



GARDNERTOWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY NEWS LETTER

OCTOBER 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear GLA families,

We are off to a great start, and we have our wonderful families, staff, and students (leaders) to thank for it. We look back at September as our introduction to a new school for some, a new grade level and new teachers. With a new experience, much of September was dedicated to establishing clear routines and expectations for our leaders in the various areas of our school. Now that we have established our routines, we are moving into creating a strong educational foundation.

I ask that you remain involved with your leader's education. You can do this by paying attention to what is being taught in the classroom, reviewing weekly notices, and signing up for Class Dojo for both the school and your leader's teacher. We are here to partner with you for the success of your leader.

Continue to practice positive attendance for the 2025-2026 school year. It only takes 18 days of absence out of 180 days to be declared as chronically absent for the year. Your leader's presence is necessary for academic growth and development. Click the following document to understand when your leader should stay home from school: [When is sick too sick for school?](#)

Thank you for your continued support in the success of your leader.

Who are we?
We are Gardnertown!
What do we do?
We Grow, Lead and Achieve!

Sincerely,
Principal Dottin



UPCOMING EVENTS



FIRE TRUCK VISIT

OCTOBER 7, 2025

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, our local fire department will be visiting, giving students the opportunity to learn about fire safety and explore the fire trucks.



GLA HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 15, 2025

GLA will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special assembly, guest mystery readers, and the opportunity for students to dress in traditional attire.



GLA SPIRIT WEEKS

**10/20 - 10/24 - NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION WEEK**
10/27 - 10/31 - RIBBON WEEK AT GLA

GLA CHARACTER DAY PARADE

OCTOBER 31, 2025



DISTRICT NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONVERSATIONS SERIES

Dr. Jackie Manning Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, would like to hear from you! Please complete this brief survey, so her upcoming [Community Conversations Series](#) is tailored for our families! We look forward to collaborating with our families as educational partners.

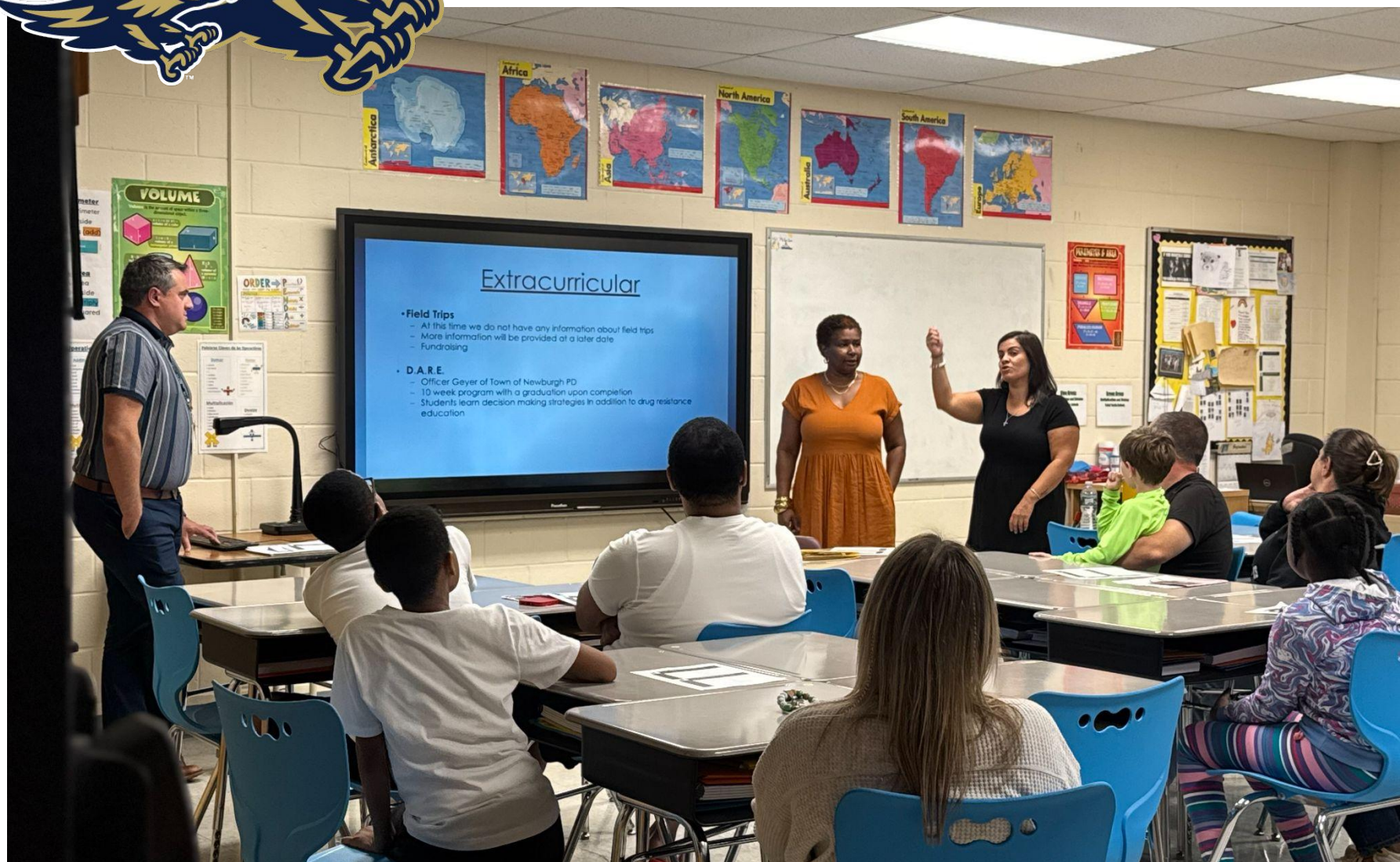


TEXTING BEGINS!

