

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you for reading and adhering to our policies and procedures regarding dismissal. We continue to try a new staggered method of dismissal and the feedback has been very positive. As always, I welcome any feedback or suggestions you might have! Thank you for partnering with us to keep your children safe and secure!

This week, we welcomed Emily Duncan to our grade three co-taught classroom. Mrs. Duncan was previously the team chair at Pierce Middle School. She is replacing Mrs. White during her maternity leave. Congratulations Mrs. White and welcome Mrs. Duncan!

Here are a few highlights from our week and things to look forward to:

SEL Focus: This week, we began focusing on the topic of **Emotion Management**. This will go hand-in-hand with our exploration of **Calm Classroom** strategies mentioned in last week's email. This week, we talked about Feelings In My Body. Next week, we'll begin exploring how to stop and name our feelings. We'll learn about how to use self talk to relax and how to use our feelings detective skills to name our feelings. We'll learn that when we recognize our feelings, the thinking part of our brains can start to manage them.

Diversity Committee/PTO: Please consider joining us on Wednesday, January 24 for our next Diversity Committee/PTO meeting evening, complete with childcare provided by MHS seniors and a movie! We encourage any and all to join us for some invigorating and powerful conversations! This month's Diversity Committee meeting will focus on our efforts to create a safe and supportive learning community for all, specifically looking at active bystander training for both families and students, anti-bullying campaigns, and new programs being piloted, as mentioned above. Please consider joining us at 6pm!

Joint Glover/Tucker Diversity Committee Meeting: We are excited to continue our partnership with Tucker's Diversity Committee. On Thursday, February 1, we will be inviting members of Tucker's committee to Glover. We are looking forward to continuing our exploration of joint events and collaborations that will allow our two special communities to connect. Please consider joining us! All are welcome!

No School Jan 31st - nothing to do? Bring the kids, family and friends to Glover School's private viewing of Paddington 2 or Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle at Braintree 10 AMC. \$15 per ticket (adults must get one too) with snack and water included. Tickets are limited so get them fast! See attached flyer for details.

Parent Speaker Series: Jon Mattleman- Just Talk About It: January 30, 2018 at 6:30pm at Pierce Middle School. This interactive presentation is an introduction to mental health, which is designed to train attendees on how to recognize the warning signs of stress, anxiety, depression, and crisis. In addition, self-harm, suicide, and the emotional impact of social media will be explicitly addressed. Participants will discuss ways to assist others to cultivate positive coping skills and the ability to ask for help. Crisis

intervention is emphasized by learning the signs of suicidal ideation and risk, and how to encourage those at risk to seek help. For more information on the Just Talk About It presentation, please visit the Minding Your Mind website: <http://mindingyourmind.org/>

Box Tops: A box top collection sheet was sent home this week to remind everyone to keep clipping box tops to raise funds for Glover! Box tops will be due on February 15. More information will come home in early February. Questions?? Contact Jennifer.queally@yahoo.com.

Kindergarten Information Night: Calling all future kindergarteners! Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 is upon us. As we prepare to welcome our new kindergarteners next September, the first step for families is to pre-register your new student. After you pre-register, we hope to see many kindergarten parents and guardians at Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, January 23rd at Milton High School. The final step is to attend Kindergarten Registration (by appointment on February 13th, 14th, 15th) with your completed registration packet that you will receive on January 23rd at information night. Questions? Please email [Laurie Dunn](mailto:Laurie.Dunn). We look forward to meeting the class of 2031!

Little League Baseball: 2018 Spring Registration is now open and an early bird discount is available. For students ages 4+-12 can register for Rookie Ball. Just go to www.MiltonNationalLL.com to register!

Baseball Skills Clinic: run by UMASS Head Baseball coach Brendan Eygabroat, Sunday mornings (Jan 21, Feb 4, Feb 18, Feb 25, March 18) from 8am-9:30am (A and AA) and 9:30am-11am (AAA and Majors), 6:1 player to coach ratio for \$50. Space is limited so register today at www.MiltonNationalLL.com.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Jason Beckett at jasonbeckett@comcast.net or email info@miltonnationalll.com.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, January 23: Kindergarten Information Night- 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, January 24: Diversity Committee/PTO/Glover Movie Night

Saturday, January 27: Bystander Intervention Training

Tuesday, January 30: Just Talk About It Parent Speaker Series- see above

Wednesday, January 31: No School- professional development day

Wednesday, January 31: Glover Movie Day (see above)

Thursday, February 1: Joint Tucker/Glover Diversity Comm. Meeting- 6pm @ Glover

February 19-23: February Break

Saturday, March 3: Chessapalooza at Milton Public Library

Wednesday, March 7: Early Release PD Day

Thursday, March 8: Conferences (PM)

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

In partnership,
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Principal, Glover Elementary School