



PLUM COVE SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank all who participated in one way or another at the P.T.O.'s First Annual Snowball Ball. I heard it was a huge success and all had fun!

I can't believe we are already halfway through the school year and approaching the 100th day of school!

Once again it is time for Kindergarten Registration. Registration forms are available on the district website www.gloucesterschools.com. There will be a Kindergarten Parent Informational Night on February 7th at East Gloucester school from 6-7 p.m. Registration forms will be available as well as collected there that evening. Registration forms should be completed by **March 1, 2019** and delivered or mailed to Ann-Marie Jordan, Preschool Director, 2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. If you have any questions, please feel free to call her at 978-281-9816. If you have a child who will be **five years old on or before August 31, 2019** and has not registered for kindergarten, please download the registration forms from the district website. If you need a hard copy, please call the school's office at 978-282-3030 and we will be happy to send you one. School choice request forms are available at the school's office. Requests will be accepted from **March 7th through May 15th**.

Feb. 1st – Patriots Spirit Day

Feb. 1st – Youth Awareness

Feb. 1st – Gr. 3 Dancing Through the Decades

Feb. 2nd – Groundhog Day

Feb. 7th – Kindergarten Information Night @ East Gloucester @ 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Feb. 8th – 100th Day (if no snow)

Feb. 8th – Gr. 3 Maritime

Feb. 11th & 13th Play tryouts Gr. 3-5 2:30-3:55 p.m.

Feb. 12th – Gr. 4 NAEP testing

Feb. 13th – PTO Mtg. @ 2:45 Childcare Provided

Feb. 15th – Gr. 4 Maritime

Feb. 15th – K-2 Ben Franklin

Feb. 18th -22nd – Winter Vacation

Feb. 20th – PTO Skating Party 1-2 p.m. @ Talbot Rink

Feb. 25th – Play Rehearsals 2:30-3:55 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday

Every Monday “Math Olympiads”

Every Tuesday “Banking Makes Cents” – Gr. 3-5

Every Friday – “Ballroom Dancing” Grade 5

This year our **Grade 4 students** were chosen to participate in the **NAEP Mathematics and**

Reading Assessments on February 12th. Grade 4 parents received a detailed letter explaining the NAEP assessment. Please feel free to call me at 978-282-3030 or email me at tmorgan@gloucesterschools.com if you have any questions.

In last month’s newsletter I included a section on **Every Day and Every Minute Matters**. Not surprisingly, lateness and absences have a negative impact on student learning and academic success. **Excused or unexcused absences** represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. **Chronic Absenteeism** is defined as missing ten percent or more of the academic year. Based on a 180 day school year that means a student would miss about 18 days per year. Please avoid unnecessary absences and help your child establish positive attendance habits. They’ll reap the benefits throughout their school years.

A friendly reminder that **Grades 3-5** will be participating in the **MCAS State Assessment**, a tentative schedule for grade level testing is available for families. While school attendance is important all year round, these assessments are state mandated and all students in grades 3-5 must complete them. Please be sure to mark your calendars. **MCAS state testing window begin April 1st – May 24th.**

MCAS 2019 SCHEDULE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	
Please be aware that these dates could change due to weather, etc.	
GR. 3 ELA 1	APRIL 2, 2019
GR. 3 ELA 2	APRIL 9, 2019
GR. 3 MATH 1	APRIL 30, 2019
GR. 3 MATH 2	MAY 7, 2019
GR. 4 ELA 1	APRIL 3, 2019
GR. 4 ELA 2	APRIL 10, 2019
GR. 4 MATH 1	MAY 1, 2019
GR. 4 MATH 2	MAY 8, 2019
GR. 5 ELA 1	APRIL 4, 2019
GR. 5 ELA 2	APRIL 11, 2019
GR. 5 MATH 1	MAY 2, 2019
GR. 5 MATH 2	MAY 3, 2019
GR. 5 STE 1	MAY 9, 2019
GR. 5 STE 2	MAY 10, 2019



We are pleased to announce that Plum Cove will be having an annual production in May. The production will be Favorites. Tryouts start **February 11th and 13th** and play rehearsals start **February 25th**. Students in Grades 3-5 will be receiving information soon.



Lost and Found Please check the area, (on top of the white cabinet in the entrance of the building), regularly to be sure that your child has his or her belongings. All clothes left on **February 15th** will be donated to the needy. **It is very helpful to put your child's name in his or her jacket, hat, mittens, gloves, sweatshirt, sweaters, and lunchbox. We have quite a bit of clothes piling up.**