

Dear Glover Families,

We had an amazing week! Here are a few highlights and things to look forward to!
Social-Emotional News: This month, we will continue to focus on empathy here at Glover. Throughout the month, your child will be hearing messages about feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling, identifying their own and others' feelings, and showing compassion. Please help our efforts by continuing these conversations at home and asking your child about what he/she is learning about empathy here at school.

Report Cards: Your child's report card will be coming home on Tuesday, December 5. Teachers have worked very hard to capture your child's progress on this standards-based reporting tool. They look forward to discussing this further at conferences. For questions regarding the standards-based report card, please reach out to Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator Sara MacNeil.

Conferences: We will be having conferences on Thursday, December 7. If you haven't scheduled a conference with your child's teacher and would like to do so, please email them directly. If you would like to meet with any of our related service providers (OT, Speech, Adjustment Counselor), specialists, or our FLES teacher, please reach out directly to schedule an appointment. All staff are available to meet with you. For your reference, I have attached a helpful guide to parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to the PTO for providing our teachers with a much-deserved dinner on Thursday!

Holiday Gift Drive: There are no words to express my amazement and gratitude...the Glover Community is simply THE BEST. I am so proud to say that every child has been accounted for on the sign-up. Thank you, Laura Kottkamp, for organizing. Gift tags with your selected student's gender and age will be coming home Monday and gifts are due here to Glover by next Friday. They will be locked in my office until they can be delivered. Again, thank you.

Bus Ridership: As of Tuesday, December 5, no student without a bus pass will be allowed to ride the bus. Please be sure that your child has his/her pass as staff will be checking for passes as of Tuesday, December 5.

Parking Lot: Please be respectful of the bus entrance. We ask that you not pull into the entrance that the buses use. Staff on duty report that cars continue to pull in rather than following the traffic pattern through the car line. We really appreciate your consideration and compliance with these designated traffic patterns.

Wildcat Fun Night: The MHS Cheerleaders will be hosting a Wildcat Fun Night Fundraiser so YOU can have a fun night out! Children in grades K-5 are invited to attend and play games, make crafts, and have lots of fun! Fun Night is TONIGHT, December 1 from 6:00-8:30 right here in the Glover School Gym! The walk-in cost is just \$15 per child.

Odd Girl Out: The MPS PARENT Speaker Series is pleased to welcome **Rachel Simmons** - Expert in Girls' Bullying and Young Women's Leadership. Rachel will be

presenting "*Odd Girl Out: Coping with Best Friends, Worst Enemies, and Everything in Between*" on **Monday January 8, 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Milton High School auditorium.** This event is free and open to the public.

Exclusion. Abusive friendships. Cyberbullying. When a girl's relationships are in trouble, her core sense of self is threatened. Parents feel anguished and helpless. For over ten years, Rachel has studied the politics of girls' relationships. Every year, she empowers thousands of parents to help their daughters negotiate some of the most painful moments of their lives.

Rachel's rigorous research and unparalleled experience with girls makes her a favorite of parent associations around the world. Weaving down-to-earth advice with analysis of girls' development, Rachel provides parents with concrete strategies and scripts to help kids cope with best friends, worst enemies and everything in between. An intimate observer of girls' social world, she offers parents a window into the hidden culture of girls' aggression. Rachel also coaches parents to interface effectively with the adults in their children's lives. Her presentation will last about one hour and will be followed by 30 minutes of Q & A.

Bulb Planting: Thank you to Mary O'Leary and many others who coordinated bulb planting with our first grade Glover Kids. It was a very special time for all and connected beautifully to the daisy story that they had just read in reading! Stay tuned for the spring arrival of our special bulbs and thanks to Home Depot for donating!

Author Visit: This week, first graders, third graders and fifth graders had the privilege of participating in an interactive presentation from Melissa Stewart, a well known Massachusetts author who has written 189 nonfiction books. Our second and fourth graders enjoyed her presentation last year. This curriculum enhancement program was funded by the PTO. We would like to express our gratitude to the Glover community for any contributions made to the PTO, because this is a direct result of your support. It is an amazing opportunity for children to meet an author and hear the about the writing process. We are hoping that through this enrichment opportunity, students learned a bit about the wonderful world of science and about nonfiction texts, as this opportunity was a fabulous compliment to the general curriculum. Perhaps a few of them were even inspired to become an author when they grow up! Please take time to ask them about this! <http://www.melissa-stewart.com>

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten information night for incoming K students will be Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30pm at MHS. Please see attached for more information.

Soccer Uniform Donations: Drop off your used soccer uniforms (and equipment) in collection bins located in the lobbies of Collicot/Cunningham, Glover, Tucker and Pierce schools and at 34 Cliff Road. Any donations of clean T-Shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards, cleats, and deflated balls and pumps will be gratefully accepted. Note that uniforms from other sports will also be gratefully accepted. Collection dates are November 27-

December 22. Thank you for your support! Thank you, Madame Brown, for bringing this great opportunity to us!

Music Share: December 11th- 15th

Every child has the opportunity to do a "show and tell" of music! This is a time in the school year where students in grades K-5 can share a musical performance with fellow classmates during their music time. This is an event for students only and more information will be sent home soon.

Kiva Grants- Glover Giving Back:

Our incredible fifth grade committee has brought an exciting opportunity to Glover. All too often, we are asking. We also want to teach our children the importance of giving. If you haven't had a chance to explore Kiva Grants, I encourage you to do so at <https://www.kiva.org/gifts>. Thank you to Julie Mann, Anna Barker, and the fifth sub-committee for introducing us to this! More will be coming soon about Kiva grants but on conference night, the Fundraising Student Leadership Team will be selling handmade holiday cards. Profits go straight to each classroom's seed money for a Kiva grant. Thank you for considering purchasing a one-of-a-kind holiday card!

Tri-Lingual Story Walk: Visit the back playground of Tucker Elementary School and enjoy a terrific story posted along the fence. Experience literacy in a unique way while enjoying Dr. Seuss' *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* book with your family. Stop at each sign board and read the page with your child. And, enjoy this wonderful story in three different languages, English, French and Spanish! This Story Walk can easily be appreciated by children both young and old. Tucker Elementary School (back playground) daily through early December 2017. Please see attached for additional information.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, December 1: Wildcat Fun Night Fundraiser (see above)

Tuesday, December 5: Report Cards Home

Tuesday, December 5: Deadline for Bus Registration

Thursday, December 7: Early Release- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, December 8: Deadline for Holiday Gift Giving

Monday-Friday, December 11-15: Music Share (see above)

Monday, December 25-Tuesday, January 2: Winter Recess

Monday, January 8: Odd Girl Out (see above) 6:30-8pm at MHS

Wednesday, January 10: Diversity Committee/PTO/Glover Movie Night

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

