

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Good Morning Glover School Families:

It is truly wonderful to see how our school motto of "Choose Kindness," has become a true part of our culture. Starting on last Tuesday and all week long so many of our students rushed into the office carrying bags of candy to donate to our troops. They were so truly happy to be giving up their candy for our soldiers. We collected over 100 pounds of candy last week! The drive ends Thursday.

**Growth Mindset:** The staff attended a half day workshop on Growth Mindset with David Castelline. The overwhelming response from our staff was how informative and productive the workshop was. We began implementing Mindset yesterday at our Community Meeting. To get the students' attention a series of questions was asked to the group, such as: "Have you ever made a mistake that you were embarrassed over? Have you ever had a problem the teacher asked you to do, but it was too hard? Have you ever been afraid to try something new?" At first only a few hands went up, but when the students saw their teachers and their principal's hand go up the entire student body was raising their hands. These questions were followed up by a Sesame Street video called the "The Power of Yet," starring the Muppets and Janelle Monae. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLeUvZvuvAs>. The teachers will be showing this video again in their classrooms and discussing with the students what they are seeing and the message of the video. Our work on Mindset has just begun and we are very excited about its potential.

The evening session sponsored by our wonderful PTO for parents was very well attended. I have received similar comments from parents on how exciting the concept of Mindset is. If you are interested in reading about Growth Mindset, I highly recommend, "Mindset the New Psychology of Success," by Carol S. Dweck.

**Picture Make up and Retake:** Retakes are Monday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Retake Day Instructions: If you are not completely satisfied with your portrait and would like to try again, you have the opportunity for a free retake. Please return the entire, undamaged portrait package to the photographer on Retake Day but keep your class photo. Write any suggestions for the photographer on a piece of paper so it shows through the envelope window. Retake Day is rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the portraits will be taken indoors against a neutral backdrop. Retake Packages will be distributed at school approximately 3 to 5 weeks after Retake Day.

**Dogs:** Please do not bring your dog on campus. We have folks with pet allergies and I have had staff un-expectantly bitten by dogs.

**Crazy Hat Day Fundraiser:** On November 30<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a fundraiser to support our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program. Students are encouraged to donate \$1.00 to wear a crazy hat or any hat for that matter in school all day. The money we raise will be used to continue expanding our PBIS program that is having a very positive impact on the social emotional development of our students.

**Health Screenings:** Health screenings will begin on Monday. Nurse Murray has written an attached newsletter full of health information.

**Magic Hat:** Our Magic Hat days this week are: November 8-10<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> (November 11 is Veterans Day). I met with the PTO coordinators for Enrichment last week. It is amazing the number of enrichment programs that Glover will have this year based on the donations from the Magic Hat.

The sign up for Magic Hat is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b49a9a822a46-glovermagic4>

**Glover Hoedown School Dance:** The PTO dance will be held in the Glover Gymnasium on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 PM. The music will be provided by DJ Kathie Zerkle of KZMoves. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Hope to see you there!

**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:**

- No School November 11, Veterans Day
- Picture retake day November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hoedown Dance November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8PM
- Early release at 12:00 PM November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- No School November 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>

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

Regards,

Brian