safe, healthy, joyous and prosperous New Year!!

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!

VIRTUAL LEARNING

At this time, GLA will remain 100% virtual until at least March 1st.

STEM PROGRAM PILOT FOR GRADE 6

Our 6th graders are going to learn how to create code! Ms. Sampson explains more on p.3

WELLNESS HOTLINE

Call Mon-Fri. 5:00-7:00pm

248.745.5892

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

Please give us a call if your child's Chromebook isn't functioning well or if you need internet assistance

248-334-6434

RE-ENROLLMENT: February 1st. -28th.

BLACK HISTORY COMMUNITY EVENTS, p.4

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH





A Message to Our Families

...From Principal Yaccick

This message comes to you with deep appreciation and respect for what each family has done to ensure that your children are receiving the best possible education. At no other time has the strong partnership between school and family been so important. Without a doubt, this strengthened unity has proven, once again, that the GLA community will rise above any challenge. Let's stay the course, and together we will reach the finish line!

...From Mr. Drummond

Thanks to our GLA team for a fantastic start to 2021. We've been doing a good job with upholding our online expectations, which has helped us to provide the best possible virtual experience. I am excited for our students to use their well-deserved points to purchase items from the PBIS Rewards store. Let's finish the year strong - Go GLA!





Digital Reading for Everyone through Sora

Sora is a digital library where all GLA students can check out books. Students have access to the link via their Canvas homepage.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to check out quality literature.

GLA also has its own digital library within Sora too! This means that students can use their Pontiac Library cards to check out books and media. If your child lives in Pontiac, but doesn't have a card, the link below will allow them to register for a card
[.https://melstage.tln.lib.mi.us/Registration/pont/pReg.html](https://melstage.tln.lib.mi.us/Registration/pont/pReg.html)

Pontiac Public Library Curbside Service!

Services include:

- Checking out Wifi Hotspots, Books, Movies, Games
- Printing, Copying, Faxing, Scanning and Emailing
- Notary services also available.

Call 248-758-3942 for details or visit their website at: pontiaclibrary.org or download our mobile app



The Wellness Corner -

"What is the hardest thing about homeschooling? If you can't choose just one thing, you're not alone.

Click on the link below to read more...

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/a33608758/virtual-learning-tips-for-parents/>

A Message from Ms. Sampson - STEM Pilot Program for 6th Graders

The 6th graders and myself are beyond excited to start the STEM Pilot program. I expect that the students are going to enjoy learning how to code, which will provide them an opportunity to expand their career hopes and aspirations for the future. I cannot wait to get started and see what amazing games the students create!



Black History Month Programming

Pontiac Black History Scavenger Hunt, 2/12-2/21
Register online to receive the 1st clue then find the others scattered around the City. Participating organizations will have a 'Clue Poster' affixed to their building. Once you have completed the hunt follow up with the library to be entered into a drawing for a variety of donated prizes. For full rules and registration go to <https://pontiaclibrary.org>



African American Read-In, Fri. 2/19, 3-5pm
Librarians and guest speakers will read passages by their favorite black authors. We will open the floor for you to read from a black author you're passionate about too. Register to join and get the Zoom link. Reach out to our Teen Services Librarian, Josh, at jcampeau@tln.lib.mi.us by 5pm on Thurs., 2/18 if you want to read.

Wednesday Night Story Time, 5:30-6:30pm
Join us on Facebook Live each Wednesday evening in February as our Youth Librarian reads picture books focused on themes about Black History Month.

Grandma Reads a Story, 3-3:30pm
Join us on Facebook Live each Thursday afternoon as grandma reads a story. For the month of February all stories will be themed for Black History Month.

Black History Month Book Trivia, 12:30pm
Every Monday through Friday we post a trivia question to our Facebook and Twitter pages about famous authors and books. For the month of February all questions will be focused on books written by black authors.

Social Media Challenge

Music and Fun for Families: Black History In American Music

Family Fun - Starting Monday Feb. 1, 7pm

Black History in American Music

AMERICAN FOLK BLACKFACE MINSTRELSY THE BLUES JAZZ ROCK N' ROLL HIP-HOP

- Monday Feb. 1 - **Music in Africa - Celebrate!**
- Monday Feb. 8 - **Africa Comes to America**
- Monday Feb. 15 - **Spirituals, Ragtime, Blues, Jazz**
- Monday Feb. 22 - **Contemporary American Music**

Fun, Interactive, Educational Celebration
Teacher Lesson Plans, Student Studies
Kids Bring Instruments & Art Supplies!



Meet our Superstar Students! Play, dance, sing music together!
Supporting Organizations: PRC Pontiac Regional Chamber - Pontiac United Education Coalition - Mindfulness Institute of Michigan - Center for Success Michigan Council for Arts & Affairs - Michigan Touring Arts - Worlds of Music
Hosted by: Guy Louis Sferlazza of Worlds of Music. serving Michigan schools, families and communities since 1986; For more info: www.worldsofmusic.onlin

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