

# The Principal's Corner Glover School

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart  
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**Volunteering:** At our all school Community Meeting we have started the long overdue process of publically recognizing the volunteerism of our Room Parents. In front of our students and staff we celebrated the room parents who spend so much time of their time working with the teachers to ensure that classroom projects, field trips, parent gatherings, guest readers and so much more are successful. These tasks provide our students with the rich experiences that instill the of love of school and learning. These volunteers never ask for recognition, just quietly help wherever possible. So at our Community Meetings we will recognize by grade, one grade per week, until all room parents are given the appreciation they really deserve.

Last Thursday we recognized the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Room Parents.



Pictured are Mrs. Moores, Mrs. Ferreira, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Siden  
Unable to join us were: Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hughes

Next Thursday we will recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Room Parents.

**Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed on school property. We have students with allergies. I have also had staff bitten unexpectedly by dogs. For these two reasons please do not come to school with your dog. The only exception are service dogs.

**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.

**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:

Monday: Wear something mixed up.

Friday: Funny Friday bring a joke to tell in school.

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 24<sup>th</sup>. The enclosed parent letter was sent home Friday in the backpacks. I included the cover letter in case you did not receive on. Contact me if you did not get one and I will send the rest of the pack home.

**½ Day Professional Development:** The workshop was very successful. Ms. Minahan kept the staff fully engaged for 3 hours. We learned how many students are affected by some form of anxiety. She gave us ways to spot it and most importantly she gave our staff a lot of very practical methods to help remediate it. On Thursday the building was buzzing with the staff talking about what was learned and how they began to use these interventions.

**MCAS:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tests are scheduled as follows:

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

If possible 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 will be makeup days, but makeups require staff and rooms to hold them.

**Conversations with the Superintendent:** Please join Maryann Perry for an informal gathering to get updates on what is happening in the district. It will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at the Village School.

**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:**

- Books Swap March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Conversation with the Superintendent March 16 at 8:30 at the Village School.
- Spellathon March 24<sup>th</sup>
- MCAS for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: ELA is on April 25, 26, and 27<sup>th</sup> and Math is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Regards,

Brian