

Dear Glover Families,

What a fun week at Glover! Students from our Student Leadership Team helped our little ones get to class, read with younger readers, helped in the gym, art room, music room, and library, and more! Many came out for the benefit concert on Tuesday and we had a very successful lockdown drill on Thursday. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful opportunities to offer all Glover Kids! Be sure to follow us on Twitter @gloverschool to check out pictures of all of these awesome moments!

This week's skill for learning was **Using Self-Talk**. "This is another great week for learning at our school. An important skill for learning is using self-talk. Self-talk means talking to ourselves in a quiet voice or in our heads. Self-talk can help us stay on task and focus attention. Think about what self-talk you might use if you were trying to remember directions your teacher gave you. Remember to use self-talk today when you need to stay focused and on task!"

Next week's skill for learning will be **Being Assertive**.

Standards-Based Report Card Focus Group:

As we continue our roll-out of the standards-based report card, we are seeking your input. We have created a Focus Group with parent representatives from all four elementary schools. This group will be meeting next week to discuss the roll-out and implementation of the current report card. Your feedback is very valuable. If you have anything you'd like to share, please email me or one of the focus group members: Maggie Hale (maggieodonnell@gmail.com), Mary O'Leary (kelleycb@yahoo.com) or Jimmy Suppelsa (jsuppelsa@gmail.com). You can always email me if you'd prefer!

MCAS:

As you might know, DESE released official MCAS reports on Wednesday. Individual student reports will be mailed out from Central Office in late October or early November. It is important to note that this is a new test: Next Generation MCAS. Scores on this test cannot be compared to scores from previous years as it is a completely updated version of the nearly 20-year-old MCAS assessment and focuses on students' critical thinking abilities, ability to apply their knowledge and ability to make connections between reading and writing. It gives a clearer signal of readiness for the next grade level. DESE has established that the new standards for Meeting Expectations on the next-generation MCAS are more rigorous than the standards for reaching the Proficient level on the legacy MCAS. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon! To learn more, visit www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents.

Mix it Up at Lunch:

On October 31, we'll be joining students around the world for International Mix it Up at Lunch day. The goal is to step out of our comfort zones in the cafeteria and get to know someone new! We use Teaching Tolerance in our school and classroom to help break down social barriers and boundaries. Teaching Tolerance sponsors this event once a year and we will be talking a great deal about how to not only sit with someone new in the cafeteria for one day, but how to incorporate the day into yearlong efforts to promote a healthy school climate. To learn more, go to <https://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up>.

Glover Lantern Walk!

Please mark your calendars for this fun Glover tradition! We will be joined by the Tucker community for a walk around Turner's Pond with our lanterns! On Wednesday, Oct 25th at 3:30 pm, we will be having our Lantern Making Workshop. Students must be picked up by a grown-up and brought to the workshop in the art room. Simply bring a 2-liter plastic bottle and a few dollars for the bake sale! Enjoy your snacks as you begin creating your artistic lanterns in the Glover Art Room with your children. Please remember to bring a 2-liter plastic bottle, feel free to cut the top off before you come.

On Friday, October 27th at 6:30pm, we will have our Lantern Walk around Turner's Pond. Bring your lanterns for a walk around the pond to be followed by donuts and cider by the front door of Glover School. Glover Gear will be available for purchase as well (cash, check, credit card).

Author Visit:

Melissa Stewart, author of books like "Can an Aardvark Bark?" and "Under the Snow" will be visiting our first, third, and fifth graders on Tuesday, November 28. In first grade, they will be learning about bat adaptations. In third grade, students will be learning about why chocolate is better than roses after reading "No Monkey, No Chocolate" and in fifth grade, they will be participating in a "creating non-fiction" unit. Last year, first, third, and fifth graders also participated so that at the end of a two-year cycle, all Glover students will have seen Melissa.

You have the exciting opportunity to pre-purchase an autographed and dedicated copy of one of Melissa's books. Please see attached order form! Books are just \$16.00 and can be inscribed to anyone! Thank you, Glover PTO, for bringing this special event to us!

