

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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Good Morning Glover School Families:

You may find this fact interesting. The IQ test is often used to imply that intelligence is fixed; you are either very smart with a high IQ (120+) or you are not (100-). The interesting fact is that Alfred Binet, the inventor of the IQ test, created the test to identify students who were not making progress in the Paris Public schools. The test was supposed to identify students so that new approaches could be developed to help them grow. As Dr. Dweck notated in her book, Binet summarized his work as:

“A few modern philosophers... assert that an individual's intelligence is a fixed quantity, a quantity that cannot be increased. We must protest, and react against such brutal pessimism...With practice, training, and above all method, we manage to increase our attention, our memory, our judgement and literally to become more intelligent than we were before.”

Dweck Carol. *Mindset, The New Psychology of Success*. Ballentine Books: page 5 2006

Our faculty will be focusing on developing a “Growth Mindset,” in our students.

The Ship: We began the naming process by having the classes come up with a list of names. From this very large number of names we narrowed them down to: GSS Glover, GSS Black Pearl, GSS Hannah Glover, GSS Rocky, GSS Salty Claws, GSS RockSea, GSS John Glover, GSS Broken Pencil, and the GSS FriendShip. Last week, the students and the staff voted on the final name. The GSS FriendShip was the winner (GSS stands for Glover Sailing Ship).

I have been asked by students and parents if they could come and watch FriendShip being installed. Unfortunately, there is very little room to safely view this process therefore, no visitors will be allowed during the installation.

School Pictures: Coffee Pond School Pictures are scheduled for September 26th.

MCAS: Our MCAS schedule is as follows: ELA April-25th -26th and 27th. The Math MCAS is scheduled May 2nd and May 3rd. The ELA sessions are: 60 minutes, 60 minutes and 4 minutes and the math tests are both 65 minutes long. They will be scheduled to begin at 8:45 each morning.

We respectfully request you not take vacation or schedule appointments in the morning during the MCAS test time.

Host Families: We have three Commuting Students who need host families this year. We have one 3rd grade female and two 1st grade male students. Their long commute from Boston often prevents them from attending after school events such as the talent show.

If you are interested in hosting please contact Francois Fils-Aime, Marblehead METCO Director, and he will explain what hosting means. You can email Francois at fils-aime.francois@marbleheadschoools.org.

Early Release Day: We had our first early release day Wednesday. The grade teachers, Specialists, and Special Ed teachers met by grade or discipline at Bell, Coffin/Gerry and Glover. They worked together to review the work done by teacher study groups over the summer. K-2nd grade reviewed the math curriculum maps, expectations, and looked at updating the report cards to match the new standards. The 3rd grade reviewed the ELA units as well as the math maps. The 3rd grade reviewed and approved the proposed upgrades to the report cards and forwarded them to Dr. Smith for final approval.

Magic Hat: Ali Drayer is our Magic Hat Thrift Shop representative.

For those who are new to the Marblehead Public School (MPS) community, the Magic Hat is a registered not-for-profit organization helping our community recycle and reuse while providing financial support for MPS. The profits are allocated to MPS PTOs to support programs and events that enhance the education of our Kindergarten through Grade 12 children.

Our school communities make the Magic Hat successful by doing our "fair share" of the work involved in the operation of the shop. Our Glover community is responsible to fulfill a minimum of 160 hours during each of two six-month allocation periods starting on September 27th.

Ali's goal is to get each and every one of you to donate your "fair share" and volunteer to staff the shop during our six coverage weeks for this school year. Your valuable time and support will allow Glover's Enrichment Committee to continue providing the amazing programs they bring to our children.

Wednesday, September 27th-Oct 1st is our first coverage week. Coverage consists of a minimum of two people per 30 minute shift.

You can sign up by going to this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49A9A822A46-glovermagic3>

Bring a grandparent, friend or neighbor...all are welcome to volunteer on behalf of Glover School. Upon arrival please sign in and make sure to log all volunteer time on the Glover page. The more we volunteer the more we earn!

If you have any questions please contact, Ali Drayer, at alidrayer@hotmail.com or 781-254-7282.

Important Dates:

- School Pictures Sept 26th
- Magic Hat Sept 27th-Oct 1st
- October 3rd and 4th Rosh Hashanah no school
- October 10th Columbus Day no school
- October 11 Full day professional development no school
- October 12 Yom Kippur no school

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

Regards,

Brian