

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had another wonderful week here at Glover! Last night, we were joined by so many families and children to help us pack Thanksgiving boxes for the Milton Food Pantry. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate over 40 complete meal boxes! Thank you!

We also had our first Diversity Committee meeting last night. Thank you to all who joined us! We have many exciting ideas cooking: we are hoping to launch our People's Supper initiative with a "homecoming dinner"- stay tuned! We are also looking at volunteer opportunities, reexamining the Reading About Diversity and Meet the Artist programs and exploring the possibility of having volunteers come in to share about careers, talents, and expertise, and more. If you are interested in learning more, please email me and I'm happy to share! Our next meeting will be in January and I'll announce the date soon.

Last, I'd like to thank our amazing Glover Social team, led by Mary Gallagher and Jodi Petrie Fagan, who helped our school raise \$27,683.88 this year! Thank you to everyone who came out and gave so generously! These funds will certainly be put to wonderful use and directly impact your children. Thank you to Kate Deeb, Kelly Hudak, Liz Tretinik, Allison Norton, Teresa Cook, Sophie Koenig, Kim Quach Cai, Elizabeth Whelan, Rita Moore, Margaret Hale, Jenny Kunkel, Craig Piccirillo, Michael Hale, Ronan Fagan, Hanganh Vo, and all of our wonderful PTO representatives.

**Turkey Trot:** This Tuesday is our annual Glover Turkey Trot! Students trot with their classes around the building and it's always lots of fun! This year, the Turkey Trot will be led by Glover Third Grader Nicolas Mann, accompanied by Turkey MacNeil/McDavitt. If you'd like to come cheer on your little turkeys, you can gather along the "trot path" near the front of the school. Trotting times by class are as follows:

9:00-9:15 BODKIN/DOW/GOOD 5<sup>th</sup>

9:15-9:30 MALIEL/CRAVEN 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-9:45 FLANAGAN/MORRIS-DONOHUE 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:45-10:00 HOFF/KEMPF 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-10:15 CARDIASMENOS/COATES 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10:15-10:30 STALLIONS/CRAVEN-VANACORE 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10:30-10:45 HAMMOND/KOITA 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:45-11:00 O'LEARY/LEFORT-WHITE 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11:00-11:15 BONNER/FRANKLIN-COLLINS 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:15-11:30 BROWN/McCARTHY/GRANT-HEAL 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:30-11:45 BRANDI/BRINK/MURPHY-COMER K  
11:45-12:00 KATES/HANNEY K

**Social Emotional Learning:** After Thanksgiving Break, we'll begin Unit 3 which is focused entirely on empathy. We'll learn that empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. Students will learn that in order to get along with others and make our school a happier place, they need to learn, practice, and show empathy for others. On Monday, Mr. Powers, Mrs. MacNeil, and I will meet with every grade level to hold assemblies about bullyproofing our school, being a brave upstander, and identifying trusted adults to report incidents that may occur. Your children will come home with a few identified trusted adults and you can help us confirm with them that any time they feel uncomfortable for any reason, they should tell their trusted adult.

**Art Fundraiser:** Yesterday, your child came home with artwork for our Square One Art fundraiser. These pieces make great gifts! If you love the piece that came home and want to turn it into some keepsakes, please complete the order form and send it back in by November 28. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. If your child's artwork seems incomplete, we are happy to offer a "re-do". Please just reach out to your child's teacher directly.

**Building Resilience in Children:** I found this article helpful and wanted to share with you:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gzkdPYHvHf-5C1Se-V5wFtKT668sUq7Q/view>

**Thanksgiving Breads:** If you ordered breads, they will be delivered to school on November 20 and sent home with your children. If you'd prefer to pick them up at school, please email me directly. Thank you!

**Donor's Choose Grant:** Ms. Grant Heal has created a Donor's Choose grant to support her students. Please click the following link to learn more: [Creative Designs by First Grade Minds](#).

**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!

**Parent Speaker Series:** On Monday, November 26, Jessica Minahan will be speaking at MHS about Reducing Anxiety in Children. Ms. Minahan is a board-certified behavior analyst and special educator with over 17 years of experience supporting students. She will speak about preventative tools, strategies, and interventions for reducing anxiety, increasing self-regulation, executive functioning, and self-monitoring. The event is free and open to the public and begins at 6:30pm on Monday, November 26.

**Soccer:** Registration is now OPEN for spring soccer programs:

**K-2 LEAGUE:** The K-2 program is open to boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and is offered in the fall and spring. This program runs on Saturdays for 75 minutes. Each week features a skills session followed by a controlled game. All training is supervised with professional instruction. K-2 is open to all Milton residents and students of all Milton Schools. You must register on time to have player and coach requests considered. All games are played in Milton.

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Our in-town program for 3rd-5th grade is back for another great season! Learn new skills with volunteer and professional coaching. One practice and one clinic per week. All games played in Milton on Sundays. You can play both Champions League and Travel League. This program runs for 10 weeks.

**TRAVEL LEAGUE:** Grades 3-8, games on Saturdays (5 home and 5 away games), weekday practices. There will be limited slots on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams (2 teams, 3 teams, 3 teams respectively). Most of these slots will be filled with players who were placed on travel teams in the Fall 2018. If you played travel in Fall 2018 or would like to be considered for any slots that may open up for Spring 2019, please register for Travel Evaluation. If and when you are placed on a travel team, you will be automatically billed for the difference in registration fee. If you are not placed on a travel team, you will be automatically placed in Champions League. You must register on time to be placed on a Grade 3, 4, or 5 travel team in Spring 2019.

**PRE-K:** Registration for Pre-K will open at a later date.

We look forward to seeing you all back for a fun spring season! Please visit the Milton Soccer website [www.miltonmasoccer.org](http://www.miltonmasoccer.org) for more information about all our programs as well as sign up online. Deadline to register is January 6th (on January 7th waitlist and late fees will apply).

**Upcoming Dates:**

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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