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GREAT LAKES ACADEMY

THE EAGLES NEST

Welcome Back Eagles!

GLA teachers and staff are glad to have our students back in the building and happy to see familiar and new faces online. Although, no one knows exactly how long it will take to achieve some level of "normalcy" in our lives, we must stay positive and encouraged.

Our priority is keeping our students, teachers and staff safe and supporting the needs of our in-person and virtual students. This will require a considerable amount of work, but with the help of our GLA parents and families, we can look forward to a successful school year!

Best wishes to everyone!

Phil Yaccick, Principal and CAO
Denyale Key, Dean of Students

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Spotlight on Our New Teachers and Staff

GLA is growing and have added some great additions to the team!

Deanna Jolley - 7th. grade teacher

Dan Rieffer - Support Staff

Christopher Woods - Support Staff

Jason Robbins - Support Staff

Ben Lubben - Support Staff

Visit our website at https://greatlakesacademy.org/, under the Staff tab to learn more about our staff and teachers!

GLA Covid-19 Protocols

Covid-19 and the Delta variant have had some devastating effects on our community. This is why GLA is following strict protocols in screening our students and staff. Although we know that flu season is upon us and seasonal allergies run rampant, sometimes these illnesses present symptoms similar to the Corona Virus. Therefore, our primary responsibility to our students and staff is to keep them safe.

If your child is exhibiting symptoms associated with Covid, you will be contacted to pick up your student. He/she will only be able to return when they provide a negative Covid-19 test result *(rapid tests results will not be accepted)* or if you choose not to have your child tested, he/she can return after 10-days of being sent home.

If your child has a fever and/or two or more of the symptoms below, he/she may be sent home:

·Cough
·Sore throat
·Fatigue
·Runny or stuffy nose
·Loss of taste or smell
·Nausea and vomiting
·A variety of upper-respiratory symptoms

If your child is not feeling well, please keep him or her at home.

To receive a copy of the Safety Protocols in its entirety, please contact our office at 248-334-6434.

Dress Code Guidelines

GLA Families, as you all know, we have instituted dress code guidelines that we need all of our students to adhere to. The dress code memo was sent to all of our families on August 12, 2021.

Now that the school year is underway, we will begin to enforce the dress code. Students will be sent home if they are not in compliance with the guidelines shown below:

Acceptable

- GLA logo clothing/uniforms
- Shirts with sleeves mid-shoulder length
- Denim or khaki pants
- Dresses and skirts below the knee
- Sweatshirts
- Turtlenecks
- Earrings - modest sized
- Shoes - fully enclosed (toe and heel area)
- Tennis shoes
- Boots

Unacceptable

- Ripped/torn/holes in clothing
- Sagging pants
- Hair bonnets, scarves/wraps or ball caps
- Overalls
- Pajamas
- Basketball shorts
- Sheer tops, shirts with exposed mid-drift or tops with low necklines
- Fishnet hosiery
- House slippers
- High heels or platform shoes
- Shoes with wheels
- Flip flops, sandals or slides

To receive the memo in its entirety, please contact our office at 248-334-6434.

Free Reading Support and Mentoring

If your child wants extra assistance in the area of reading, Center for Success is offering a free Virtual Literacy Mentoring program!

For more information or if you would like your child to participate, please contact our office for enrollment details.

Eagles's Nest Contest

It's time for students to demonstrate their artistic abilities and create a new image for the masthead of our newsletter. Our previous Eagle's Nest image was drawn by a GLA graduate, A'lana Osborne. Now, it's time for someone to create a new image for the school year.

-Contest Guidelines-

- image must include an eagle (the nest is optional)
- image can be in color or black and white
- image can be drawn/sketched
- image can be an original photo taken by the student of an eagle ***(visit the Detroit Zoo - they have three bald eagles)***
- Deadline to submit your art - October 29, 2021

The winner will receive a $25.00 restaurant gift card.

If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Key 248-334-6434

Technology

Class DoJo and login issues

Class DoJo Connection

Are you connected to Class DoJo? If not, please contact our office and let us know! Class Dojo is the best and easiest way for you to contact your child's teacher.

The Class DoJo app can be downloaded on your phone and your child's teacher will send you an invite to accept the code. Class DoJo will allow you to:

- receive up-to-date class information
- Ask questions about lessons and homework
- Request feedback on your child's performance
- Receive important school-wide information

Login-Issues

We admit that there have been technology issues that have prevented some of our virtual students from logging in or accessing Canvas. We truly apologize and sincerely appreciate your patience. We are still working to ensure that we provide the best solutions in the most timely manner.

Although we have been able to help many of our students achieve success, there are still a few students who experienced more challenging login issues and we continue to work through those.

We ask that if your child's login issues have not been resolved, or if you have begun to experience technology difficulties, please let us know.

Calendar of Events

Here's what happening in October and November

OCTOBER	
6	Count Day
21	*Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m.*
NOVEMBER	
2	**Election Day, No School**
5	**Quarter 1 Ends**
8	**Quarter 2 Begins**
18	*Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m.*
24-26	**Thanksgiving, No School**

School Closures

Fall is here, which means we're that much closer to winter. In order to help prepare our families, we have included local news outlets for you to tune into during inclement weather.

TUNE INTO LOCAL NEWS CHANNELS:

- FOX 2 DETROIT
- LOCAL 4
- 7 ABC DETROIT
- AM RADIO STATION, WWJ 950

GLA will also contact families via School Messenger (email and text) when school is closed.