

Dear Glover Families,

We had another fabulous week at Glover and I hope you all stayed safe and warm on Thursday. As you know, the social-emotional wellbeing of our students is at the forefront of our efforts here at Glover. On Monday, Mr. Powers, Mrs. MacNeil, and I had assemblies with every grade level. I feel it is important for you to hear some of the language we are using with students so that you can reinforce the same concepts at home. We discussed strategies that students can use to “**report**” (not tell or tattletale- we reframed this) and be an “**upstander**”. We talked about the importance of having a **trusted adult** (or a few) here at Glover. We brainstormed who those trusted adults might be and how they will be able to help students navigate tricky situations. We explored the difference between “**bullying**” and “**conflict**” and role-played situations to allow all students (K-5) to really understand what to do in a variety of complicated scenarios. The most important take-away for students was the emphasis on having trusted adults. I followed our assemblies with a staff meeting in which I identified the importance of being trusted adults for students and how our response to students who are brave enough to reach out must be consistent and supportive. It was a powerful point of conversation for both students and staff and in our constant effort to wrap SEL practices around our students, I wanted to share it with you. Please ask your child about who their trusted adult at school might be and what they learned this week.

Thank you.

**IMPORTANT: Conferences-** We have rescheduled our afternoon conferences for Thursday, March 15. Please note that the building will be open and previously scheduled conferences will be held at the same time and location *this Thursday, March 15*. If your child’s teacher is unable to have conferences at next Thursday, March 15, he/she will be in contact with you on an individual basis to reschedule.

**PTO Meeting:** Please join us this Wednesday, March 14 at 6pm for the next PTO meeting. We’ll be hosting Coach Noel Vigue (MPS PE/Health Director) who will be presenting some unique and exciting ways to increase movement and physical exercise here at Glover!

**STEM Information Night:** For families of incoming first graders, STEM information night is an opportunity to learn a bit more about what the English Innovation Pathway with the STEM enrichment component has to offer. Come enjoy some fun, hands-on activities with your family from 6-7pm in the Collicot/Cunningham cafeteria.

**Art Show and Book Fair:** In the annual tradition of Passport to the Arts, we will be opening Glover’s doors next Wednesday, March 21 from 6-7:30pm for you to walk our hallways and take a peek at our artistic masterpieces! Be sure to stop by the Glover Book Fair in the library to pick up a new book! Mark your calendars for this special night!

Our wonderful art teachers would appreciate your help if you have any time to spare on Monday, March 19 or Tuesday, March 20. If you would be willing to help us hang art work, please email me directly. Thank you!

**K-2 Music Showcase:** If you are the parent of a Kindergartner, first grader, or second grader, please join us at 2pm on Friday, March 23 for the K-2 Music Showcase in the Glover gym. Come see all that your child is learning in music class this year!

**Science Fair:** If you haven't gotten your applications in yet, please do so ASAP. The Science Fair committee is hard at work making sure everything is set up and ready to go for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to seeing all of the amazing projects! Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, March 26 from 6:30-8 (K-2) and Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30-8 (3-5).

We need your help! On Monday and Tuesday morning, we need volunteers to collect student projects at the front and cafeteria doors. We will then set them up on tables around the gym. During the science fair, we would like a handful of volunteers to be special guests who will walk around to visit students and ask questions about their projects. Finally, on Tuesday night, we will need a few helpers to break down tables and clean up. Please email [maggieodonnell@gmail.com](mailto:maggieodonnell@gmail.com) if you have any questions and please see the sign-up below. Thank you!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CA4AE28A5F58-glover>

**Parent Speaker Series:** Please join us on Wednesday, March 28 from 6:30-8pm for Glover (and MPS) parent, Celine Coggins, who will present valuable information about standardized testing: separating the myths from what matters. Testing in schools has been a fixture in the news over the past few years and almost none of the press has been positive. Added to this uncertainty have been multiple changes to the state test (MCAS to PARCC to MCAS 2.0) leaving many parents with more questions than answers. Why all the changes? What do the scores mean? How are they used to assess my child's learning? What's the purpose of it all? This event will tackle the myths and realities of testing, and spark an open dialogue on the role of testing in the Milton Public Schools. After Ms. Coggins presentation, there will be an MPS Leadership panel open to your questions. Ms. Coggins is an amazing speaker and professor at Harvard. I encourage you all to join us! Please see attached flier and list of Parent Speaker Series events.

**Milton Putting for Patients:** Come support the Jimmy Fund on March 11 from 12-3 in the MHS Gym! Play mini golf, have fun, and raise money to support the Jimmy Fund. Cash only at the door- \$10 per person, \$40 max per family.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Sunday, March 11: Putting for Patients- 12:00 at MHS Gym (see above)

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

Wednesday, March 14: Glover PTO Meeting with Noel Vigue at 6pm at Glover

Wednesday, March 21: Glover Art Show and Book Fair

Friday, March 23: K-2 Music Showcase- 2pm in Glover Gym

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

Friday, March 30: No School

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

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

Friday, April 27: Grades 4, 5, Band and Strings Showcase- 9:15 in Glover Gym

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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