

Dear Glover Families,

I hope this email finds you well. Each week, you can expect a Weekly Update email from me. In general, they will arrive in your inbox on Monday mornings. This week's email was delayed due to the process of finalizing staffing but is chock-full of valuable information so please read on!

**Cohort/Homeroom Teacher Assignments:**

By now, you all should have received an email with your child's Cohort Assignment. If you did not, please email me directly. We know that children and families are anxiously awaiting teacher assignments. We are in the final stages of placement and hope to have teacher assignments to you by the **end of the day tomorrow**. We appreciate your patience in the meantime as this has been a summer of significant transition within our teaching staff.

In this email, you will find the In Person Cohort Schedule for the first three weeks of school (below), some important reminders and information about Chromebooks, Food Services, and more, as well as detailed information about some of the transitions in our teaching staff.

Week of September 14: In Person Cohorts (hybrid)				
Monday 8:35-11:35	Tuesday 8:35-11:35	Wednesday 8:35-11:35	Thursday 8:35-11:35	Friday 8:35-11:35
No School	No School	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B

Week of September 21: In Person Cohorts (hybrid)				
Monday 8:35-11:35	Tuesday 8:35-11:35	Wednesday 8:35-11:35	Thursday 8:35-11:35	Friday 8:35-11:35
Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B

Week of September 28: In Person Cohorts (hybrid)				
Monday 8:35-11:35	Tuesday 8:35-11:35	Wednesday 8:35-11:35	Thursday 8:35-11:35	Friday 8:35-11:35
Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B

**Cohort C** students will attend school every day from 8:35-11:35.

**Cohort D** students (remote) will attend school every day virtually and will receive class schedules from remote teachers the week of September 8.

**Arrival and Dismissal Routines:** For those families who are planning to drive their child(ren) to school, our arrival and dismissal routines have changed. Please be on the lookout for a specific email with maps, visuals, and video tutorials about how to drop off and pick up your child. If students are in fourth or fifth grade, they have the opportunity to be independent walkers/bikers. Please complete [this form](#) if you would like to grant your child permission to independently walk/bike home from school and please also indicate this on the Permanent Pick Up Form.

**Absence Verification:** As we do each year, we ask that you notify us if your child is going to be absent or arriving late to school. Please call the school at 617-696-4288 to report your child's absence and enter extension 2. Please make every effort to inform the school through this procedure whenever your child is out of school.

**Staffing:**

In **Kindergarten**, we have three In-Person Hybrid teachers: Carolyn Brandi, Stacia Kates, and Kate Elovich. Our Remote Kindergarten Teacher is Fiona Delaney.

Our Mary McCarthy, quintessential First Grade teacher, has retired from the Milton Public Schools. We wish her the best in her retirement and thank her for her unbelievable dedication to countless Glover Kids. Both professionally and personally, I will miss Mary more than words can express but am glad that she has this time in retirement to spend with her two beautiful children and her husband. We love you Mrs. McCarthy!

In **First Grade**, our In-Person Hybrid English teachers are Nicole Grant Heal and Geralyn Comer/Moira Donohue (co-taught) and our In-Person Hybrid French teachers are Madame Brown and Madame Bonner. Our Remote First Grade English teacher is Fiona Delaney and our Remote First Grade French teacher is Monsieur Leite.

In **Second Grade**, our In-Person Hybrid English teachers are Elizabeth Coates, Michelle Hanney, and Lauren Vanacore/Alanna Craven (co-taught) and our In-Person Hybrid French teachers are Madame Jungels and Madame Stallions. Our Remote Second Grade English teacher is Mary Bodkin and our Remote Second Grade French teacher is Madame Maliel.

In **Third Grade**, our In-Person Hybrid English teachers are Sarah Hammond, Amanda LeFort/Allison White (co-taught) and Mary O'Leary. Our In-Person Hybrid French/English teachers are Madame Koita and Ms. Samah Hashem. Our Remote Third Grade English teacher is Mary Bodkin and our Remote Third Grade French teacher is Madame Vendette.

In **Fourth Grade**, our In-Person Hybrid English teachers are Rachel Spitz/Bridget Renehan (co-taught) and Heather Morris. Our In-Person Hybrid French/English teachers are Monsieur Hoff and Mrs. Kempf. Our Remote Fourth Grade English teacher is Joan Dow and our Remote Fourth Grade French teacher is Madame Muhsin.

In **Fifth Grade**, our In-Person Hybrid English teachers are Melissa Craven, Katelyn Good, Alyssa Mazzotta, and Kara Gardiner/Kelly Ryan (co-taught). Fifth Grade French will happen remotely and will be taught by Monsieur Coben. Our Remote Fifth Grade English teacher is Joan Dow.

Our STEP Team has grown and welcomes Samantha Bennett as the STEP Special Educator taking the place of Morgan Hodlin who has accepted a position as a BCBA in another district. Samantha is excited to join Shannon Power, BCBA, in the STEP program. Amanda Brink will be joining Anne Ware as a Special Education Learning Center teacher.

A few of our Glover teachers have chosen to take a year's leave of absence: Liz Cardiasmenos, Lea Franklin, and Sara Murphy. In addition, we congratulate Shauna O'Leary who has accepted a Remote Reading Specialist position at Collicot.

**From Nurse LeBlanc:**

At Glover School, we are striving to maintain a **healthy environment** for all students and staff. We understand this can be difficult, but we are confident that we can be successful if we continue to work together. All **students who require medication** during school hours must have written documentation completed by MD. Please call the school nurse to arrange drop-off of medication, as children are not allowed to transport medication of ANY kind. This includes inhalers and Epi-Pens.

