

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Tonight is the big night! After so much planning and preparing, the Giddy Up Glover Social is upon us. I am so thankful for everyone who worked so hard to make this night possible. While there are so many more, I want to take a moment to recognize our amazing co-chairs Mary Gallagher and Jodi Petrie, Kate Deeb, Kim Quach Cai, Rita Moore, Allison Norton, Teresa Cook, Liz Tretinik, Sophie Koenig, Margaret and Mike Hale, Elizabeth Whelan, Kelly Hudak, Jenny Kunkel, Christine Sullivan, Sarah Kate Feloney, Aprile Burnes, and Craig Piccirillo. Looking forward to seeing you tonight!

Thank you to all who donated candy for our Treats for Troops project and special toys and treats for our Jared Box project. I was told today that this year's Jared Boxes, being created on Sunday at the Reggie Lewis Center, are going to children in Hospice care. Thank you for donating to such a meaningful cause and I'm proud that Glover can make a contribution on behalf of all 603 Glover Kids.

Hemerocallis Corner: Have you driven by and seen the beautiful garden near the entrance to the Turner's Pond lot? I had the privilege of learning about this garden from Maritta Cronin and I wanted to share the story with you all! Hemerocallis is the Greek word for "daylily" and the corner is dedicated to Mrs. Martha T. Curtis who died in 2008. I'm told that Marty adopted that corner and took care of it. Whenever she attended plant sales she would 'eye' the day lilies, wait until the near end and negotiate a bargain. With friends and often singlehandedly she planted them into a daylily garden and dubbed the corner Hemerocallis Corner, the Greek name for day lily.

Marty wrote a weekly column "Conservationally Speaking" for the Milton Record-Transcript and later for the Milton Times. An early environmentalist, she was a member of the Milton Garden Club, a board member of Friends of the Blue Hills and Neponset River Watershed Association. Marty resurrected and managed the Community Garden and co-founded the Milton Farmers' Market. Many remember the home-baked dog treats she sold to benefit the market. As you drive by next time, I thought you might enjoy knowing the significance behind the 12 ft. long granite marker engraved with "Hemerocallis Corner" in honor of Mrs. Martha Curtis.

Emergency Contact Forms: please know that in the event of an emergency or illness, we rely on the information you listed on your most recent emergency contact form to get in touch with you. Please be sure to list numbers that will immediately reach someone who can assist us. If you get a message from the school, please call us back as soon as possible. Thank you!

Wait Until 8th Campaign: YES! You can still sign the "Wait Until 8th" pledge, even if you want your child to have a basic phone that calls and texts or a "smart" watch (with phone and GPS capabilities). The basic phone and "smart" watch avoid many of the distractions and dangers of the smartphone.

Find your smartphone alternatives [here](#). The link also provides more information on why Milton Public Schools supports waiting until students are in 8th grade to provide them with a smartphone.

By banding together as a community, this campaign will decrease the pressure felt by kids and parents alike. Childhood is too short to waste on a smartphone. Take the pledge [here](#)! If you weren't able to attend our "Wait Until 8th" coffee on Monday with AJ Melanson, his presentation is linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1faPY4aWeduVnhRvVFTrW6kqGpcMh728hynRrPdX5q1w/edit?ts=5bd710e5#slide=id.p>

Exciting Author Visit: We are so excited to announce that author and artist Jessica Hische will be visiting our Kindergartners, First and Second Graders on **Thursday, November 29**. She has written a beautiful picture book entitled “Tomorrow I’ll Be Brave” which takes readers on a fantastic journey that encourages them to be adventurous, strong, smart, curious, creative, confident, and brave- reassuring them that if they haven’t been able to be all or any of those things today, there is always tomorrow, which is full of endless opportunities. We love this message here at Glover! If you would like a signed and personalized copy of the book, please return the attached form to school by Friday, November 16. Your children are going to love this book and presentation!