The district will begin sending texting messages this fall. To receive the messages, make sure your cell phone number is correct in the cell phone field. The number can be listed twice if that is your primary number. All parents/guardians who wish to receive a text should make sure their number is listed in the correct spot in their personal Parent Portal Account.

WALL CALENDARS

Wall calendars will be distributed to the youngest and only child of each family soon. You will find it in your child's backpack. Families can always add letter days and school/district events to their Google calendar for the most up to date information.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello GLA Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we help every child **Grow, Lead, and Achieve!** Here are a few simple ways to support your child at home:

- **Start the day strong:** A good night's sleep and healthy breakfast make a big difference.
- **Read together:** A few minutes a day builds language and confidence.
- **Keep routines:** Consistent schedules help children feel secure.
- **Talk daily:** Ask about their favorite part of the day or something new they learned.
- **Encourage kindness and effort:** Remind them that trying their best is what truly matters.

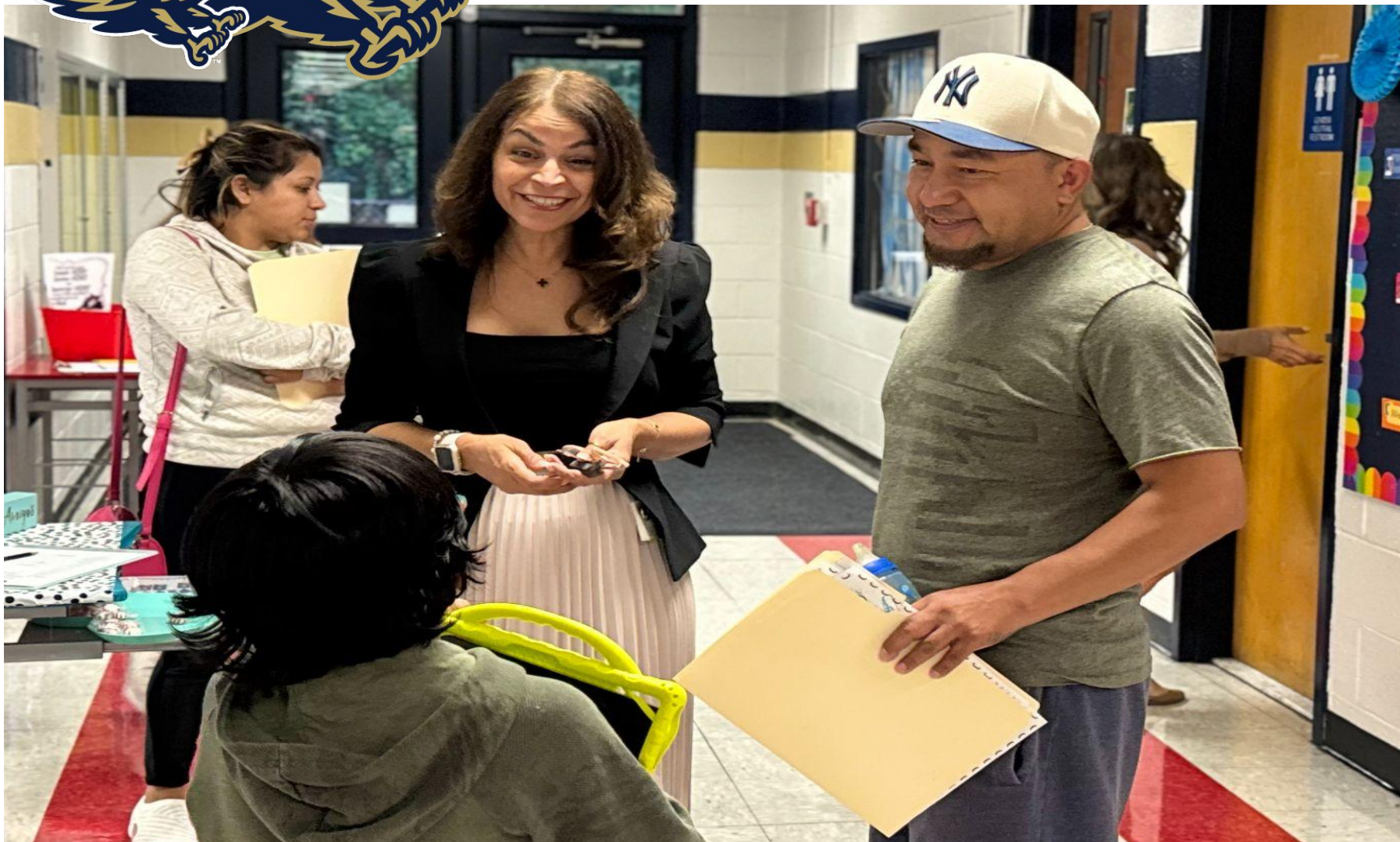
Together, we make Gardnertown a place where every child can shine!

Warmly,

Mrs. Claro

Assistant Principal





GLA PPS TEAM

Christopher Fassett, School Psychologist
Kalie Santana, School Social Worker

GLA is focusing on the character trait of Respect and raising awareness for National Bullying Prevention Month this October. Throughout the month, we will be providing classroom lessons in every classroom, having an assembly, and engaging in a spirit week. We will be talking about recognizing and respecting our own feelings and those of others. And we will be highlighting the importance of speaking up when we're not being respected or when we see others being mistreated.

We encourage you to continue these important conversations at home. Together, we can empower our young leaders to be respectful and advocate for themselves and others!

GLA SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