Flu Clinic: MPS school nurses will be available to give flu shots to the general public on November 14 from 3-4:30 at Pierce Middle School.

Classroom Reading Opportunity:

Maureen LeBlanc, our fabulous school nurse, has a set of books about different medical conditions such as diabetes, vision/hearing impairment, attention deficit disorder, and more. These books are written to be read-aloud to classrooms of young children to help them understand different perspectives of students. If you are interested in sharing one of these books with your child's classroom, please contact Maureen at mleblanc@miltonps.org or reach out to your classroom teacher directly.

Glover and Community News:

Plank4Autism:

Our plank practice has begun! We will be "planking 4 autism" the week of October 23! This fundraising opportunity, thanks to Zach and Matty Morin, is a wonderful way to come together as a community for a great cause. To contribute, please go to www.plank4autism.com. Ask your child about the planks they are doing during P.E. class warm-ups!

The Great Glover: Sports Tickets + Vacation Rental Donations Would be Darb

Our Gatsby themed party is shaping up to be a big event! Local restaurants will showcase their great cuisine, we will feature a champagne fountain and a cigar bar. You can take your chance at the roulette wheel or bid on things like the "Make Way for Ducklings Experience" or "A City Escape" where you can enjoy a stay at the Five Star Four Seasons Hotel, Boston complete with Dinner in the city too!

As we make the final plans for The Great Glover (Friday, November 3rd, 7:00-11:00pm at The Milton Hoosic) we have an ask of you - our Great Glover community.

We are requesting any donations in the area of Sports tickets and vacation rentals.

Got season tix to the Pats and want to donate 2 to that one game where the Farmer's Almanac is predicting temps in the teens? We will gladly take them. Or does your company have a connection to a box at Fenway or the TD Garden and maybe they would be so generous to donate 2- 4 tickets to the Sox / Celtics or Bruins? Want to forgo that sizzling summer Sox game and share 4 of your season tix with Glover? ANY sports donation would be greatly appreciated. They are sure to fetch great cash for our school.

And in past years, vacation rentals have scored some serious Benjamins that has been plowed back into enriching our children's education. Again, a ski week in NH or VT, or a weekend on the Cape or in Rhode Island. We aren't picky, but we would be VERY appreciative of any donations you can send our way. Please email Allison Norton at allisondnorton@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

PS. You can buy your tickets at <http://thegreatglover.brownpapertickets.com/>

PPS. Darb is slang from 1920s, means wonderful

Monster Dash:

On Sunday, October 29 at 9:00am, we will be gathering in Cunningham Park for the annual Monster Dash! Don't miss this super-fun event! Please see attached flier for additional information and a QR code to register.

Take-Back Day: The Milton Police Department and the MSAPC are holding a drug take back day on sat. Oct 28 from 10-2 at the police station as part of the DEA's national take-back day! Help us reduce access to expired or unused medicine unsafe for kids, teens or visitors to your house by getting them out of your medicine cabinet!! Free medication lock boxes until supplies run out.

Mike's 5K Run/Walk to End Substance Abuse:

The inaugural running of **Mike's 5K to Crush Substance Abuse** is coming up on Saturday 10/21/17 at Cunningham/Collicot School here in Milton. The 5K will follow the well known Milton Road Race route. Race starts at 10am, and t-shirts are included in \$30 registration fee for anyone who registers by tomorrow (10/6/17). No need to be a runner, there will be plenty of walkers.

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, October 21: Mike's 5K walk/run to crush Substance Abuse

Saturday, October 21: Glover Mini Photo Shoot at Turner's Pond

Wednesday, October 25: Lantern Making Workshop- 3:30 in Art Room

Thursday, October 26: Milton Historical Society- Songs of the Revolution- 7pm at Milton library

Friday, October 27: Glover Lantern Walk- 6:30 pm at Glover

Sunday, October 29: MFE Monster Dash (see attached)

Friday, November 3: 7- 11pm, The Great Glover Social + Fundraiser @The Milton Hoosic Club

Wednesday, November 8: Early Release- Sky Zone Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 15: Movie Night/PTO/Diversity Committee 6-8pm

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week at Glover next week!

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

