

Dear Glover Families,

It was another awesome week! If you missed my tweet (@GloverSchool), thank you for our SOUPER lunch today! What a yummy treat and it's so nice to know how much you all care for and appreciate the staff here at Glover! They are a special bunch...thank you for taking the time to make their day special!

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

SEL Focus: This month, we are focusing on the topic of **Emotion Management**. This week, we talked about Calming Down. Next week, we'll begin exploring how to manage learning challenges. I'll share with the students that "using our calming-down steps helps us be better learners. There are many opportunities to practice your calming down strategies at school. You may have a strong feeling when you have to wait, or when you make a mistake, or when you have trouble finishing a task. These are perfect moments to practice using your stop signal, naming your feeling, and calming down. When staff and students at our school calm down our emotions, it helps us all learn." I share this language in the hopes that we can develop common language between school and home. If you know what we are focusing on in school and can reinforce the same concepts and language at home, the impact is incredible! Thank you!

Family Engagement Survey: Please take a moment to provide feedback on this district-wide Elementary Family Engagement Survey. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J69DN8L>

Diversity Committee Update: We had another very powerful Diversity Committee meeting on Thursday night. Thank you to the many parents who came out and took advantage of our Movie Night childcare to partake in important conversations. We were joined by Tucker's Diversity Committee and discussed **.

Grade Five Growth and Development Parent Information Night: For parents of fifth graders, please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 12 at 6:30pm at Glover. This night is for parents/guardians only. This is your opportunity to learn about what your child will be experiencing as part of the Growth and Development conversation. Please contact Noel Vigue with any questions or concerns: nvigue@miltonps.org.

From Nurse LeBlanc:

Flu: There have been confirmed cases of the influenza virus (also known as the flu) in various grade levels. Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any flu-like symptoms and contact your health care provider as soon as possible. It's not too late to get the flu vaccine. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs. Wash your hands often with soap and water, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or arm when you cough or sneeze. Disinfect frequently used household items. Please refer to the CDC.gov/flu website for more helpful information.

GI virus: The number of cases of the stomach bug is increasing in all grades. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, headaches and/or fever. Please

keep your child home from school if they are experiencing any of these symptoms. People should be without symptoms for a full 24 hours before returning to work or school. Please reinforce proper hand hygiene especially after using the bathroom and especially before eating, preparing or handling food.

Donations of disinfectant wipes, tissues and hand sanitizer would be greatly appreciated!!

Maureen LeBlanc, Glover Nurse- phone:(617)696-4288 ext: 4035- email: mleblanc@miltonps.org.

Incoming First Grade News: For families who will have a first grader next year, the time to make a decision about whether your child will participate in the English Innovation Pathway or the French Immersion Pathway is approaching. Please mark your calendars for two important nights: It is extremely important that families of incoming first graders plan to attend the Grade One Information Night on Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm at MHS. This informative presentation will tell you everything you need to know about selecting a pathway for your child and the entire process.

On March 12, we will have STEM information night at Collicot/Cunningham at 6pm. This event allows you to see what the English Innovation Pathway has to offer.

K-8 Math Night: On Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30-8pm at the Pierce Middle School library, we will be hosting a K-8 Math Night. The focus will be on how learning math is different from when we all went to school, how you can support your child at home, how math concepts build from grade to grade, and how you can understand what your child is learning from day to day. There will be breakout sessions and a Q&A. Childcare will be provided by MHS students. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/nsvv5Z>.

Beyond the Bell Programming: This is just a reminder that students who have been invited to participate in our Beyond the Bell programming begin sessions this coming week!

Thurgood at MHS: Wednesday, February 7 at 7pm. Admission is free and the play is appropriate for upper elementary students and older and will likely be of interest to many parents. It is a 90 minute one-man show with no intermission. MHS Juniors will see the show during the day. Featuring local actor Johnny Lee Davenport as Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to sit on the Supreme Court, Thurgood spans Marshall's impressive career as a lawyer, arguing such landmark cases as Brown v. Board of Education.

Health and Wellness Policy: Please see attached MPS Health and Wellness Policy recently approved by the School Committee.

