



Plum Cove Elementary

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Message from the Principal

On behalf of the staff at Plum Cove Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer and is ready to learn. The first week of school has been filled with reuniting with old friends and making new friends. I am happy to report a great start to the school year! We have a fantastic group of students who are settling nicely into their learning routines. 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 are very fortunate to have a supportive PTO. I would like to thank the Benjamin Family (Benco Landscaping) for the beautiful landscaping of our school grounds for opening day. Another thanks to all the volunteers who took care of our school gardens over the summer.

We welcome new faculty and familiar faculty in new roles. I would like to welcome Ms. Allegra Holland, as our new Grade 2 teacher. Mrs. Lowe retired at the end of the school year. Mr. Max Feeley, as our new physical education teacher. We also like to welcome Mrs. Krista Rumschlag; our school psychologist while Ms. A is on a yearlong leave of absence. Mrs. McHenry, our administrative assistant, is retiring and Mrs. Biondo, who has been with us for almost 11 years, is our new administrative assistant. We also welcome, Ms. Paula Muniz, Ms. Jane Pallazola, Ms. Rachel Soper, and Ms. Tory MacNeil as our noon supervisors.

The staff and I are very excited to begin a new year of learning. I hope to see you all at **Meet the Teacher Night, on Thursday, September 28th**. This night is just for parents to learn about

Upcoming Events

September 7

Patriots Spirit Day – Wear your team's colors

September 8

Instrument Demonstration Gr.4 & 5

September 11

Harvest Day –Volunteers Needed

September 12

Tasting Day

September 13

PTO Mtg. @ 2:45 @ Plum Cove

September 14

Gr. 5 Lannon Trip

September 17

Constitution Day

September 19

Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.

September 22

Family Movie Night

September 28

Picture Day & Meet the Teacher Night @ 6 p.m.

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.

Please feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a wonderful school year of learning and growing.



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

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.

For safety purposes as well as to respect the confidentiality of all at Plum Cove School, 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 and out and wear a visitor's badge.

Before and after 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 teacher, please contact them in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

CORI checks for Volunteers:

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. We 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.

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. Thank You.

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.

Dismissal



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. (Staff members will direct you after buses have left – remember 1 lane only) and 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Parking should be in designated areas only. Parking in other areas, close to school buildings or in fire lanes will result in vehicles being towed without additional warning.

If there is any change of plans for dismissal we need it in writing signed by parent or guardian before or on the day of the change. Please no emails.