

The Principal's Corner Glover School

Endurance is Patience Concentrated
-Thomas Carlyle

April 10, 2017

When I was in high school I ran track. I thought I was a pretty fair runner, then I joined the Marine Corp and found out what running really is. Even today I try to run every morning before work. It is not easy and I really have to push myself. It is always that last mile that is the hardest part. Now that spring break is over we are on that last mile at school. As May rapidly approaches we find ourselves anxious that we may not have enough time to impart all we have to before school ends. Students know the end is near when the clear weather and warm temperature and sunny skies calls to them. It is the great time when patience is the key but is in short supply. As the saying goes, "Keep Calm and Carry On."

Brian Ota
Principal



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Volunteer Recognition: At our last Community Meeting before vacation we recognized a very important volunteer group-Library Volunteers. On an average day at Glover 350-400 books are checked out and that many are returned. That is an equivalent of one book for every student from Pre-K to 3rd grade! Without the library volunteers it would not be possible to keep the library stocked for your readers.



From left to right: Ms. Richman, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Hodgkinson, Ms. McComish, Ms. Moran
Missing:
Ms. Moores, Ms. Orfaly, Ms. Laughlin, Ms. Jaffe, Ms. St. Clair, Ms. Doran, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Purdin,
Ms. Thayer, Ms. Baron, Ms. Bailey

Transition Planning: If you feel your child has needs *that we may not be aware of*, you will need to comment on those issues, in writing by April 28, 2017 using the enclosed Parental Request Forms (PRF). We will be unable to accept a PRF after April 28th.

Please remember that requests for a student to have a specific teacher will not be accepted.

Recess: We had a few very hot and sunny days this month with temperatures hitting the 70's. The long range forecast is predicting those temperatures later this week.

If your child is susceptible to sunburn, we recommend you apply suntan lotion before school.

It is highly recommended you send your student in with water bottles. Our bubblers are designed to facilitate refilling water bottles. There are no bubblers on the playground. If you do send in water bottles please print your child's name on the outside. Every couple of weeks we throw away an awful lot of water bottles that lie unclaimed in the lost and found. If your child's name is on them, we will get them back to them.

Service Learning: The food drive ends this week. We are grateful for all the donations and look forward to hearing the service learning experiences of the students who participated.

MCAS: The 3rd grade ELA portion of the MCAS is scheduled this week, Tuesday through Wednesday. We will kickoff the process with a 3rd grade Monday meeting to discuss the importance of MCAS, the security requirements, and how to prepare themselves for the assessments. During the testing, we allow the students to have hard candy or gum. Articles released by the Department of Education state use of these candies helps to reduce stress enabling the students to perform better. If you do not want your child to have gum or hard candy, please inform his/her teacher. If you do agree to the use of candy, we recommend you send in hard candy such as jolly ranchers (no chocolate or jelly beans) or sugarless gum. We have learned over the years to instruct children to only bring in 5 pieces a test, rather than the 5 lb bags some would bring in. They will only be allowed candy during the MCAS and will not be allowed to consume it in the building or on the playground.

We recommend you give them a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast during the days of MCAS

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:

- MCAS for 3rd grade: ELA is on April 25, 26, and 27th and Math is on May 2nd and 3rd.

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

Regards,

Brian