

Dear Glover Families,

Our first full week was a complete success! Students are settling in beautifully and we are off and running! Be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool to get a glimpse into our daily lives! Also, be sure to keep checking the PBIS blog to see if your child was chosen as this week's Glover Kid! <https://gloverkids.wordpress.com>

This year as a staff, we are guided by the idea that "if you judge a book by its cover, you might miss a great story." We are doing work around unpacking "second backpacks" that students come to school with and have been inspired by Dr. Adolph Brown, who I was fortunate to see at the National Principal's Conference this summer. At Tuesday's staff meeting, we were inspired by this video and I wanted to share it with you as well: <https://youtu.be/WBgCowsnw3Q>

Safety Drills: The Milton Public Schools work closely with the Milton Police and Fire Departments to plan and implement school safety procedures during the school year. At some point next week, your child will participate in a Lockdown drill led by Sgt. Richman of MPD. Children will review procedures with their teachers in their individual classrooms and please know that we consider the age of our student population and discussions about safety are focused on developmentally appropriate topics. During drills like these, we emphasize to the students that schools are safe places, we work with families, Police, and Fire Departments to keep children safe, we take safety precautions every day (visitors check in, doors are locked, we practice drills), and our job is to keep your children safe. Any discussion beyond this is left to parental discretion. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions about our safety drill procedures. Please know that if you come to the building during a lockdown, you will not be able to gain entry until the drill is complete. Thank you for your understanding.

Glover Diversity Committee: Please consider joining our Diversity Committee, which is one of the most powerful, amazing, and influential groups of people I've ever had the privilege of working with. Our Diversity

Committee is open to any/all who would like to join. Each month, we will meet and I will share the meeting date/time with everyone so that anyone who wants to join can mark their calendars! We have many exciting initiatives on the docket for this year, including expanding our Community Dinners Initiative and partnership with Tucker.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 25 at Milton High School. From 4-6pm, we will have the privilege of working as a district with Dr. Erin Hardy in the area of implicit bias. I strongly encourage you to consider attending this. Dr. Hardy is amazing. After the meeting, Glover's Diversity Committee will gather briefly to connect.

Calling All 5th Grade ART Enthusiasts! Students in grade five are now eligible to apply to be part of our ACE program at Glover. Art Curriculum Enrichment (ACE) is an art enrichment program for hardworking, dedicated, and motivated artists to wish to have an extra art class each week during their lunch and recess. Not only is it a big commitment to give up one lunch/recess a week, ACE also gives weekly homework and sketchbook assignments! This program is not strictly for talented artists, but for those who wish to deepen their artistic abilities. If interested, the application form is attached to this email and hard copies are available in the office. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 28.

Exciting Author Visit: Award winning author Varian Johnson, author of nine novels including "The Parker Inheritance", will be visiting with Glover 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on October 4th. Students can order a personalized copy of one of Varian's books through September 24. The order form is attached and available on our website.

Dismissal Plans: Thank you for continuing to adhere to the following protocol when changing regular dismissal plans:

- **Write a Note:** Please submit dismissal changes **in writing** to your child's teacher and send in with your child. This is important for many reasons but if there is a substitute teacher, there will be written record of dismissal changes.

- If your plans change when your child is already at school for the day, you must **call the main office** as teachers cannot guarantee that they will be able to check their email/personal voicemail during the instructional day. The main office will notify individual teachers of dismissal changes.
- Please be sure **your child is aware** of dismissal changes ahead of time so that he/she is comfortable with plans for the end of the day.

Nurse's Notes: Please remember to follow the Milton Public Schools Health and Wellness Policy and keep your children home from school if they are sick. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning. Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy.

Grade Five Families: If you'd like to help with our first fundraiser (Open House Goodie Bags), please go to the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444aca629aaf94-open>

Cait's 5K Run: Link to register- <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=9477>

From Gatsby to Giddy Up: Get ready for GIDDY UP GLOVER - a hootin' and hollerin' good time homage to all things country and western. It will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018 at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy, Mass. So secure those baby-sitters now because this will be one shindig you won't want to miss.

From Jodi Petrie and Mary Gallagher (Social Co-Chairs): Given this event is just two months away, planning began over the summer but the work is heating up. This event helps to raise a significant amount of funds for the school and we generally make the majority of our revenue/ profits from money raised from the silent/ live auction and corporate donations (eg. checks). Our goal this year is to raise \$27,000. **Today we have an ask of you: can you help secure corporate donations and/ or items for our silent / live auction?** Many parents are able to secure donations. Please consider any ties you have to companies that can help to underwrite part of this event - from the DJ to corn-hole to the Country Crooner Challenge to other

Giddy Up Themed events. We also know that parents can secure gift certificates to their favorite restaurant, hair salon, golf course; have access to rentals at vacation homes; score tickets to games/ concerts/ shows. Maybe your company has a box at Fenway, Gillette or the TD Garden and they can donate charitable tickets to an event. Given we are looking to raise even more funds than last year, we need your support. Attached is a donation letter. We would truly appreciate your help in sending it out to your contacts. Simply email Mary at mary.gallagher@gmail.com if you want to review our current list of donors so you don't pursue them twice. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, September 19: Yom Kippur - No school

Wednesday, September 26: First Glover PTO Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Thursday, October 4: Glover Open House 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day- No school

Wednesday, October 10: Glover Walk/Bike to School Day!

Wednesday, October 17: Half Day (Professional Development)- dismissal at 12:30

Thursday, October 25: District-Wide Diversity Committee Event: Implicit Bias- Dr. Erin Hardy- 4-6pm in MHS Library

Friday, October 26: Glover/Tucker Lantern Walk

Friday, November 2: Glover Social and Fundraiser- mark your calendars!

In Partnership,

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