

The Principal's Corner Glover School

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"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

Well Summer Vacation has come to its end. The custodians put the last coat of wax on the hallway floor last Tuesday. The teachers worked hard all last week to get their rooms in order. The lockers and desks are labeled. The student's birthdays are noted on the boards. The word walls are up, posters hung, pencil boxes lined up, and text books are on the desks. As teachers returned last week all of them said the same thing. Summer vacation was nice but I can't wait until the kids return. I say amen to that.

So as I write this newsletter it's like the building is holding its breath. We can't wait to open our doors Tuesday.

Dear Glover School Families:

Jay Walking: *Please do not jaywalk.* Maple Street in the morning is a heavily traveled commuters route. Please remember your children are very observant. They learn from what their see their parents doing.

New Hire: Ms. Ashley Norley has joined our faculty as one of our Pre-Kindergarten teachers. She replaces Ms. Peterson who has taken a position close to her home. We wish Ms. Peterson well. Ms. Norley was a Summer Program teacher at Glover. Prior to that she was an Applied Behavioral Analysis Tutor (ABA) in one of our programs. Before taking the role of an ABA, Ms. Norley was an Endicott Fellow at Glover.

Ms. Norley has her Master of Education in Early Childhood and her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Endicott College.

School Advisory Committee (SAC): SAC is an advisory board to the principal. It consists of teachers, parents, and community members that collaborate with the principal for improving school performance. The SAC reviews the annual budget and the formulation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The board is balanced with an equal number of parents and teachers. The SAC helps put together the parent survey that we give at the end of the school year. The results are interpreted and are used to create the SIP. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC please contact me and we can discuss the SAC charter in more detail.

Conversations with the Principal: On the second Wednesday of the month (Sept 13th) @8:15, I invite you to come and join me over a cup of coffee and talk about Glover. There will be coffee, tea, or water and plenty of open dialog. Since this is the first meeting I have no idea how many parents would be attending. If you are planning on joining us please send me an email so that I can plan the appropriate venue. If you would like me to respond to a specific question please feel free to include that in your email. At this first meeting we can discuss how you would like these informal gatherings structured, for example what would be a convenient start time

Parking: A reminder that the parking lot is reserved for staff only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Volunteers: Are the lifeblood of our school. Teachers need help in their classrooms. Room parents help organize events, coordinate with other parents and help in the classroom being mystery readers, or working with students doing special projects. We need many volunteers in the library putting the 45,450 books back on the shelves that are taken out yearly by students. Field trips cannot occur without chaperones.

We can always use extra hands during lunch and recess. We would like to create a bank of lunch volunteers to help fill in when a lunch aide is out.

Without parent volunteers the school would lose that extra sparkle that makes us a great school.

PTO: Great news, Maryann Perry our Superintendent will be joining us for the PTO parent coffee meeting on Friday September 15th at 8:30 AM. Please join the Superintendent and myself and hear what is being planned for the district and for Glover. Co-Presidents Karen Bryon and Aimee Hughes will talk about what is happening in the PTO.

Safety Drills: We want to ensure our students and staff are safe at Glover. To accomplish this important part of our school, during the month of September we will be holding fire drills, lockdown drills, and bus evacuation drills. These are very important practices so that our students and staff react to any emergency in the planned method. The more we practice the more automatically the students and staff will respond should a real emergency take place.

Glover Open Hours: Our Pre-K-3 open house is September 12th at 6 PM.

Important Dates:

- Glover Gathering August 28th from 1:00-2:30
- Kindergarten Screening August 29-31st
- First day of school for the grades 1-3 students August 29th
- First day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten September 5th
- Glover Open House September 12th at 6PM
- Coffee with the Principal Sept 13th at 8:30 AM.

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

Regards,

Brian