

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Dear Glover School Families:

**“Creativity** is thinking up new things  
**Innovation** is doing new things”  
Theodore Levitt

One of the greatest strengths of Glover is that the faculty is always searching for new ways to excite the students to increase their desire to learn and to stretch themselves beyond their current limits. A great example is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math Night (see below). This was created last year in response to parents looking to better understand the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math curriculum. It was so successful that the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers have made it an annual event.

Innovation comes in many forms. Some are simple but exciting ideas. When you come into our building the main stairwell has a matrix of numbers on each kick plate. It challenged the students to find the mathematical patterns in the arrangements. There were no formal lessons just something that sparked the student's natural curiosity. When they came in the day after it was done, they asked so many questions and were told see if they could find the patterns. They walked away talking to each other excited and trying to solve the puzzle.



I have observed a science experiment in which a teacher used eggs to demonstrate matter changing states from liquid to solids. The students were caught up in the experiment that used real life examples to clarify a science concept. We are all very fortunate to have a faculty that goes beyond the textbooks to bring learning to exciting and new levels.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math Night:** My name is Emily Perez, I'm a second grade teacher at Glover. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade team is hosting a Math Night for Glover Second Grade Families, and we would love for you to attend and cover the evening!

It's Thursday, November 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 in the cafetorium.

The goal of the evening is for parents and their children to learn and play math games together that support our curriculum. Sometimes kids teach their parents, or they learn side by side. Each family leaves with a packet of all the games so that even if they don't get around to all the tables they can play them at home. We hope that these games can supplement our homework, and bring a new spin on "family game night!" Superintendent Maryann Perry and Assistant Superintendent Brad Smith will also be running a table. Last year was our first one, and we had over 90% attendance of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families!

We hope to see you there!

**Glover Spirit Days:** We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to the PTO for buying our students Rocky T-shirts. The T-Shirts have Rocky on the Front and the Class of XXXX on the back. Each grade has their own color. We will ask students to wear them on field trips and special events. The staff has been wearing our school spirit wear on Fridays to continue enhancing our school spirit. Students are encouraged to wear their rocky shirts on Fridays. If you could have seen the school the day after the T-shirts were given, it was a riot of color as students proudly wore their T-shirts.

**Professional Development:** November 15 will be a half day professional development. The three lower elementary schools, Bell, Coffin/Gerry, and Glover will combine resources to host Dr. Chris Willard. Dr. Willard (PsyD) is a psychologist and educational consultant. He is the author of *Childs Mind* (2010), *Growing up Mindful* (2016) and *Raising Resilience* (2017)

Dr. Chris Willard will present to our faculty how to apply grit and growth mindset to build resiliency in students. He will also discuss methods to find balance through our stress laden world for both students and teachers.

*The PTOs from the three schools are also sponsoring Dr. Willard to host a one hour presentation for parents beginning promptly at 6:30 in the Glover Cafeteria.*

**Magic Hat:** Our next Magic Hat week is October 31<sup>st</sup> –November 4<sup>th</sup>. I know how hard it is to give up time to volunteer at the Magic Hat, but an hour investment results in the PTO receiving money that funds so many of our enrichment programs

The work is easy and an hour goes by very quickly. If you can invest the time the signup genius is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49A9A822A46-glovermagic11>

**Lost and Found:** We are gathering more pullover sweaters and jackets than ever. We will be taking any item left in lost and found and donate it to the Magic Hat on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Any water bottles or lunch boxes will be thrown out.

**Parent Consent Form:** If you and your student have not signed this important document please do so as soon as possible. If you cannot find your form it is attached to this newsletter. If you have already sent this form in, thank you.

**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:**

- Magic Hat October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2nd Grade Math Night! Join us on Thursday, November 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 in the Cafetorium.
- Picture make up Day Monday November 13.
- Professional Development November 15<sup>th</sup> early release at 12:00
  - PTO sponsoring a Parent presentation with Dr. Chris Willard at 6:30 in the Glover Cafeteria
- MCAS dates: The English Language Arts test dates are Sessions 1-3 April 24-26th and the math dates are Math sessions 1&2 May 10-11<sup>th</sup>

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

Regards,

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