

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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"My dad encouraged us to fail. Growing up, he would ask us what we failed at that week. If we didn't have something, he would be disappointed. It changed my mindset at an early age that failure is not the outcome, failure is not trying. Don't be afraid to fail."

Sarah Blakley

The first week has come and gone. It was a very smooth start, there were the usual bumps that our excellent staff dealt with. At Community Meeting we re-introduced Growth Mindset with the students. Students and staff were given wristbands with Glover on one side and "I don't know the answer....yet," on the other. For those of you unfamiliar with Growth Mindset, I would recommend Carol Dweck's book, "Mindset the New Psychology of Success." There are also many YouTube videos and TED Talks that help explain this well researched learning concept. We began this work last year and saw amazing results with our students. At the end of last year if a student was stuck, their tongue would stick out or pencil end would be chewed vigorously. If the teacher asked if the students if they needed help they most often heard, "I don't know the answer....Yet." The students plugged away until they discovered the answer. Growth Mindset is now part of the fabric that will continue to make Glover stronger and more successful.

Dear Glover School Families:

Pre-K: Tuesday morning at 7:55, Ms. Weiss and Ms. Xiarhos' students will line up outside their Pre-K doors. Ms. Norely's, instructional aides will bring them into the main lobby through the main doors.

The instructional aides will bring any student riding a bus to the appropriate Pre-K assembly point.

Kindergarten Morning Routine: On Tuesday the Kindergarten will line up **at 8:15** under the portico. We are starting them later than the rest of the school to make their first day less confusing and calmer. Students will line up in front of their teachers and be escorted into their classrooms. Parents will be allowed to join them in their classrooms for a short visit on Tuesday. On Wednesday Kindergarten students will line up **at 8:05** with the rest of the school under the portico against the wall with the etchings. Parents can escort their children to the classroom door and say their goodbyes there. On Thursday the kindergarten students will line up on the first cone under the portico with the rest of the school and will enter the building without parents. Experience has shown that once the students enter the building with the rest of the student body that they will transition from home into a learning environment with much less stress and in a much shorter time.

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

Acceptable Use and Handbook Sign Off Sheets: The sign off sheets that state you have read the Acceptable Use Policy and have read the handbooks was inadvertently left off the handbook. Enclosed please find this document and sign and return it with your student(s).

Water Bottles: Please do not send in the new style of glass water bottles inside a rubber housing. We had one shatter in the classroom scattering glass around the room. We request only plastic or metal water bottles be sent in. Please be sure to label them. We throw away many unclaimed water bottles.

School Advisory Committee (SAC): SAC is an advisory board to the principal. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC please contact me and we can discuss the SAC charter in more detail.

Coffee with the Principal: On the second Wednesday of the month (Sept 13th) @8:15, please join me over a cup of coffee and talk about Glover. There will be coffee, tea, or water and plenty of open dialog. If you are planning on joining us, please send me an email so that I can plan the appropriate venue. If you would like me to respond to a specific question, please feel free to include that in your email.

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

PTO: Great news, 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 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: Our Pre-K-3 open house is September 12th from 6 PM to 7:30.

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:

- September 5th is the first day of school for Pre-K starting at 8:05 and Kindergarten with an 8:15 start time
- September 6 Kindergarten start time is 8:05
- Glover Open House September 12th at 6:00-7:30 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