Treats for Troops: After school on Monday, we’ll be boxing up the pounds and pounds of donated candy (thank you) to send to our troops. Please join us with your children to help with this wonderful cause. We’ll be packing boxes from 3:30-4 on Monday in the cafeteria!

HELP NEEDED! Thank you, thank you, thank you to Emily Duffy and Megan Kamm who have volunteered to run Grade 3 Continental Math League and Brian Bunn who has volunteered for Grade 4. We are still looking for a Grade 5 Continental Math League coordinator and a BOKS coordinator. Without a volunteer, we won’t be able to run these programs. Please email me if you are interested in learning more!

Social Emotional Learning: This week, we learned all about focusing attention and next week, we’ll zoom in on Using Self-Talk. We’ll learn that when we talk to ourselves in a quiet voice or in our heads, it can help us stay on task and focus attention.

#ShowUpForShabbat Campaign: Gather Now In Witness and Solidarity with our Jewish Neighbors. In the aftermath of the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association invites, indeed calls, all in our community to gather in witness and solidarity with our Jewish neighbors on Saturday, November 3 at 11:45 am at Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills. This will be our local expression of the global Jewish advocacy group, AJC’s **#ShowUpForShabbat** campaign, calling on both Jews and non-Jews to fill synagogues this coming weekend.

We will gather at the entrance to the synagogue, located off Lodge Street in Milton, for a brief statement of purpose led by representatives from MICA and local leadership and then form a wide arc of protection and love around the front of the building. When the synagogue’s Shabbat service concludes at 12 noon, we will be welcomed with songs, readings and prayers.

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills and the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association issue this invitation and call as a statement of defiance and resolve. Defiance against those who seek to sow fear in the Jewish community and resolve that the America we believe in is a country that respects and embraces diversity. Please note backpacks or large purses will **not** be allowed in the building. Ample parking is available nearby at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, 350 Reedsdale Road.

Milton Fruit Center Fundraiser: We are lucky to be partnering with the Milton Fruit Center for “Schools Shopping Week” November 5-11. Download a shopping voucher below. Print as many as you’d like and share them with friends, family, and neighbors. Present your voucher when you make purchases at the Fruit Center Marketplace from Monday, November 5-Sunday, November 11 and the marketplace will donate 20% of the total purchases back to Glover! <https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/7515/4108/4906/glover-voucher.pdf>

Glover Day at Launch Trampoline Park: On our December 6 early release day, the fifth grade committee has planned a Glover Day at Launch Trampoline Park in Norwood. K-2 are invited to jump from 1:30-2:30

and 3-5 from 2:30-3:30. To sign up, please click this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4aaba23a3fd0-glover>

MFE Board: We are looking to have Glover representation on the Milton Foundation for Education board. If you are interested in joining this amazing group, please email me!

Spooktacular Sale: Milton Public Library- Children's books are 4 for \$1! The shop is open today from 10-12 and tomorrow from 10-2!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, November 5: Treats for Troops Packing- 3:30-4 in cafeteria (not a drop off event)

Tuesday, November 6: Parent Speaker Series: Casey Corcoran- 6:30pm at Pierce

Thursday, November 8: Early Release Professional Development- dismissal is at 12:30

Monday, November 12: No School- Veterans Day

Monday, November 12: Glover Goes to the Movies- 9:50am in Braintree

Thursday, November 15: Glover Diversity Committee meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Friday, November 16: Jessica Hische Personalized Book Orders due today

Monday, November 19: Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race- a conversation with Debby Irving- 6-9pm at MHS

Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 26: Parent Speaker Series: Jessica Minahan (Anxiety in Children)- 6:30pm at MHS

Thursday, November 29: Author Visit- K-2- Jessica Hische

Thursday, December 6: Early Release Day- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, December 11: Massachusetts Water Resource Authority visits Grade 1

December 24-January 1: Winter Recess

January 2, 2019: No School- Professional Development

January 3, 2019: School Resumes

Monday, January 21, 2019: No School: Martin Luther King Jr Day

In Partnership,

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Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Author Jessica Hische Order Form.pdf](#)

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