

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

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*"Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary,  
simply by doing them with the right people"*

Nicholas Sparks

Dear Glover School Families:

The countdown clock is ticking away and we are now down to sixteen business days before school begins. The summer school programs end on August 10<sup>th</sup> and it will be a race to get those final classrooms cleaned and ready for opening day! The custodians have been hard at work and have finished cleaning the second floor. Some of the second floor teachers have started coming in to get a jump on organizing their rooms. UPS, Fed EX, and W.B. Masons to name a few are dropping boxes after boxes of school supplies and the secretaries are counting and verifying the invoices. From the slow easy days of early summer, the pace is picking up and we are beginning to feel the adrenalin start to build.

When I began to put this newsletter together it became seven pages long! So I broke the information down to weekly installments. If you miss something, or need to go back and look at a previous issue, you can always do that by going to our Glover Web page at: <http://www.marbleheadschoools.org/glover>

**August 28 is our annual "Glover Gathering" from 1:00-2:30:** This is an opportunity for your students to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. If you prefer, on these hot summer days, you can start the Gathering with a frozen treat. We will be serving cups of Richie's Italian Ice for \$3.00 a serving or 2 for \$5.00 outside in the fire lane behind the gates. We request students remain with their parents at all times. You are invited to socialize outside while you enjoy your cool delicious Italian Ice or go directly into the school and visit your student's classroom and meet the teachers. *Please no Italian Ice in our sparkling clean building.*

The teachers are scooping ice in 15 minute shifts and I will publish the teacher scoop schedule next week. This way you can plan on when your teacher will be in their classrooms.

**Pre-K Information:** The pre-K Open house will take place during the Glover Gathering from 1:00-2:00.

**Classroom Assignments:** Your Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade student's classroom assignment was sent out July 28<sup>th</sup> via email. If you did not receive this document, please contact the main office right away.

**The First Week:** Grades 1-3 begin August 29<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers will be outside on opening day by grade with their name on signs to aid students in finding them. At 8:05 they will escort the students into the building.

Drop off traffic will be heavy (especially if the weather does not cooperate) so please plan accordingly.

Please notify Ms. Lockerbie (School Psychologist) and the classroom teacher of any transitioning concerns your student may be experiencing.

*Kindergarten and Pre-K Begins September 5<sup>th</sup>*

**K-3 Entry/Dismissal:** Glover students can enter the school as early as 8:05 (please do not drop off students before 7:45). The school does not provide supervision until 8:05 when the doors open. Classes begin at 8:15. After the first day, all students will line up in front of the main door by grade by themselves.

Kindergarten is dismissed at 2:25, and Grades 1-3 at 2:30.

At dismissal time, teachers walk their students to the front door area, and each teacher will define an area to meet. Students being picked up by car are escorted to the pick-up lane where staff supervision is in place.

**Drop-Off and Pickup Lane Traffic Directions** Will be in the August 14<sup>th</sup> Principal's Corner.

**After-School Planning:** Before school begins, please work with your student so they understand after-school plans (pickup by car or being walked home), play dates, or going home with another student.

Many calls come into the schools about unexpected change of plans. We understand unexpected things occur, the earlier you can let the school know will ensure the student and his/her teacher gets the information before dismissal. Calls coming in after 2:00 can result in confusion and delays and sometimes teary students.

If you are having alternate pickup arrangements, see the next paragraph.

**Who can pick up your student?** At the beginning of the year your teacher will contact you to determine who can pick up your student and how they will get home. *We will only release to those for whom you have given written permission.* If the authorized person cannot pick up your student, please notify the school in writing 24 hours in advance if possible. If you cannot do so, we will hold your student until we can verify the change by calling you at home or on your cell phone.

**Attendance Phone Line:** Please call the 24/7 attendance phone @ 781-639-3190 to report absences or late arrivals. Our lunch orders must be in by 8:50 am. When reporting a late arrival, please note the lunch your student will be ordering. The office will call you to verify your student is home if we do not have a phone message.

**Safety & Security:** The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. Visitors must first come to the office and receive a visitor's pass in exchange for their car keys or an ID. With safety at the forefront of our minds, our staff is directed to question anyone without a visitor's badge.

**Medical Concerns:** If your student has any health concerns or requires any medications while at school, please do not hesitate to call our school nurse, Dawn Murray @ extension 1010. Please remember we require a doctor's note to prescribe any medication at school.

In the summer, lice often go undetected and unfortunately the school setting is a place where lice can spread easily. Please help us minimize our exposure to lice by periodically checking your child's head, as often a person with lice can be asymptomatic. As with everything, early detection makes treatment easier. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Nurse Murray.

**Parent Volunteers and Chaperoning Field Trips:** We wish to thank all parents who chaperone our classrooms and our many field trips. Massachusetts Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2012, requires field trip chaperones to complete the fingerprint-based state and national background check along with the regular CORI check. If you plan to chaperone a field trip, fingerprinting instructions are located on the Glover Web Page under Forms.

**Lunch Help:** If you are interested in being a part of the Glover Experience and get paid for it, we need a lunch Aide. The Lunch Aides work 2 hours a day 5 days a week and are vital to making our student's lunches safe and enjoyable. If you are interested, please contact me and I will explain the position in more detail.

**Glover PTO:** You are cordially invited to join our excellent PTO co-presidents, Karen Byron and Aimee Hughes, the Superintendent, and me at our first PTO parent coffee meeting on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The purpose of this get together is to introduce the Superintendent and myself to the Glover Community and to fill you in on all the exciting plans for the District and answer any questions you may have. Karen and Aimee will talk about the wonderful ways you can help in the PTO.

**Glover Open House:** Our K-3 open house is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

**Important Dates:**

- Glover Gathering August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten Screening August 29-31<sup>st</sup>
- First day of school for the students August 29<sup>th</sup>
- First day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Glover Open House September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

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

Regards,

Brian