

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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“There is no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading, and kids who are reading the wrong books”

James Patterson

Good Morning Glover School Families:

It is so amazing that we are only weeks away from 2017! I was able to join the hundreds of families who ventured to Gillette Stadium to cheer the Magicians on. It was a very cold and windy venue, and sadly our Magicians were not able to beat the Falmouth Clippers. None the less they gave it their all and as we would say, they didn't win.... yet, but with all the hard work they put in, I am sure they will return in a future date and be victorious.

Change of Clothing: Snow is in the forecast! Please be sure to send your students in with snow pants, jackets, mittens, and hats. It is very advisable to send in a change of clothing especially socks. This change can be kept in the lockers until needed.

Plummer House: Our Plummer House fund drive is in full swing. At our all school Community Meetings we asked students to volunteer what they were doing at home to earn their donations. Many enthusiastic hands went into the air and many students gladly shared how they were earning their donations at home. It is heartwarming to see the heart of community service expressed so happily by students.

All donations are due December 9th. The Plummer House has requested the donations be made in cash.

Maple Street Crossing: With winter coming and snow and ice on the way please do not jaywalk across Maple Street. The practice is extraordinarily dangerous and *I truly do not want anyone to become the next “Remember Allie,” bumper sticker.*

Parent Conferences: Our first parent conference was hosted during an evening session from 6PM to 8PM last Tuesday. The district is working to find a more accommodating way to hold our parent conferences. The evening session was well attended. Our next parent conference is scheduled during the day on December 7th, 15th and 20th. These are early release dates.

2nd grade Math Game Night: Based last year's on the end of year parent survey one concern raised by parents was the need to provide parents help in supporting schoolwork. Our 2nd grade decided to focus this request on math. Our Go-Math program is based on the Massachusetts Common Core standards. This program uses new terminology and methods that parents may not be familiar with. To help parents understand the Go-Math practices in a way they can use at home, the 2nd grade will host the 2nd grade Math Game night on Tuesday, December 8th from 6-7 PM. This will be a time to play games with your family, learn what we do at school that can be reinforced at home and have some educational fun. The 2nd grade teachers will be teaching and then providing materials to take home.

The 2nd grade teachers are holding a raffle to off-set cost of supplies. Students could buy \$1.00 tickets or 6 tickets for \$5.00 and three winners will win a math game. Any donations will be gratefully accepted to purchase additional math supplies for the 2nd grade.

As an added bonus, our Superintendent, Maryann Perry, and the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Brad Smith, will be hosting a game table.

Sorry this activity is limited to the 2nd grade and their families only.

School Improvement Plan (SIP): This year we began to look at the Goal 4 in our SIP. This goal is to: "Develop a Statement, which includes: our purpose & values." I felt it was necessary to wait until after I spent a full year at Glover before addressing this extremely important goal. We will work on this goal over the course of the year. It is critical that the mission and vision is clear, concise, and measurable. As we get closer to finalizing the Glover Mission I will send this out to the community for inputs. The only way a mission statement is valid and attainable is when it is supported by students, teachers, and parents. If you are interested in reviewing the entire SIP, you will find it on the Glover web site under Improvement Plan.

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:

- December 7th, 15th, and 20th are early release days for afternoon parent conferences
- Dec 8 2nd grade is hosting Math Game Night for 2nd grade students from 6-7 PM
- Winter Break is from December 25th-January 2nd. Students return January 3rd.

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

Regards,

Brian