

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Good Morning Glover School Families:

Well at long last we have some rain to help replenish the state's water supplies.

I love this statement and it exemplifies our focus this year. When students are asked a challenging question the students will answer one of two ways:

Fixed Mindset: I don't know.

Growth Mindset: I don't know, yet.

Our goal is to develop students who find complex problems a challenge that they look forward to solving.

PARCC Results: The state has released the PARCC standings. Students in the 3rd grade take the state assessments for the first time. I am pleased to announce that Glover continues to maintain our overall Level I status. Our student average scores in ELA is 789 with the district average of 781 and in Math is 774 with the district average of 771. This places us solidly in the meets expectations (750-809) level.

To continue our high standings on the state assessments can only be accomplished through the hard work and dedication of our highly professional teaching staff from Pre-K-3rd grade. The work begins with the assessments of our pre-k students. We work to identify areas that our newest students will need to focus on. Once we establish a baseline our teachers, tutors, and specialists work together to address these areas. Each year in school we continue to monitor the progress of our students by using a variety of assessments. We focus heavily on reading and mathematics. Our goal is to ensure all our students are well on their way to mastery by the time they leave the 3rd grade.

The Ship: The GSS FriendShip will hopefully be in place by the time the students return to school. If all goes according to plan the ship arrives today and tomorrow will be moved to its permanent site. We have to do a little work on it, but our plan is to Christen the ship on Thursday at our Community Meeting. We will be using a ceremonial bottle of Poland Springs water.

Drop Off Lane: If it is at all possible please have your children in car seats on the passenger side for morning drop off or pickup. It is dangerous to have them exit or enter the car from the driver's side because of cars exiting the parking lot on the left and people pulling up behind you. I understand it may not be possible if you have younger siblings in the car seat on the passenger side. A suggestion, if this is the case, would be to pull the front passenger seat all the way forward so your child can still exit or enter from the passenger side.

Lost and Found: Lost and found is now located underneath the main hall stairwell. We will be depositing lost articles daily. We will be donating un-claimed clothing to the Magic Hat at the end of each month.

Jay Walking: *Please do not jaywalk.* I cannot emphasize how dangerous a practice this is. You are teaching your children to jaywalk one of the busiest streets in town and that may someday bear tragic results.

Host Families: We have three Commuting Students who need host families this year. We have one 3rd grade female and two 1st grade male students. Their long commute from Boston often prevents them from attending after school events such as the talent show.

If you are interested in hosting please contact Francois Fils-Aime, Marblehead METCO Director, and he will explain what hosting means. You can email Francois at fils-aime.francois@marbleheadschoools.org.

Spirit Day: Spirit Day will be Friday October 7th. Students are encouraged to wear any Glover Spirit Wear, or Red and Blue colors, or Patriots gear.

Picture Retake Day: The picture retake day is Monday November 14th.

Magic Hat: We had a wonderful turnout for the Magic Hat. Thank you for donating your time last week.

Important Dates:

- October 7th Spirit Day
- October 10th Columbus Day no school
- October 11 Full day professional development no school
- October 12 Yom Kippur no school
- Picture retake day November 14th.

On behalf of our very caring, dedicated, and most excellent staff have a great week.

Regards,

Brian