

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."
Anthony J. D'Angelo



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I came to the Cape this weekend and had every intention of continuing my morning runs. However, the temperature was 16 degrees and the wind chill made it well below zero. I got dressed to run, walked out the door, at the bottom of the driveway I turned around and found myself hunkered down in the den with the gas fireplace blazing merrily away. Sometimes it makes sense to not run for health when frostbite is a real possibility! Hope everyone stayed warm this weekend.

School Hours: [This is a reminder that our doors open at 8:05 and school begins at 8:15.](#) We started locking the doors at 8:15 last week and the office is now marking the large number of students coming in as tardy.

Health Screenings: All Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First grade students are required by Massachusetts General Law CMR220.500 to have a current physical exam along with documentation of required immunizations in the health office.

Please check your records and send an updated copy of your child's most recent Health form to the health office if you have not already done so.

In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Nurse Murray will be conducting state mandated health screenings in vision, hearing, height, weight and BMI. Parents will be confidentially notified of any findings that are not within state guidelines.

If you do not want your child to participate in the state mandated health screenings please contact Dawn Murray R.N. in the health office at 781 639-3190 EXT: 1010

March Reading Madness: Reading Madness was kicked off at the Thursday Community Meeting with a wonderful poetry/song done by our kindergarten students. They took the stage dressed in red, white, and black complete with sunglasses in honor of Dr. Seuss.

This week's events: Tuesday, bring in or memorize a poem. Friday, Shirt Day, wear a shirt that has writing on it.

Book Swap: On Tuesday, March 14, 2016 Your child may bring in up to 10 gently used and age appropriate books to swap. Your child is welcome to take home the same amount of books that he or she brings in.

Spellathon: The Spellathon is scheduled for March 24th. The enclosed parent letter was sent home Friday in the backpacks. I included the cover letter in case you did not receive one. Contact me if you did not get one and I will send the rest of the pack home.

½ Day Professional Development: A reminder that *our next half day Professional Development is scheduled for March 8 with a noon dismissal*. Please be sure your student is aware of the pickup arrangements.

MCAS: The 3rd grade tests are scheduled as follows:

ELA is on April 25, 26, and 27th
Math is on May 2nd and 3rd

One of the measurements taken by DESE is attendance during testing. Please do not take vacations or schedule doctors' appointments during the days of testing. If you must schedule a doctor's appointment, please try to do so in the afternoon. There are makeup days, but that requires staff and rooms to hold them.

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:

- ½ day Professional Development March 8th early release
- Daylight Savings is March 12th
- Books Swap March 14th
- Spellathon March 24th
- MCAS for 3rd grade: ELA is on April 25, 26, and 27th and Math is on May 2nd and 3rd

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

Regards,

Brian