

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had another great week and are trying to stay healthy here at Glover! We are gearing up for the big Glover Social which is next Friday night! I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank Sophie Koenig-Rodriguez for her unbelievable and tireless efforts to make this event a success! Sophie- we are so grateful for the amount of time and energy you have put into this important fundraiser that benefits every Glover Kid! To the incredible Glover Social Committee who has also worked so hard to make this happen, thank you! Tickets are almost sold out but a few are available at the door.

As you know, we are working hard to sanitize the building, teach hand-washing protocols, and we are doing everything we can here at Glover to keep children and staff healthy. With both Influenza A and B confirmed at Glover, it is so important that children are monitored for temperatures using a thermometer if they complain of any symptoms. Students should not be sent to school if they have a temperature and must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) before returning. We appreciate your diligence in following this expectation. Again, please include Maureen LeBlanc on all communications regarding your child's health and if you have confirmation of flu, please inform the school. It's not too late to get a flu shot!

MLK Celebration: This weekend, some of our fabulous Glover singers will be performing at the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 20. The day begins with a Day of Service Project and all are invited to help assemble blessing bags for the unhoused from 10-11:30am at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Randolph Ave. Additionally, everyone is invited to a community celebration from 6:30-8pm at the Concord Baptist Church on Blue Hill Avenue. Our Glover singers will be performing and I got a sneak peek at their singing today. It is spectacular. Check them out on Twitter @GloverSchool!

Digital Citizenship Day: Volunteer Opportunity

On Tuesday, February 11th from 9:20 am - 12:20 pm, Glover will hold our first-ever elementary Digital Citizenship Day. All Glover students will take part in 2-4 engaging digital citizenship lessons during this exciting day. The lesson topics will include but are not limited to digital footprints, internet privacy, copyright, cyber-bullying, and creating passwords.

The ready-to-teach, no teaching experience needed lessons will be delivered by family volunteers. Each class will need 2-4 volunteers. Here is a [link](#) to the Digital Citizenship lessons. If volunteers need support preparing for the day, an optional training session will be offered to all of the volunteers on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 pm in the Collicot/Cunningham cafeteria.

As of now, we only have volunteers for the following classrooms: Mme. Brown, Ms. Grant-Heal, Ms. Spitz, Ms. Coates, Mr. Hoff, Ms. Dow, Mrs. Bodkin, Mrs. Good, and Mrs. Kates.

If your child's teacher is not listed, we do not have volunteers to run these special activities. Please consider volunteering- I promise it's a light lift!

If you would like to volunteer please complete this [Google Form](#). If you have any questions please email AJ Melanson.

A Look Ahead...

Glover Science Fair and Art Night: This year, our Science Fair and Art Night have combined into a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) night and you are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00-7:30 to view the Science Fair projects as well as walk the halls to view the amazing artwork completed by all Glover Kids! Please mark your calendars for this exciting night!

Kindergarten Information Night: On January 23rd, 2020 at 6:30 pm, we hope to see many kindergarten parents and guardians at Kindergarten Information Night in the Charles Winchester Auditorium located at Milton High School, 25 Gile Rd. As we prepare to welcome our new kindergarteners next September, the first step for families is to pre-register your new student. [Pre-registration can be found online here.](#) Please note that your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2020 to start kindergarten in September 2020. [All details on registering for Kindergarten can be found here.](#)

First Grade Information Night: On Tuesday, February 25th, in the MHS Auditorium, parents and guardians of current kindergarten students are invited to 1st Grade Information Night to learn about our two first grade programs: the English Innovation Pathway (with STEM & Spanish) and French Immersion. We will also explain the Assignment Plan, Lottery (if needed) and the Timeline. The night will end with a Q&A session. We will also hold a STEM Information Night on March 2nd, in the Collicot/Cunningham library, for current kindergarten families to preview an overview of the STEM Program in the English Innovation Pathway and participate in a hands-on engineering activity.

PARENT Speaker Series: Mary Cole, MPH, CHES presents "Vaping and Our Youth: Strategies for Prevention" on Tuesday January 21st at 6:30pm at the MHS auditorium. Learn more about what e-cigarette and vape products are, why they are harmful, how the tobacco and vaping industry are targeting kids, and how to protect our kids from this latest trend. Mary Cole is the Program Coordinator of the Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership. Mary has her Masters in Public Health from Boston University and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

PARENT Speaker Series: On Wednesday, February 5, 2020, we welcome **Jon Mattleman** presenting "**The Secret Lives of Teens/Tweens**" at the MHS auditorium, starting at 6:30pm. Jon will help provide new ways of understanding and engaging with teens/tweens, effective strategies you can implement immediately and leave you with more confidence, courage, and patience in your parenting skills. Jon is a mental health counselor and trainer with 30 years of experience working with children, teens, young adults, parents and families. His dynamic presentations have been well received by thousands of parents throughout New England. We welcome his return to Milton after presenting "Minding Your Mind" at Pierce Middle School in 2017.

Glover Musical: Many of our amazing third, fourth, and fifth graders will be participating in Rock and Roll Forever, brought to us by the fantastic Ms. Martin! Mark your calendars for a performance at 7pm on Friday, February 28 and another at 2pm on Saturday, February 29 if you'd like to see our rockstars in action!

For Your Calendar:

Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No School

Tuesday, January 21: Vaping Presentation- 6:30pm at MHS (see above)

Thursday, January 24: Kindergarten Information Night

Friday, January 24: Glover Social!

Wednesday, February 5: Early Release Day- Professional Development- 12:30 dismissal

Wednesday, February 5: The Secret Lives of Teens/Tweens (see above)

Wednesday, February 12: Glover Site Council- 3:30pm

Wednesday, February 12: Glover PTO Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Thursday, February 13: Glover Diversity Committee Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Monday, February 17-Friday, February 21: February Break

Tuesday, February 25: First Grade Information Night

Friday, February 28: Glover Musical- 7pm

Saturday, February 29: Glover Musical- 2pm

Wednesday, March 4: Glover Science Fair- 6:00-7:30pm

Thursday, March 5: Early Release Day- Professional Development- 12:30 dismissal

Saturday, March 8: Glover Skating Party at Milton Academy

Thursday, March 26: Grade 5 Growth and Development (in school)

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time with any questions or concerns.
Have a wonderful weekend!

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[2020 MLKing Celebration Flyer.pdf](#)

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