

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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*"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.-



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As you may have noted that after a lot of hard work we were able to enlist the help of support staff to once again manage the drop off lane. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to those parents who stepped forward to try and find a solution to the problem. A special thanks to Karen Byron who lead the parent effort.

**Volunteerism:** Glover is a wonderful school and filled with many creative and educational experiences for your students. Our teachers work very long hours to find ways to spark imagination in their classrooms. There are science experiments in the second grade to teach temperature. First grade had a group of lessons aimed at teaching students about the Japanese culture. There are yoga classes in kindergarten to teach students how to relax and find their centers. There is an upcoming field trip to the Boston Tea Party Museum to help 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learn about Massachusetts History. In our cafeteria we embody our Core Values and use lunch to help students learn how to sit and eat, have quiet conversations, and clean up after themselves. The recesses are the learning place for students to learn to play safely, engage all students, and to follow the rules of the games they play.

All of the planning and implementations are done daily by our wonderful staff. One key element to keep all of this working well is you. Parent volunteers are extremely critical to keep our school the excellent place that it is. Many of you work and may find it difficult to contribute your time, that is why we are extremely grateful when you can. We are constantly in need of chaperones for field trips, parent volunteers in the classroom, playground, and lunch time. If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom please check in with their classroom teacher. If you can help at our recesses or lunches, please contact Barbara or Linda in our main office.

**School Spirit Day:** [We will be having a school spirit day on Friday.](#) Students are encouraged to wear any Patriots Sportswear, clothes in red and blue combinations, any Spirit Wear, or Marblehead team sportswear.

**Fill Rocky With Love:** Our fill Rocky With Love is off to a great start. It began last week with our Pre-K classes and it was really wonderful to see how excited the students were putting their hearts on Rocky. I will be visiting the rest of the classrooms by grade once a day until the end of the drive on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The hearts are 25 cents for one or five for a dollar. All proceeds go to the PBIS program.

**Fit February:** Fit February starts at our February 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting. We kick off the month of fitness focus with the Frisbee Show.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> starts our 8<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring this fund raising event for the American Heart Association. Our students show Glover's true spirit by the heart felt desire to fund raise to help others. You only needed to see how excited they were to give up their candy for the Veterans, or donate to those boys in need at the Plummer House. Jumping for Heart Health helps students develop the sense that they can give back to the community by not just getting Mom and Dad to give them money, but to earn it by putting in their own sweat equity.

The students learn to jump rope and seek pledges for the amount of time they jump rope. Mr. Fargo opens the gym for free time when the students can come in and add minutes to their pledges.

**Virtual Backpack:** There are a lot of exciting activities and events taking place in the community. Don't miss out on any of these wonderful events. You will find a complete listing on the district website; <http://www.marbleheadschoools.org/index.php/quicklinks/virtualbackpack>.

**Important Dates:**

- School Spirit Day February 3rd
- Fit February begins February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Jump Rope for Heart Feb 13
- February Break February 20-24th

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

Regards,

Brian