

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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“A child can teach us three things:

1. Always be curious
2. Be happy for no reason
3. Fight tirelessly for what we want”

Anonymous

There are times when my day is so jam packed with meetings, putting out fires, writing reports, and trying to keep up with all the things that impact learning or the school. There are points in the day when I become exhausted. When that happens I leave my office and walk the building. Entering any classroom or greeting students in the hallway is so invigorating. It is hard to explain but if I stop to look at what the children are working on, they beam with excitement and proudly hold up their work. They will describe loudly with great enthusiasm and in great detail what they are doing. Once that happens I have to stop and admire every student's work because they stare at me expectantly until I stop and see them! This is not a burden but a wonderful benefit of being a principal in such a great school. Every room is engaged in something different. The teaching style of each teacher varies from room to room, but the thing that does not is their love of teaching and the mutual love between themselves and their students. By the time I return to my office, I am once again energized to face the day. If you would like to experience this yourselves, please feel free to volunteer your time in your student's classroom!

Dear Glover School Families:

Flu Season: The flu season is in full bloom. Enclosed please find an informational guide from the Center for Disease Control on the Flu. *Please remember to not send your student into school if they have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.*

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.

Kindergarten Registration information: The Marblehead Public Schools will be holding a parent information night Monday, January 22, 2018, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Lower Bell School, Baldwin Road. Please see the enclosed information bulletin.

Registration will be held from February 1–28, 2018, Monday through Thursday, by appointment, at Central Administration, 9 Widger Road. Packets can be picked up on Orientation night, at Central Admin or downloaded from our website at marbleheadschoools.org.

If you know of any first time Kindergarten parents, please pass this information on to them.

Community Spirit Day: I want to thank you for reminding your student to wear their Rocky T-Shirts to the all school community meeting on Thursday. It is so great to look up and see a sea of yellow, red, blue, and green. This is now going to be a weekly event. This simple thing is helping to build a sense of community at Glover

Recess Dress: The snow may have melted but students still need to have boots. The playground is wet and muddy and if you turn your back for one second someone will start kicking puddles or trying to slide down the mud in their sneakers.

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

Professional Development: The teachers spent last Wednesday's 1/2 day professional development on continuing the work, by grade, of incorporating the new Common Core Science Standard into lessons for the remainder of the school year. It is a daunting task of discarding or modifying parts the old curriculum with the new. The new standards have moved some of the previous taught areas to different grades.

Time was spent on evaluating and integrating the FOSS Science kits into the lesson planning. The FOSS kits are being evaluated by the district as the potential source of materials and experiments to augment our science curriculum. The teachers compared the standards to the materials in the kits and focused on determining the best way to use them and what other materials will need to be developed.

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:

- Fine Arts Night January 17th at 6:30
- School Spirit Day January 12th
- Kindergarten Parent information meeting January 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Lower Bell School
- Kindergarten Registration begins February 1st-28th.
- Village School Incoming 4th grade parent night Feb 28. Parents will be contacted by the Village School with more information
- ***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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