**Masks** - All students are required to wear masks at all times. Families are asked to provide masks from home but we will have extra masks if a child's mask becomes soiled or is misplaced. Please label masks if possible and send your child with an extra mask in a labeled baggie in the event of soiling.

**Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing** - Please help us remind children to wash their hands as often as possible, but particularly before eating and after using the bathroom and before and after touching their mask. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school when hand-washing is not possible.

**Lastly, the state is requiring the FLU vaccine for all children** in school in Massachusetts. This is in addition to the state mandated vaccines required for Kindergarten entry. The deadline for flu vaccine administration is 12/31/20, so please send documentation to the nurse's office ASAP. Thank you for

your help. If we all do our part, we can look forward to a safe & healthy school year!

### **Chromebook Distribution:**

As you read in AJ Melanson's recent email, we are asking that all Chromebooks that were borrowed from MPS last spring be returned immediately to Milton High School between the hours of 7am-3pm. We are hoping to identify those students most in need of a Chromebook so we can distribute the Chromebooks we have on hand accordingly- until our shipment arrives. If your family does **not** have a device at all that your student(s) can use for remote learning days (in the Hybrid Model or Full Remote Model) to start the school year, please complete this [Chromebook Need Declaration Form](#).

We want to make sure that all students will have access to some device to begin the school year. Once the shipment of Chromebooks arrives, we will distribute them to every student. However, we are trying to prioritize existing devices for students who have absolutely no access at the moment. More information regarding the pick-up of devices, MPS Chromebook Loan Agreement, Chromebook Use & Care Manual, optional insurance coverage will be communicated next week.

### **Fourth and Fifth Grade Diverse Reads Book Club:**

We will be running the Glover/Tucker Diverse Reads Book Club again this year, and hope your student will want to join us. We may not be able to meet in person this year at our

individual schools, but we will be setting up virtual meetings with all of the authors we will read, and we will have fun. We were able to go virtual seamlessly this past spring (and had a great, lively Zoom meeting with Kwame Mbalia!)

Here is what we will be reading:

September: A GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE by Lisa Moore Ramée (Author zoom planned for 10/20 at 4PM)

October: GHOST SQUAD by Claribel Ortega (Author zoom planned for late November, TBD)

November: JUST SOUTH OF HOME by Karen Strong (Author zoom planned for January, TBD)

With more to come! The expectation is that students will have read or have listened to all or most of the book before we Skype with the author. Our friend The Blue Bunny will have these books available -- and if you shop for them online at Bookshop.org through the Blue Bunny Store, link [here](#), we will get 10% toward book club funding. I will also get copies to the school librarian, and to the Milton library. And if you need help getting a copy, please reach out to your Principal.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/W6PDUbpn2Rw4ij8p6>. If you are signing up more than one student please use multiple forms. And feel free to be in touch with any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering!

**Applied Instrumental Program:**



The Milton Applied Instrumental Program is now registering new students in grades 4 and above. Information for beginning students can be found here: [ALP September 2020](#) If you are interested in registering your student for lessons, please fill out this form by September 24th: [ALP Beginner Form 2020](#) Once you have filled out the form, the program directors or a lesson teacher will be in touch with you to set up a lesson time. Please contact Rebecca Damiani with any questions ([rdamiani@miltonps.org](mailto:rdamiani@miltonps.org)).

### **Grade Five Safety Patrol:**

Fifth Graders have the opportunity to serve in a special way as Safety Patrol members. As a 5th Grader, students are eligible to apply for Glover's Safety Patrol Team. Being a Safety Patrol Member comes with great Responsibility and Respect. In years past, Safety Patrol Members would help assist with Morning Arrival, Hallway Safety, Dismissal, and more. Currently, with our new guidelines and rules in place for the 2020-2021 school year, we're asking Safety Patrol Members to assist with Campaigning and Reinforcing Safety throughout our schools. This will be done by creating Posters in regard to Social Distancing, Videos reminding students to wash their hands/wrist appropriately, Letters to younger students on Personal Hygiene, Wellness, Healthy Eating habits to name a few. To apply to be a member of the Safety Patrol, click [here](#).

### **Food Services Update:**

The USDA is allowing all students to receive meals for **free** from the first day of school through December 2020. Families are encouraged to come **weekly** to our drive-through meal program at MHS from 12:15-1:15pm every Wednesday. This will help ensure that all of our food insecure families are getting their meals and it will also reduce the need for “grab and go” options at the end of each in-person school day.

To learn more about our meal program, please click [here](#). To access the Free and Reduced Lunch Application, please click [here](#). To access an online tool that will provide you with an instant answer as to whether you will qualify or not, please click [here](#).

### **Remote Material PickUp:**

For students who have chosen the full remote option, we will be offering two Remote Material Pick Up Days/Times. Please plan to come to Glover to pick up all learning materials, curriculum resources, and items needed for full remote instruction. Students in the hybrid model will receive all necessary materials when in-person. Tables with remote materials will be set up on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15 from 10-2 in the lobby (or outside if weather permits). Please bring a bag with you.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Monday, September 14: Remote Material Pick Up from 10-2

Tuesday, September 15: Remote Material Pick Up from 10-2

Wednesday, September 16: First Day of School Grades 1-5  
(Cohort B in person)

Wednesday, September 16-Friday, September 18:

Kindergarten Screening- dates/times to be communicated by  
individual Kindergarten teachers

Monday, September 21: First Day of Kindergarten (Cohort A  
in person)

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School