Parent Speaker Series:

"Under Construction: What Every Parent Needs to know about the Teen/Tween Brain and Substance Use". Please mark your calendars for this important event: Thursday, February 8 at 6:30pm at MHS. Dr. Ruth Potee is a nationally recognized pediatrician and expert on youth risk-taking behavior. Her dynamic presentations help adults to

understand the maturing adolescent brain to help safeguard our children's well-being and promote healthy decision-making. With teen substance use and depression being a growing community concern, this is a must-see informative presentation.

Prior to the presentation at 6pm, in the Milton High School foyer there will be a unique interactive exhibit called, "Hidden in Plain Sight" demonstrating how to spot warning signs of possible substance misuse by using a recreated typical teen bedroom. This event is co-sponsored by the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (MSAPC).

"What's the Deal with Testing? Separating the Myths from What Matters". For future planning purposes, mark your calendars for this amazing presentation by Glover parent, founder of Teach Plus, and Harvard professor Celine Coggins. More to come about this! Also, for those who attended "Odd Girl Out", please note that the counterpart to this presentation *"Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys"* by Michael Thompson is scheduled for Thursday, April 5.

SEPAC Presentations: Dr. Ryan Ruth Conway, Clinical Psychologist, will present *"Understanding School Refusal in Children and Teens"* on March 29 at 7pm (location TBA) and Dr. Anne Howard will present *"A Conversation About Inclusion"* on May 31 at 7pm (location TBA).

SEPAC News: Milton SEPAC will host Linda Perry, MA of Avalanche Advocacy Agency, Inc. for a discussion about raising kids with behavioral challenges on February 13th at 7pm at the Glover Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Minority Educator Recruitment Fair: For the first time in history, the number of Latino, African-American, and Asian students in K-12 public school classrooms is expected to exceed the number of non-Hispanic, white students, but the racial and ethnic makeup of our country's teaching staff does not reflect this shift. There is a shortage of African American, Hispanic and Latino, Native American, and Asian educators, and the South Shore Minority Educator Recruitment Fair helps to encourage those individuals to pursue a career in education. During the event, hosted by MPS at The Copeland Field House at MHS on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30am – 12:30pm, representatives from South Shore public school districts will meet with potential employees in an effort to find the most qualified minority teacher and administrator candidates. Resumes will be accepted at the event, applications will be distributed, and interviews will be held.

Sweetheart Dance: Girls in grades K-5: grab your favorite dance partner and come dance the night away! Friday, March 9 from 6:30-8:30pm at Cunningham Hall- refreshments, DJ, photo booth, and dancing hosted by Girl Scout Troop 76178.

Little League Baseball: 2018 Spring Registration is now open and will remain open until mid-late March. Be sure to register early- 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 (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. Spaces are still available and it's a real value at 4 sessions for \$50! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Jason Beckett at jasonbeckett@comcast.net or email info@miltonnationalll.com.

Milton Girls Softball: Registration for the 2018 Spring Season is now open! You can register online at www.miltonsoftball.com. Milton Girls Softball is a recreational league open to girls in K-8. The season runs from mid-April to mid-June. New softball players at all ages are welcome! Please call 617-615-9450 or email wecare@miltonsoftball.com for more information.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, February 8: Dr. Ruth Potee- Teen/Tween Brain and Substance Abuse Parent Speaker Series- see above

Tuesday, February 13: Elementary Math Night for parents/guardians- 6:30-8pm at Pierce

Thursday, February 15: Box Top Collection Ends

February 19-23: February Break

Thursday, March 1: Grade Five Information Night at Pierce- 7pm

Saturday, March 3: Chessapalooza at Milton Public Library

Sunday, March 4: Glover PTO Skating Party at Milton Academy at 1pm

Tuesday, March 6: Grade One Information Night- 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, March 7: Early Release PD Day

Thursday, March 8: Conferences (PM)

Friday, March 9: Sweetheart Dance (see above)

Monday, March 12: STEM Information Night for incoming first graders- 6-7pm at Collicot/Cunningham

Wednesday, March 19: Glover Art Show and Book Fair

Monday, March 26: K-2 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, March 27: 3-5 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, March 28: Celine Coggins- What's the Deal With Testing Parent Speaker Series- see above

Friday, March 30: No School

Thursday, April 5: Michael Thompson- Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys- see above

Thursday, April 12: Grade Five Growth and Development- 6:30pm at Glover

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

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

