

Dear Glover Families,

Another amazing week has raced by! It's hard to believe that we're halfway through May! If you don't follow us @GloverSchool, be sure to do so. You'll see spectacular pictures of Mrs. Cardiasmenos as she is surprised by the Superintendent, the MFE, her own two children, and the entire fifth grade and honored as Glover's MFE Teacher of the Year! Congratulations Mrs. Cardiasmenos...we are so proud! Mrs. Cardiasmenos will be honored at MHS this Wednesday evening at 6pm. We'd love to see you there!

You'll also see pictures of our very successful Community Dinners Project. As part of a joint initiative between the Diversity Committees of Tucker and Glover, we launched a Community Dinner Initiative. Thank you to the families who hosted and the families who attended. Each dinner brought together families and children from both schools and the feedback was incredible. We look forward to doing this again in the Fall and using this as a special way to welcome new families to Glover. Thank you, MaryAnn Dakkak and Kara Bobrov, for helping coordinate this and get it off the ground!

Thank you to all who donated to our enormously successful Cradles to Crayons drive and to our Fifth Grade Leaders who will be in charge of delivering tomorrow.

Social Emotional Learning: Throughout the months of May and June, we will be focusing on Friendship Skills. This week, we learned about making amends and next week, we'll learn about Handling Name Calling and learn that the best way to handle name calling is to either ignore the person or speak to him/her assertively and tell the person that it's not okay to call someone names. If it doesn't stop, you should tell a trusted adult. Saying kind words helps us make and keep friends!

Social Media and Digital Citizenship: For those who were unable to attend the Katie Greer presentation last week, I've attached two documents that provide valuable take-aways and helpful tips when exploring the idea of parenting digital natives. I hope you find them informative.

Yale University Partnership and Implicit Bias Research: We are very fortunate to be partnering with Dr. Yarrow Dunham and his Social Cognitive Development Lab. Dr. Dunham is doing targeted work with MPS in the area of implicit bias. Dr. Dunham's lab studies how children understand their social worlds. Coming home in your child's folder today is an opportunity to participate in a Yale University research study to designed to learn more about how children come to understand the social world, specifically looking at how they determine what different people are like and how they cluster into groups.

Depending on age, children will be presented with scenarios either as written descriptions, as auditory stories, or will view the scenarios on a computer. For example, your child may hear about a case in which one child gave something to another child, or about how two groups did or did not get along. Children will be asked to discuss what they saw in the story and what they think about the people and groups involved. We anticipate that each child's involvement will require less than 30 minutes. There are no known risks associated with participation in this study. Although this study will not benefit the participants personally, we hope that our results will add to the knowledge about social development. The study will occur during normal school hours at a time arranged with school staff to avoid disruption of educational activities.

If you would like to have your child participate in this exciting research study, please sign and return the permission slip that came home today. Please return signed permission slips by Tuesday, May 29. If you have any questions about this research, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Dismissal Reminder: While we understand that dismissal plans change, please make every attempt to communicate dismissal changes before noon. The safest way to ensure that dismissal changes are received is to email **both** the classroom teacher and the main office at mdownes@miltonps.org. Thank you!

Glover Transportation Survey: Please consider taking a moment to fill out this brief Glover School Transportation Survey. The following questions will help us to improve student arrival and student departure at the school. The entire survey will take approximately five minutes to complete: <https://massdot2018.typeform.com/to/tfDyU4>.

Instrument Demonstration: June 18th at 6:30 PM - Milton High School Auditorium
If your student is entering 4th grade or above and is interested in learning a musical instrument, come to this informational session at Milton High School. You will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the instrumental lesson program and your student will have the opportunity to try instruments at our "Instrument Petting Zoo" and meet students who have taken lessons in the program. Contact Lesson Program Directors Rebecca Damiani (rdamiani@miltonps.org) and Gary Good (ggood@miltonps.org) with any questions.

French Book Swap: Just a reminder...the French Book Swap will be held during the class library session during the week of May 23-25. Students can select new books matching the number of books they brought into swap (max 5).

Grade Four Families: If you haven't done so already, please send a copy of an updated physical exam on your child into the Glover Nurse's office. This is a state mandate/regulation that we need to follow. Physical exam results are necessary components of the school health record.

Milton Road Race: The 41st annual Milton Road Race is on Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 starting and finishing at Cunningham Hall. The race is hosted and organized by the Milton Junior Woman's Club. The first 500 registered runners receive a swag bag with t-shirts and other goodies. The last few years we have had more than 800 runners participate in the race between the 5K and 10K runs. The proceeds for the race are used to help fund programs in our community (e.g. grants to local non-profits and scholarships for Milton high school seniors).

We are appreciative of the many local organizations that support this race including our GOLD sponsors: Symmons Industries, LLM Design, ProForma Printing and Promotion, Elliott Physical Therapy, Cunningham Park and Fallon Ambulance along with the Milton Police Department, Milton Fire Department and the Milton Department of Public Works. These groups are instrumental in making this event happen.

We look forward to seeing all of our incredible community members and families run again this year. And, for all of the students, please check in with your principal to see who the school captain is or start a team for your school! We have a great event planned, so please come and join us on June 12th!

The link to register is www.miltonroadrace.racewire.com Online registration is \$30 for adults (19 and older) \$20 for youth (18 and younger). In person registration is \$35 for adults- the youth rate is the same.

Music News: Families in Grade 3- please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 31 at 2pm for our Grade 3 Showcase. Also, back by popular demand is...Music Share! Every student in grades K-5 will have the opportunity to participate in Music Share on their music day. This is a time in the school year where students in grades K-5 can share a musical performance for fellow classmates during music class. This is only an event for the students in the classroom. Please see attached notice for more information! Grade 5: Wednesday, May 30th- Friday, June 1. Grades K-4: Monday, June 11th- Friday June 15th.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, May 23-25: French Book Swap (during library time)

Thursday, May 24: Nancy Bell Visiting Artist- grades 3-5 during school

Monday, May 28: No School- Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 30: Grade 5 Pongo Hockey Game- 1:30-3 in Glover gym, spectators welcome

Wednesday, May 30: Grade 5 Glover Music Share begins

Thursday, May 31: 3rd Grade Music Showcase- 2pm in Glover gym

Monday, June 4: Glover Field Day (schedule below)

Tuesday/Wednesday, June 5-6: Grade 3 Field Trips to Moakley Courthouse

Wednesday, June 6: Rain Date- Glover Field Day

Thursday, June 7: Grade 5 Step Up to Pierce Day during school

Thursday, June 7: JA in a Day (grades K-4) during school- see below to sign up

Friday, June 8: Grade 5 JA in a Day during school

Monday, June 11: MathsAmazing presentation during school- grades 4 and 5

Monday, June 11: Grades K-4 Glover Music Share begins

Tuesday, June 12: Milton Road Race

Wednesday, June 13: Fifth Grade Day and Moving Up Ceremony (rain date 6/15)

Monday, June 18: Grade 5 Tour of Milton during school

Monday, June 18: Instrument Demonstration for Grade 4- 6:30pm at MHS

Tuesday, June 19: Grade 4 Egg Drop (rain date- Wednesday, June 20)

Wednesday, June 20: Grade 5 Tour of State House with Senator Timilty during school

Thursday, June 21: Summer Reading Kick-Off at 4pm at Milton Public Library

Friday, June 22: Last Day of School

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School