

PLUM COVE SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Morgan

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year at Plum Cove Elementary School! The staff and I are so excited about this school year and hope our families are as well and our students are ready to learn. Special thanks go out to all staff for all their hard work throughout the summer in preparing classrooms and the school to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our school community.

We welcome new and returning faculty. Please welcome Ms. Alexandra Legendre, as our new Grade 2 teacher, Ms. Sarah Scafidi, as our new Grade 4 teacher. We also would like to welcome Ms. Jillian Goulart Amero, Ms. Joelle Brooks, Ms. Kelley Haines and Maxim Quirk, our new Education Support Professionals, and Ms. Nicole Corrao as one of our noon supervisors. In addition, Ms. Nicole Alessio-Hoiriis, a.k.a. Ms. A will be returning as our school psychologist.

The staff and I are very excited to begin a new year of learning. We hope to see you all at **Meet the Teacher Night**, on Thursday, **September 27th**. **Please mark your calendars!** This night is just for parents to learn about school and classroom expectations and grade-level curriculum. This event will start at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium with a quick parent assembly and then continue into your child's classroom.



Upcoming Events

Sept. 5th – Gr. 1-5 students' First Day of School.

Kindergarten Screening by appointment

Sept. 6th – Half of Kindergarteners' First Day (Please look at letter sent home for which day your child is scheduled)

Sept. 7th – Other Half of Kindergarteners' First Day

Sept. 7th – Patriot's Spirit Day

Sept. 12th – Gr. 5 Lannon Field Trip

Sept. 18th – Picture Day

Sept. 18th – Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 19th – Fall Harvest – Volunteer Needed

Sept. 19th – PTO Meeting @ 2:45 in Teachers' Resource Room (childcare provided)

Sept. 20th – Students Tasting of Harvest Vegetables

Sept. 20th – Instrument Rental Night @ 6:00 p.m. @ West Parish for Gr. 4 and 5 students

Sept. 21st – PTO Movie Night 6:00

Sept. 26th – Oct. 12th – Fall Fundraiser (Genevieve)

Sept. 27th – **Meet the Teacher Night** 6:00-7:00 p.m. (No child, please)

Plum Cove is very fortunate to have a supportive PTO. Our PTO is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. **Communication is Key!** I cannot stress how important it is for parents to be involved in their child's/children's education. Checking the school website, teachers' websites, PTO Facebook page, and becoming a member of the PTO are excellent means for receiving important information. I will also be sending out a monthly newsletter, which will also be posted on our school website. The newsletter will have important updates and useful information!

I would like to thank Benco Landscaping for the beautiful landscaping of our school grounds, our library volunteers who came in weekly throughout the summer to setup our library for the coming year, and all the volunteers who took care of our school gardens over the summer.

I look forward to greeting students and families again. Please stop by and say hello. Together, we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all. **THANK YOU**

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL: School starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. with dismissal at 2:30 p.m. Any student arriving after 8:30 a.m. will be considered tardy. Parents are asked to accompany their child into the building, if they are tardy, since you will have to buzz to enter.



At **no time** during arrival and dismissal should you **park in the circle**. For the safety of our students, the circle is for buses between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:15- 2:45 (Staff members will direct you after buses have left – remember 1 lane only).

Please be patient with Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off times the first few days of school. Our staff and bus drivers are getting to know new faces! Safety is our main concern; we dismiss students who are going to Pathways or the YMCA program first, followed by buses, and then walkers and pick-ups, so please be patient.

If there are any changes in plans for dismissal, we need it in writing signed by parent or guardian before or on the day of the change. Please no emails or calls after 2:15.



Money Sent into School: When you send any money into school in your child's backpack, please put it in a sealed envelope with the following information:

Child's Name

Teacher

Reason for Money

Amount Enclosed

This will ensure that the money is properly given to the appropriate party.

Don't forget You Can Pay for Lunches and Milk Online: Money can be added to your child's account by going online to www.sendmoneytoschool.com. The price of milk is .75 cents.

Milk for one week (5 days) is \$3.75 for those bringing home lunches. School Lunch is \$3.00 (5 days) is \$15.00. This is a great way to prevent building up a lunch bill and you can view your account as many times as you would like. For families who are on Free or Reduced benefits, milk that is purchased separately is not included in the benefits and parents will be charged. It is considered an a la carte charge. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martha Jo Fleming at mjfleming@gloucesterschools.com.

Home and School Connection: We are looking forward to a productive and positive partnership between home and school. Research has shown a positive partnership between home and school makes a great difference in a child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our students' success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily
- Arrives on time (8:25)
- Ready for the day's learning experience
- Receives a good night sleep
- Reads 20 minutes daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers. If there is a problem in completing, please inform teacher by signing homework assignment and where additional support is needed.

Safety and Confidentiality: For safety purposes as well as to respect the confidentiality of all at Plum Cove School, we have a security system that uses a buzzer, which allows school personnel to see who is at the front door before unlocking the door electronically. To gain entrance into the building you will need to approach the front door and push the black button located at the right of the door. Please stand in front of it in order for the office to see you. Once your identity has been verified, the door will be unlocked. **ALL** parents, volunteers, and visitors must check in at the front office with our secretary, Mrs. Biondo, before heading to any classroom or school area. You will be asked to sign in/out and wear a visitor's badge. Before school hours are set aside for appointments only. This time is dedicated for teachers to conduct confidential meetings, phone calls, and staff issues. If you need to speak with a staff member before school hours, please contact them in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

District policy requires that all volunteers and chaperones have a CORI check if they are going to have direct contact with students. If you are willing to be a CORI checked volunteer, please see the school secretary, Mrs. Biondo for the form. You will then need to bring the form to the main office at 2 Blackburn Drive, where they will need to make a copy of your license. The CORI report is good for three years of service.

Also please remember that all our children have unique needs and personalities. Please respect the differences and confidentiality of our students. *Please note that we strive to make all parents, volunteers, and visitors feel welcome at Plum Cove, however, safety and professionalism will always remain our first priority. Thank You.



PTO Officers for the 2018-2019

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Fall Fundraiser – Genevieve’s Fundraiser will start officially **September 26th** and will continue through **October 12th**. This is a very important fundraiser since the proceeds go directly to supporting our enrichment programs such as the Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Ken Currier, the Planetarium, The Whale Program, Curious Creatures, Birds of Prey, Young Audiences, Lannon Field Trip and many more. All these programs compliment the grade-level curriculum. Our goal is to raise \$12,000, of which a percent of the profits will come directly back to the PTO for these wonderful programs. Please let family members and friends, know about this opportunity and how they can order online.



Earn Cash for Our School!

Please send in your Box Tops. For every Box Top submitted, our school earns 10 cents. All proceeds go directly to playground equipment. (Balls – soccer, football, basketball, jump ropes, etc.)