

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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*“We make a living
by what we get
We make a life
By what we give”*

Winston Churchill

On Friday I had the honor to be the volunteer mystery reader in Ms. Thomas' kindergarten. The students were engaged in playtime when I arrived. The minute I walked in all eyes began to turn towards me and the classroom quickly quieted. Ms. Thomas told them that I was their mystery reader and very quickly they left their activities and sat down in front of me. There is nothing more satisfying and wonderful than to sit in a chair and have eighteen pairs of eyes studying you intensely as they sit in front of you. As you read and turn the pages they either frown because they are concerned with the characters or giggle and laugh at the funny story. They are so focused and delighted to have an adult read to them that the short time you donate is absolutely priceless. This is the reward for volunteering your time as a mystery reader in our school. You are helping to create the love of the written word in children. If you have not had the opportunity to be a volunteer reader, I highly recommend the experience. If you are afraid you will make a mistake or not be a good reader, don't worry they will help you. I had one volunteer tell me that as she read a Dr. Seuss book and after a few pages, one of the students raised her hand. The volunteer paused and looked at the student. The student said, Ms. you are supposed to show us the pictures after you read. The volunteer looked at the students and they all very solemnly nodded their heads up and down. She said she burst out laughing and they all joined in and all was well.

Dear Glover School Families:

Volunteerism: As my opening missive stated volunteers are a critical need at Glover. Without your help many of the wonderful experiences our students receive would be greatly diminished. There are so many ways to volunteer. We are always in need of chaperones for field trips and special projects in the classroom. Our lunch and recesses could always use more parents to help manage our students during this very important time of the day. We have created a list of volunteers for recess and lunch if you cannot help on a regular basis. We use this list when one of our lunch/recess staff is out. You can volunteer to come in for a specific lunch/recess time or the entire lunch/recess block. If you are interested in helping please contact your classroom teacher or myself. If you would like to help at lunch/recess, please contact Barbara or Linda in the main office and they can help you.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pickup: **Please drop your students off in the drop off lane.** It is unsafe to drop them off anywhere else in the parking lot.

Please pull your car all the way forward in the drop off/pickup lane. By doing that the lines will move quickly.

Magic Hat: The Magic Hat is one of the vital ways the PTO raises money. Last year Glover received \$27000 for the parent volunteer hours. For every hour you volunteer the PTO receives a stipend from the Magic Hat. Not only does the PTO receive money any parent volunteer can get a discount for coming in.

This money is used to fund our enrichment programs.

Following is the sign up link for our first Magic Hat week, September 19-23. Note that we only have three days to volunteer as the Shop is closed on Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22.

Ali Drayer and Lindsey Olson are the PTO parents who run the Magic Hat for Glover. We cannot thank them enough for the hard work they do for us.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49a9a822a46-glovermagic10>

Coffee with the Principal: On September 13th at 8:15, please join me over a cup of coffee or tea to have a wide open dialog. I don't plan on creating an agenda and we can talk about anything happening at Glover or anything you heard or saw at our Open House.

If you are planning on joining us, it would be most helpful if you could send me an email at ota.brian@marbleheadschoools.org so that I can be sure we have the right size room. If you would like me to respond to a specific question, please feel free to include that in your email.

Listening Tour: Superintendent Perry and the Gerry School Building Committee invite you to share your thoughts and concerns as they continue the Coffin Bell School feasibility study. It will be held in the High School Auditorium, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Parking: A reminder that the parking lot is reserved for staff only. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTO: Maryann Perry our Superintendent will be joining us for the PTO parent coffee meeting on Friday September 15th at 8:30 AM. Please join the Superintendent and myself and hear what is being planned for the district and for Glover. Co-Presidents Karen Bryon and Aimee Hughes will talk about what is happening in the PTO.

Safety Drills: We want to ensure that our students and staff are safe at Glover. To accomplish this important part of our school, during the month of September we will be holding fire drills, lockdown drills, and bus evacuation drills. These are very important practices so that our students and staff react to any emergency in the planned method. The more we practice the more automatically the students and staff will respond should a real emergency take place.

Footwear: Flip flops are great for the beach but not safe for the playground. During recess they run like the wind, play all sorts of ball games and need sturdy footwear to prevent injuries. Please be sure your student has sandals with a strap behind the heel or shoes or sneakers for recess.

Glover Open Hours: **There is a correction to** Our Pre-K-3 open house hours on September 12th from 6 PM to 7:00. Please excuse our typo.

Virtual Backpack: *There are a lot of exciting activities and events taking place in the community. For example Cub Scouts and Girl Scout signups. 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:

- Glover Open House September 12th at 6:00-7:00 PM
- Coffee with the Principal September 13th at 8:30 AM.
- September 21st & 22nd no school

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

Regards,

Brian

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