

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Well, in the first place, military service, they don't call it service for nothing. You are actually serving your country. And it is a worthy and valid vocation.

Rick Warren

It has been a very long time since I found myself a very young Marine in the jungles of Viet-Nam. Back then I was one of a rare group of men who volunteered to serve rather than being drafted. I joined the Corp because my parents had instilled in me a deep sense of gratitude towards the United States. My parents believed that America was so great because it offered everyone the chance to rise to any level you strive for. Over the years those lessons have remained with me. They were brought back to the forefront on Thursday when 120 first graders paid tribute to Veterans. As they sang patriotic songs which included, "God Bless America," my spirit soared as the innocent voices sang "God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her..." We must remain committed to principals that we welcome everyone, we respect and value our differences and that together we will rise above our own limitations.

Dear Glover School Families:

**Traffic:** Here are some very important reminders on drop off and pickup:

**Please:**

- **Do not park in the parking lot.**
  - The limited spaces are for the staff.
- **Drop off and pick up in the drop off/pickup lane only**
- **Do not double park in the parking lot to drop off or pick up students**
  - You are creating a traffic jam and are creating a hazardous situation for other drivers and students
- **Do not park in the drop off/pickup lane.**
- **Do not get out of your car in the drop off or pickup lane**
  - Staff will help get your students in or out of the car
- **Pull all the way forward in the pickup/drop off lanes**
  - This will allow more cars to pickup or drop off behind you.

Following these rules will make drop off/pickup faster and more efficient. Using these protocols will ensure the safety of your students.

**Breakfast Program:** Starting on Monday the Glover School will be hosting a supervised morning breakfast from 7:30 to 8:05. Hot food and cold food selections will be available for \$1.75. *Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.*

***We are asking that parents use the same morning traffic drop off procedures and use the drop off lane for students participating in the breakfast program. Please do not drop students off in front of the school or on Maple Street to ensure the safety of our students.***

**Parent Volunteer Signup:** We are continuing the parent volunteer stand by list. On occasion if we have a staff member absent and we have a need for parents to help supervise recesses and lunches. It would be a tremendous help for the school if you could sign up and be placed on the volunteer signup sheet if such a need occurs.

You could sign up to cover a specific grade or for as much time as you feel able to give. If a staff member is absent, the office will give you a call and if you are available, you would then come in and cover the time(s) you are available for.

The lunch and recess schedules are:

Kindergarten: 11:55-12:15 lunch and lunch recess is 12:15-12:35

1<sup>st</sup> grade: 12:00-12:20 recess and 12:20-12:40 lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 12:45-1:05 lunch and 1:05-1:25 recess

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 12:50-1:10 recess and 1:10-1:30 lunch

The responsibilities are simple. At recess you would watch over the students to ensure they are playing safely and to line them up when recess ends to either to go lunch or to return to their classrooms. At lunch you ensure they are seated and are following the lunch rules and are keeping their areas clean and neat. You do not have to clean the tables; the students are responsible for that. I would be happy to provide more information if you are interested.

**Kindergarten Thanksgiving Presentation:** The kindergarten will be performing a Thanksgiving Show on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 in the Cafetorium. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Veterans Day Concert:** The first grade held its Veterans Day Concert at last Thursday's all school Community Meeting. It was a wonderful concert and was so well attended by parents. The students were so excited to perform. We hope you enjoyed the show.

**Professional Development:** November 15 will be a half day professional development. Students will be released at 12:00.

*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.*

**Treats for Troops:** The collection of Halloween candy continues to grow in our main office. We will continue collecting candy until Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We have collected so much candy that a parent trip has already been made to the Marblehead Police Department. There are still several large boxes of candy to go.

**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:**

- 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
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Show: November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30
- PTO Glover School Dance: November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 in the gym
- Thanksgiving Break: No school November 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **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,

Brian

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