

Dear Glover Families,

It was a great week! Thank you for taking the time to carefully read these weekly updates. This one is full of valuable information so please be sure to read on...

Glover Open House: Please be sure to mark your calendars for next Thursday night! At 6:30pm, we will gather in the gymnasium for a brief and important presentation and then you will be invited into your child's classroom starting at 7pm. We will have two classroom presentations, one at 7pm and one at 7:30pm so that you can visit multiple classrooms if you have more than one child here at Glover.

MCAS Results: We are excited to inform you that we have received Glover's MCAS results from last spring's administration and Glover did an amazing job overall! Please join me in congratulating all staff and students who participated! We know that this achievement is a cumulative result of the efforts of families and staff and students from the moment they arrive at Glover and I couldn't be more proud of how we all did! Individual student reports will be mailed next week and if you have any questions about your child's results, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Assistant Principal Sara MacNeil. I will briefly share some highlights at Open House so everyone can join in the celebration!

Arrival and Dismissal/PTO News:

It is important that you take a moment to review the attached memo regarding arrival and dismissal procedures. Thank you.

Thank you to all who came to our first Glover PTO meeting on Wednesday night! We enjoyed a presentation from Judith Crocker of MassDOT who has done some analysis of our drop off/pick up procedures in an effort to increase bus ridership and decrease car traffic on Canton Avenue. At the request of a parent, I am attaching detailed information about arrival and dismissal procedures. This information can also be found in the student handbook that was emailed out at the beginning of the year. Ms. Crocker reminded us to try to shut off our vehicles and not idle when waiting for students.

Very important: if you drop off in the car line, please do not let your children out of the vehicle until a Glover staff member is on the sidewalk in the morning. Staff is on duty at 8:35am which is the arrival time for Glover. Please note that children will be unsupervised prior to 8:35am if you let them out of the vehicle.

In addition, we spent time talking about exciting upcoming events, all of which are listed at the bottom of my email under "Upcoming Dates". Be sure to mark your calendars! If you would like to volunteer in any way to support the PTO, please email gloverpto@gmail.com or Christine Sullivan atcac2083@gmail.com or Sarah Kate Feloney at aspensk@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Dismissal Plans: This is another reminder that if you need to change your child's plans for dismissal after the school day has begun, you **must** call the main office. Teachers cannot guarantee that they will be able to check voicemail or email during the instructional day and the safest, most efficient way to make sure your child does the right thing at the end of the day is to go through the main office. Thank you!

Attendance Matters: As we process our latest MCAS scores, I want to draw your attention to a new metric that DESE is using. Contributing to our overall ratings is a score for “chronic absenteeism”. Students who are absent 10% or more of the school year (which sounds like a lot until you realize it’s 18 days) will be identified by DESE. While we appreciate families keeping their children home if they are sick, it is important to note that every absence is documented. Along those lines, please be sure to communicate with your child’s teacher when there is an absence so we can document whether it is excused or unexcused. Please see attached for more information.

GLEA Clubs: Back by popular demand, we will be offering before/after school enrichment clubs taught by Glover’s own teaching staff! Be on the lookout for a signup and I know you will be thrilled with the offerings!

Student Leadership Team: We are in the process of finalizing our teams for this year. As you might know, student leadership teams are comprised of fourth and fifth grade students mentored by staff. The purpose of these teams is to provide our older Glover Kids with valuable leadership opportunities while contributing to the greater Glover community and beyond. Two special student leaders will join me at Open House to tell you more!

Glover Diversity Committee: Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 25 at Milton High School. From 4-6pm, we will have the privilege of working as a district with Dr. Erin Hardy in the area of implicit bias. I strongly encourage you to consider attending this...Dr. Hardy is amazing. After the meeting, Glover’s Diversity Committee will gather briefly to connect.

Outdoor Space Committee: The Glover Outdoor Space Committee will be meeting in the library on Tuesday, October 2 at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in helping out this year is welcome to come!

Nurse’s Notes: With the beginning of fall comes allergy and asthma season. With the colder weather, ragweed and mold pollens in the air are triggering asthma and wheezing in children. We have seen an increase in visits to the nurse’s office due to respiratory concerns. If your child has asthma or uses an inhaler, please be sure to bring in an Asthma Action Plan and an inhaler to Nurse LeBlanc. Hand washing remains the best way to keep your children safe and healthy. Strep throat is also making its way around Glover in various grade levels. If you think your child has strep, please be sure to visit a health care provider or urgent care facility for a strep test. If you email your child’s teacher about something related to his/her health, please include Maureen LeBlanc (mleblanc@miltonps.org) on all emails.

Giddy Up Glover! Please visit the link below to buy your tickets for what is sure to be a hootin’ and hollerin’ good time on Friday, November 2, 2018 at Granite Links Golf Club. Giddy Up Glover is an important fundraiser for our school, with all money going to enrich our children’s educational experience. Money raised will go toward technology upgrades, mini grants to enhance classroom curriculum, arts/science fairs, and ensuring our children attend exciting field trips. As a reminder, tickets are available for \$50 in advance and \$65 at the door. More info can be found at <https://giddyupglover.brownpapertickets.com/>

PS. As an extra incentive, the first 75 people to buy tickets will be entered into a drawing to win a Black Fire 7 Tablet with Alexa.

Milton Youth Hockey and Citizens for a Diverse Milton are hosting a street hockey classic on Saturday, October 13 from 8am-6pm at the Cunningham Park Courts. No experience necessary, beginners welcome, don't worry about equipment! Rosters and structure/time of games will be sent out following registration and students will be grouped by school and paired with another school. Please see attached for additional information.

Monster Dash: Thank you to those artists who entered the Monster Dash Art Contest! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 28 from 9am-12pm for this exciting annual event!

Milton Wildcat Metrowest Travel Basketball: Tryouts have been scheduled for Sunday, October 21 at MHS. To register, go to www.miltontravelbasketball.com. For more information, contact miltonhoop@gmail.com.

Flu Clinic: Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 18 from 4:30-6:30 to get your flu vaccine at the Council on Aging.

Mike's 5K to Crush Substance Abuse: To register for the race on October 20, go to <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=9416>.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, October 4: Varian Johnson Author Visit

Thursday, October 4: Glover Open House 6:30pm-8:00pm

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day- No school

Wednesday, October 10: Glover Walk/Bike to School Day!

Wednesday, October 17: Half Day (Professional Development)- dismissal at 12:30

Thursday, October 18: Flu Clinic at Council on Aging- 4:30-6:30

Saturday, October 20: Mike's 5K to Crush Substance Abuse

Thursday, October 25: District-Wide Diversity Committee Event: Implicit Bias- Dr. Erin Hardy- 4-6pm in MHS Library

Friday, October 26: Glover/Tucker Lantern Walk

Sunday, October 28: Monster Dash 9am-12pm

Friday, November 2: Glover Social and Fundraiser- mark your calendars!

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

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