

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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'Children have neither past nor future  
They enjoy the present  
We forget how to live when we grow up"  
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I want to thank the PTO for the wonderful Luau Dance Friday.

As the dance began, the minute the students came into the gym the first thing they did was to leave their parents side and run like the wind from one end of the gym to other. At some point many would stop and dance. The dance was not like we do, but free and uninhibited. I saw so many children moving their feet, their bodies, and in rhythms that somehow matched the music but looked entirely chaotic and unique. Parents were staring at their children in wonder watching this spectacle unfold. Turning to one couple I said, "Welcome to an elementary dance!" They smiled and let out a laugh. I always wondered why the first thing students do is run like their hair is on fire. I had an epiphany. They run and dance like that because they are free of the self-imposed limitations we learn over the years. They are innocent. They run because no one tells them not to in a gym that they are not allowed to do so during the day. They dance the way the music tells them too, because no one yet knows the socially acceptable way to dance. If you think back to your own high school dances, I know I always was so afraid of looking foolish not being able to follow the latest dance craze. Like so many boys I stood in clusters with my male buddies looking cool, but not dancing no matter how much I wanted to. The lesson to be learned is to let our children run free and dance without limitations and enjoy their freedom as long as they can. For all too soon the social norms will set in and the innocence will make way for fitting in.

Dear Glover School Families:

**Traffic:** I have included a letter from Chief Picariello of the Marblehead Police Department raising awareness of traffic concerns for the Glover Community.

Many concerns are raised over the drop-off/pickup problems. This is the single topic is the most addressed in the Principal's Corner.

**Please:**

- **Do not jaywalk, please use the crosswalks where a crossing guard will help getting your family safely across the streets**
- **Do not block traffic on Maple Street getting into the parking lot**
- **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 and safe.**

**Parent Volunteer Signup:** We lost a lunch/recess aide so the need for the parent volunteer stand by list is critical until we can hire another lunch aide. We have an immediate 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 as the need arises.

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.

**Lunch Recess Aide:** We are in need of a lunch/recess aide. It is a ten hour paid position that runs from 11:45-1:45 five days a week. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please give me a call and we can discuss the position.

**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.

**Professional Development:** The professional development held Wednesday was well received by all three elementary schools. The faculty learned about resiliency and how it affects development of the brain. Dr. Willard presented a practical hands on approach to developing resiliency.

The PTO sponsored evening presentation to parents that was well attended. Comments from parents mimicked those from the faculty; that the presentation was informative, practical, and can be easily adopted at home.

**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:**

- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Show: November 21st at 8:30
- Thanksgiving Break: Early release on November 22 at 12:00pm. 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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