

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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“If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.”
Abraham Maslow

Good Morning Glover School Families:

Our task as teachers is to continuously challenge students to look at learning as a complex group of puzzles that can and will be solved through perseverance and thoughtful strategy. When students express helplessness at understanding a lesson, we ask them how they attempted to solve the problem. We acknowledge and validate their efforts and then guide them to find another strategy to resolve it. We view each attempt as a learning in itself. We encourage innovation and through this effort we spawn a love of challenges and students who will continue to grow and learn throughout their lives.

Pickup/Drop Off Lane:

We have lost our only staff member who was able to do the drop off line in the morning. Unfortunately, at this time I do not have anyone else to help. I will be outside as often as I can, but many of my meetings take place with teachers and parents before the start of school

1. Please do not get out of your car in the pickup/drop off lane.
 - a. It is dangerous and slows down the traffic line.
2. Please have your student exit the car on the passenger side.
3. Please do not drop students outside of the pickup lane.
 - a. It is dangerous and impacts the traffic flow.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

School Spirit Day: *We will be having a school Spirit Day on Friday.* Students are encouraged to wear patriots clothing, any combination of red and blue, or any Marblehead Team Sports clothing.

Dress for the weather: It is critical that the students be dressed appropriately for the weather. If there is snow students must have: boots, snow pants, jackets, hats, waterproof gloves (knitted ones get clogged with snow and do not protect the hands against the cold).

[The students who do not have the right snow clothing are restricted to the paved portions of our playground during recess.](#) This is for their own protection and to prevent them from sitting for hours in wet clothing. We had many sad students who were not allowed to slide down the hills with everyone else last Friday.

Retirement: Maribeth Barrell, inclusion teacher, has officially retired as of December 24th after 37 years of teaching. We were very thankful to have had such a dedicated teacher at Glover. We wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement.

New Hire: I am proud to announce our newest hire, Taylor Henry, to take over Maribeth's position. Taylor has been working with Ms. Barrell at Glover this year as one of our Endicott Fellows. She has her Elementary Certification 1-6 and her Moderate Disabilities Pre-K-8 certification. We welcome Taylor as our newest addition.

Early Release Day: On January 11th we have an early release day. The faculty will be focusing on three different areas: Second Step, PBIS, and Mindset in a series of workshops. Second Step is a formal social emotional development series that is used from Kindergarten through 6th grade. It has several modules on bullying prevention. The staff will be critiquing our very strong PBIS program focusing specifically on how it is performing at our school in the areas of classroom, hallways, playground and cafeteria and what we need to continuously improve it and keep moving forward. Similar work will be done on Mindset.

3rd Grade Fine Arts Night: The Fine Arts Night Concert is on Wednesday January 18th from 6:30-7:15pm (snow date January 19th) for an evening of music and art. I have visited the 3rd grade music classes of Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Miele, and can tell you that their students are practicing their music pieces extremely hard. It is amazing what they are working on. The art classes are engaged in the creation of imaginative art work under Ms. Guthartz's steady hand

PBIS Parent Information Night Showcase: Please join Marblehead Public Schools for a PBIS Parent Information Night Showcase on Tuesday, January 17th from 6-7pm at the Marblehead High School Library.

PBIS--Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports--is a framework for improved academic and behavioral outcomes for students in grades K-8. PBIS is a general education initiative establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success. One of the foremost advances in schoolwide discipline is the emphasis on schoolwide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

At this event, we will provide an overview of PBIS, current progress in implementing PBIS across the district, and highlights of PBIS activities at each of the elementary schools, Village School and Marblehead Veterans Middle School. Principals and PBIS coaches from each of the participating schools will be attending, showcasing some of the exciting work and achievements that have been accomplished during the past year. District administrators and Christine Downs from the May Institute will be joining us to provide an overview of PBIS and the connection to social-emotional learning, and how parents can support the PBIS school-home connection.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert Bellucci, Director of Student Services or Dr. Bradford Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at 781-639-3140. We look forward to seeing you on January 17th at 6pm.

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:

- January 11th Early Release Day.
- January 16th no school Martin Luther King Day
- PBIS Parent Showcase in the High School library January 17, from 6-7:00
- 3rd Grade Fine Arts Night January 18th 6:30-7:15

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

Regards,

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