



GARDNERTOWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY NEWS LETTER

GLA: Where We Grow, Lead, and Achieve!

September 2026



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS!

Welcome Back, GLA Families!

We are excited to welcome our leaders and families back for another wonderful school year at Gardnertown Leadership Academy!

Our students have been busy learning classroom routines, building relationships, and beginning a new year of learning and leadership. Thank you to our families for your continued partnership, flexibility, and support as we begin the 2026–2027 school year.

We look forward to a year filled with opportunities for our students to **Grow, Lead, and Achieve!**

Mr. Dottin, Principal

Mrs. Claro, Assistant Principal

SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES



GLA OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

We look forward to welcoming our GLA families! Come meet your child's teacher, visit classrooms, and learn more about the school year.



PTO SCHOOL STORE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Students will have an opportunity to shop at our PTO School Store during the school day.



COMING SOON

Be on the lookout for information about upcoming **October family events and activities!**

STAY CONNECTED

Please continue to check school communications, flyers, and messages on Class Dojo for updates throughout the month.



LEARNING IS UNDERWAY!

Our students are beginning their grade-level learning across all content areas.

Literacy

Students in grades K–5 are beginning instruction using our literacy programs, including:

Magnetic Literacy

Mosaico

UFLI Foundations

Heggerty

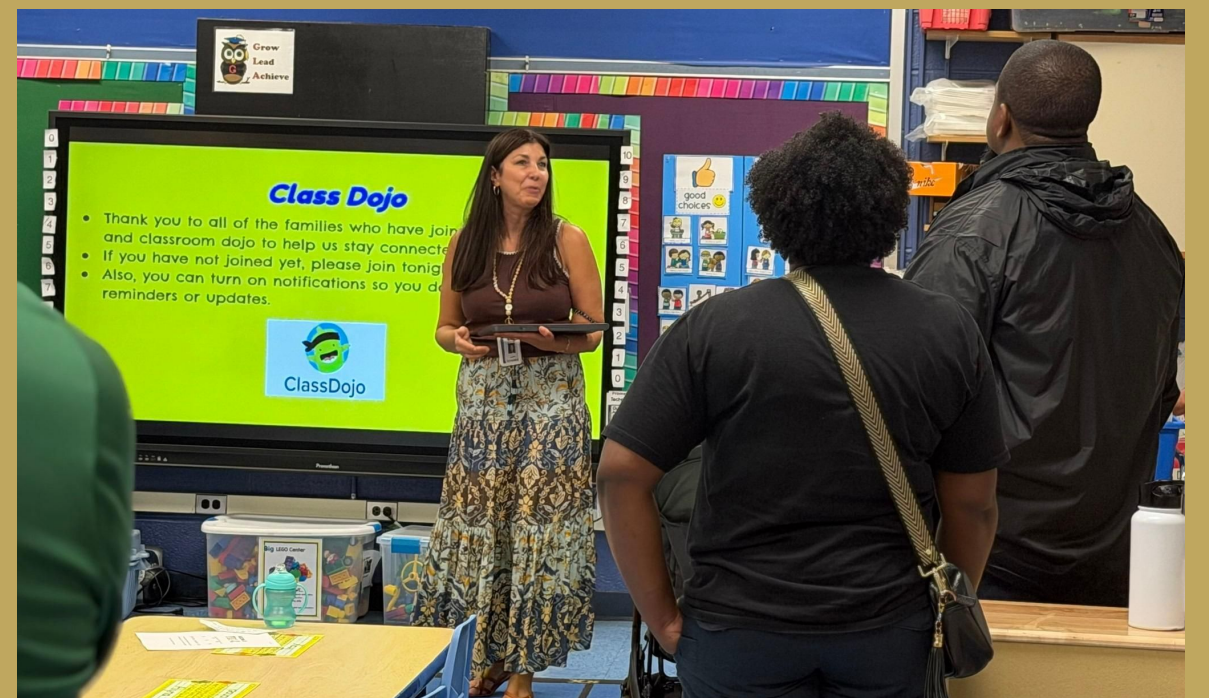
Teachers are working to build strong readers, writers, thinkers, and communicators.

Mathematics

Students are also beginning grade-level math instruction with opportunities to build:

- Number sense
- Problem-solving skills
- Mathematical reasoning
- Fluency
- Real-world connections

GLA OPEN HOUSE 2026





BEGINNING OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS

Throughout September, students will participate in several **Beginning-of-Year (BOY) assessments**.

These assessments help teachers understand:

- What students already know
- Areas of academic strength
- Skills that may need additional support
- Appropriate instructional groups and interventions

Students may participate in assessments such as **i-Ready, literacy assessments, and other grade-level screeners**.

How Families Can Help

Please help your child by:

- Getting a good night's sleep
- Arriving at school on time
- Eating breakfast
- Encouraging them to simply do their best

These assessments are not something students need to study for.



GLA LEADERSHIP CORNER

*Leaders Today
Brighter Tomorrow*

At Gardnertown Leadership Academy, we believe every student is a leader.

Throughout the school year, we will continue helping students demonstrate leadership by being:

 **RESPONSIBLE**

 **RESPECTFUL**

 **KIND**

 **SMART**

FAMILY LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE



Ask your child:
"How were you a leader today?"

Students can share a way they helped someone, solved a problem, showed kindness, took responsibility, or worked hard at something challenging.



Leaders Lift Others!



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every school day matters!

Regular attendance helps students:

- Stay connected to classroom learning
- Build strong academic skills
- Develop positive routines
- Build relationships with classmates and teachers

Our school day for **K through 5th Grade** - is **9:15 a.m.– 4:15 p.m.**

Our school day for **Pre-K** - is **9:15 a.m.– 3:25p.m. (Car Pick-Ups)**

Our school day for **Pre-K** - is **9:15 a.m. -4:15p.m. (Bus Pick-Ups)**

Please make every effort to have students arrive **on time and ready to learn each day.**

If your child will be absent, please follow the school's procedures for notifying us and providing appropriate documentation.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Thank you for helping us maintain safe and efficient arrival and dismissal routines.

Families can help by:

- Following designated arrival and dismissal procedures
- Keeping emergency contact information current
- Communicating dismissal changes as early as possible
- Making sure students know their regular dismissal plan

Safety remains our top priority.

GLA SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

