Dear Glover Families,

We had a busy but incredibly exciting week this week! From the Duck Walk on Sunday to Grade Five Day on Wednesday, Field Day the End of Year Family Picnic on Monday, a Safety Patrol Field Trip on Tuesday, a Zoo Field Trip today- I could go on and on! Your child’s teacher is doing so many wonderful end-of-year activities and it is so special to watch everyone celebrating another fabulous year.

Next week, our fifth graders go on the annual Tour of Milton on Monday and will participate in a special field trip to the State House to visit Senator Timilty on Wednesday. Our fourth graders will participate in the annual Egg Drop on Tuesday at 10 and spectators are welcome to come watch. You don’t need to sign in, you can just head around to the back playground. Friday is our last day of school (sniff) and it is a half day. This is just a reminder that lunch will not be served on Friday and dismissal is at 12:30.

My intention in this email was to personally thank all who have helped with so many different events this week, this month, and this year. As I began to compile the list, I realized that I was not ever going to be able to list you all. As a matter of principle, I avoid generic thank yous but in this case, it will have to suffice. Please just know that you all have touched our lives and made such a difference here at Glover School. On behalf of all Glover Kids and Staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**PTO News:** I am very excited to announce that Christine Sullivan and Sarah Kate Feloney have agreed to stay on as PTO Co-Presidents this year. I’m sure you join me in thanking them for all that they have done this year. Like my list of thank yous, it’s almost impossible to capture the amount that these two do on a daily basis on behalf of all Glover Kids. Emily Duffy has graciously agreed to be the Family and Community Engagement Liaison, a new role developed in conjunction with Glover’s School Improvement Plan and is joining the leadership board. Thank you Emily! Emily will also serve as the liaison between the PTO and the Outdoor Space Committee (a subcommittee of the PTO). Together, we are very excited to roll out plans for next year which include enhancements of the back playground, technological advancements, enrichment opportunities, and more. We are still looking for a Treasurer and a Secretary. If you are interested, please email me directly or reach out to Sarah Kate and Christine. Thank you!

**From Nurse LeBlanc:**

**GI Bug:** The GI bug has been traveling through various grade levels over the past couple of weeks. Symptoms appear very quickly and include abdominal discomfort followed by vomiting. Please continue to follow the MPS health policy and keep your child home for a full 24 hours without symptoms before they return to school.

**Medication pick up:** All medications need to be picked up by an adult on or before 6/21/18. Arrangements can be made for students receiving daily prescription medication. A back-up EpiPen and inhaler will be available if needed. Any medication not picked up will be disposed of on the last day of school. Medication forms for next year will be available at med. pick up and on the nurse's web page.

**\*IMPORTANT\* Medication forms, care plans and consent forms for 2018/2019 school year.** Please be prepared and have these forms completed over the summer. All medications need to have updated doctor orders and/or care plans, labeled in the original container, placed in a zip-loc bag and delivered to the nurse’s office as early as the week before school starts. For safety reasons, medications cannot be accepted without accompanying orders. Call or email ahead before dropping off at the nurse’s office: mleblanc@miltonps.org, phone: (617) 696-4288 ext. 4035, fax: (617) 698-2346.

**Physicals**: Please send an updated physical for your 4th grade child into the nurse ASAP. Physicals from 2017 to present are acceptable.

[**Summer Reading Recommendations:**  As we roll out our summer reading expectations for students, we want to share interesting suggestions for adult readers with the MPS community. We are looking for suggestions from all in the MPS community - teachers, staff, parents and guardians. Thanks for sharing your recommendations! **https**://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeT1dS2IJE8wwaJd\_XvA8EQwoo3FPcgVX9p6A1iqQa2kjNr7A/viewform](file://C:\Users\kmcdavitt\Desktop\family%20emails%202017\Summer%20Reading%20Recommendations:%20%20As%20we%20roll%20out%20our%20summer%20reading%20expectations%20for%20students,%20we%20want%20to%20share%20interesting%20suggestions%20for%20adult%20readers%20with%20the%20MPS%20community.%20We%20are%20looking%20for%20suggestions%20from%20all%20in%20the%20MPS%20community%20-%20teachers,%20staff,%20parents%20and%20guardians.%20Thanks%20for%20sharing%20your%20recommendations!%20https:\docs.google.com\forms\d\e\1FAIpQLSeT1dS2IJE8wwaJd_XvA8EQwoo3FPcgVX9p6A1iqQa2kjNr7A\viewform)​

**Summer Math**: Please see attached information about preventing summer math slide. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zNucHMr0KANvrCi624I5C_NIyo818sILuLJT9moct9c/edit>

**BoxTops:** Congratulations to Ms. Stackpole’s class for winning the third box top collection and to Madame Bonner’s class for collecting the most box tops this year! Thank you to all the parents who helped us raise almost $1,200. Keep clipping!! We start again in the fall. Papermate products just joined the program- so watch for those when stocking up on school supplies.  Thank you to Jennifer Queally for making this all possible!

**The Glover Social:** Planning has already begun for our annual social and fundraiser. For now, we have two simple asks of you: SAVE THE DATE:  Friday, November 2, 2018, 7pm. TO VOLUNTEER: If you have some time to help in the planning of this fun filled event, we would welcome any and all assistance. Simply email Mary at mary.gallagher@gmail.com.

**Wait Until 8th Campaign:** The Wait Until 8th pledge empowers families to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least 8th grade.  By banding together, this will decrease the pressure felt by kids and families alike over the kids having a smartphone. MPS is launching a Wait Until 8th Campaign! Please see the following for more information and to sign up! <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mEzFdI_ndktfgv6hVwBxsQ7deeEjc9b8bFjoBaMjWNg/edit?ts=5b21b382>

**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. This week, researchers worked with many Glover students who had signed permission slips. It was exciting work!

**Milton Public Library Summer Reading Challenge:** Attached, please find important information regarding this year’s summer reading challenge. Students will be learning about it next week during their library time. Please be on the lookout for additional information sent on Tuesday. Ideas to combat the summer slide are posted on our website!

**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.

**Milton Youth Little League:** Be sure to click on the following link to view all of the amazing programs that Milton Youth Little League has to offer. Registration is open now! <http://miltonnationalll.com/Registration/Default.asp?n=81797&org=MILTONNATIONALLL.COM>

**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>.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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,
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