

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Dear Glover School Families:

School Spirit Day: *We will be having a School Spirit Day Friday.* Students are encouraged to wear any Patriot's gear, or blue and red clothing, any Marblehead Spirit Wear, or any Marblehead Sports Team clothing, for example, soccer, football, field hockey, or cheerleading.

We have our all school Community Meeting every Thursday. This year the PTO generously bought Glover T-Shirts for the students. *We are asking the students wear them every Thursday to our Community Meeting to show our school spirit.*

New Hires: I am pleased to announce we have filled our last faculty opening.

Special Education ACCESS Teacher:

Silvia Milone-Martin has her Master's in Special Education from the College of Saint Rose in New York. She has been a long term Special Education Teacher in the Chelsea Public School System working with children with Autism.

Recess Dress: With a lot of snow on the playground students must have boots, snow pants, jackets, gloves or mittens, and hats to be able to play on the snow during recess. Students without the proper attire will be limited to the hard topped area on the playground.

Glover Third Grade Fine Arts Night You are most cordially invited to our concert and art exhibit with songs, instrumental pieces, dance, and visual art portraying seasons and cycles in nature and life on Wednesday January 17th. The performance will begin at 6:30. The snow date is Thursday January 18th

Students participating in the concert please meet at 6:15pm in room 204

Parent Conferences: We wish to thank the over 100 parents who took the survey. The result of the survey was inconclusive. The parents almost equally favored the old schedule of half days or the new schedule of one full school day and an evening session that went from 1:00 to 8:00 PM. Some commented that it was easier to arrange childcare on the half-days because after school programs such as the YMCA after school or the JCC picked up childcare after early dismissal. Working parents favored the evening session because it gave them greater flexibility to schedule a conference. One overwhelming concern was the long sessions that teachers had to attend on the evening day. Parents felt it was difficult for teachers to teach in the morning and then hold conferences until late evening.

The results of our survey's will be discussed with the administration to determine how we will schedule next year's conferences.

PTO Spiritwear: There are still a few articles that have not been picked up. You will find them in the Main Office.

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:

- Professional Development ½ day January 10th dismissal at 12:00
- School Spirit Day, January, 12th.
- No School January 15, Martin Luther King Day
- MLK PTO Skate 15th 10-11:50
- Fine Arts Night January 17th at 6:30
- Village School Incoming 4th grade parent night Feb 28.

- ***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 10-11th***

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

Regards,

Brian

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