

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you to all who attended Open House last night! It was so wonderful to see all of you! If you missed it last night or would like another view, please enjoy this brief but powerful illustration of what it means to be a Glover Kid!

<https://vimeo.com/293275979>

To check out our weekly Glover Kids, visit our blog at <https://gloverkids.wordpress.com>.

We were so lucky to have famous author, Varian Johnson, visit our third, fourth, and fifth graders this week thanks to Sara Crowe and the Glover PTO! He taught us all about following our dreams and overcoming challenges. He was incredibly inspirational. If you didn't get a chance to pick up a signed copy of one of his books and would like one, please email me! Thank you, PTO, for this amazing enrichment opportunity and thank you to all families for supporting our PTO efforts so that we can continue to bring these exciting events to Glover- be sure to pick up those Glover Social tickets!

Glover Open House: Thank you to all who attended last night's Open House. If you weren't able to attend, your child's teacher will reach out to you to share pertinent information. You can always feel free to reach out to me as well. In our whole-group presentation, we shared information about Glover curriculum (which can be found on our website), important links on the website, information about Student Leadership Team, GLEA Clubs, and our PBIS initiative, and the many ways that families can get involved at Glover, including supporting the PTO, MFE, SEPAC, Outdoor Space Committee, Diversity Committee, and various classroom volunteer opportunities including Meet the Artist, Reading About Diversity, Outdoor Classroom, and Open Gym. Please reach out to me directly or to your child's teacher if you have any questions and I've attached my presentation to this email for your review.

MCAS Results: Individual student reports for students in grades 4 and 5 will be mailed out by Central Office this coming Wednesday.

GLEA Clubs: Wow! Those clubs are filling up fast! Yoga, Coding, Clue, and Chess are full. Shake, Rattle, and Roll has 3 openings, Puzzle Me This has 4 openings, Scrabble has 2 openings, Puzzle Me This 2 has 4 openings, and Poetry has 4 openings. Please send in your forms if you are interested in any of these GLEA clubs. For more information and the form, please refer to my email sent on Tuesday.

Student Leadership Team: Students in fourth and fifth grade came home with applications for Student Leadership Team. Just a reminder, applications are due back Tuesday, October 9. Applications received after Tuesday will not be accepted as we are teaching the valuable leadership skill of independent time management! We will announce teams and mentors to all fourth and fifth graders on Friday.

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.

Wait Until 8th Coffee Talk at Glover: Did you know that the average age a child gets a smartphone is 10 years old and that children are spending between 6 and 9 hours a day on media? Childhood is changing, and the negative impact of too much screen time is hitting kids hard. We have good news for you though. There is a wonderful resource to help families delay the smartphone and give their children more time smartphone free.

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. On **Monday, October 29th, at 9:00 am**, come and join the Glover leadership team and AJ Melanson, MPS Educational Technology Director, for a coffee talk discussion on the Wait Until 8th campaign.

Music News: On Saturday, November 3rd, at Avery Elementary School in Dedham, there will be a General Music Festival for students in grades 3 thru 8! Our clinicians for the day will be teaching Balinese Gamelan Music, Ukulele, Bucket Drumming, Singing, and Folk Dancing. \$5 registration fee: your child will receive a t-shirt, gain new skills, and have loads of fun! \$5 registration fee! Our own Ms. Martin is the Assistant General Music Coordinator for the MMEA (Massachusetts Music Educators Association) and is helping organize this event. Contact Ms. Martin for more information: cmartin@miltonps.org.

Parent Speaker Series: Please mark your calendars for our next speaker, Casey Corcoran who is presenting “Healthy Relationships: Talking to Your Kids About the Birds, the Bees, and the Butterflies” on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30pm at Pierce Middle School. Oftentimes, we talk to our kids about the birds and the bees of relationships but leave out the butterflies. The “butterflies” are emotions that young people often feel when they are in an intense relationship or friendship. This presentation will focus on concrete strategies, conversation starters, and resources that parents and caregivers can use with their kids to promote healthy relationships. As the Center for Disease Control points out, “unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime.” We hope that you will be able to join us for this important presentation to make sure your child’s relationships start healthy and stay healthy!

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/>

Grade Five Families: From Dr. Spaulding- We know the year has just begun for your 5th grade student, but we at the Pierce Middle School would like to invite you to come to the Pierce to learn all about the enriching learning opportunities your child will experience as a middle school student next year. At the Pierce Middle School, your child will encounter highly trained middle school educators who are experts in their fields and well versed in the needs of pre-adolescents. Your child can play in the band, learn Latin, design jewelry using a 3-D printer, serve as a peer leader, program their own ringtone, write for the school newspaper, run on the cross-country team, take the stage in Pierce Players…to name just a few things! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 24, at 6:30 PM** in the Pierce Middle School auditorium for 5th Grade Information Night so we can tell you all about it! Not able to make it October 24? Not to worry…we will repeat Pierce Middle School 5th Grade Information Night in March 2019. If you have any questions about the Pierce Middle School, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at kspaulding@miltonps.org.

DATE CHANGE: **Milton Youth Hockey and Citizens for a Diverse Milton** are hosting a street hockey classic on **Saturday, October 27** from 8am-6pm at the Cunningham Park Courts. Please see attached for additional information.

Monster Dash: Please join us for this wonderful annual event that supports science enrichment in all six Milton Public Schools. Register for the 5K Run/Walk with prizes for best costumes, t-shirts for the first 700

runners, and be sure to pick up your Kids Fun Ticket for children ages 10 and under. Children can enjoy a costume fun run with Mario, crafts and activities, and rocket balloons! To register for the event - 5K or Kids Fun Run - go to miltonmonsterdash.racewire.com. To learn more about the Milton Foundation for Education, visit their website at MiltonFoundationForEducation.org. Please see attached for additional information.

Milton Youth Girls Lacrosse Clinic: Annual fall fundraising clinic run by Milton High School's Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team- Sunday, October 28 and Sunday, November 4 at Brooks Field. The cost is \$40 per session.

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:

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day- No school

Tuesday, October 9: First Grade Hook and Ladder Visit

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

Monday, October 29: Wait Until 8th Coffee Talk with AJ Melanson- 9am at Glover

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

Tuesday, November 6: Parent Speaker Series: Casey Corcoran- 6:30pm at Pierce

In Partnership,

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Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Glover Elementary School Open House 2018.pdf](#)

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