

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had another amazing week here at Glover! This week marked the beginning of our incredible GLEA clubs and students could be found around the school before and after school hours playing chess and percussion instruments, completing puzzles and reading poetry, playing scrabble, jeopardy, and coding, and even doing yoga and meditation! It was an amazing week for enrichment at Glover! Today was comfy cozy day at Glover and thank you to Lauren Cherry and Emma Nolan for helping us raise money to benefit Children's Hospital Boston. Thank you to all who participated!

By now, you have most likely seen our new friendly face at the front desk. Mrs. Woods has been a kindergarten paraprofessional at Glover for years and we are so thrilled to announce that she is now our new Administrative Assistant! Deb has been covering the desk and learning the ropes for the last few weeks, doing a masterful job of making sure everything is taken care of. She is a triage nurse, security guard, customer service representative, and more, all rolled into one amazing package. It is one tricky job but Deb is up to the challenge! Please join me in welcoming her to this new position at Glover and thank you for bearing with us during this transition!

Social Emotional Learning: Here at Glover, we focus on educating the whole child. This means that we are addressing students' academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs simultaneously. We use the Second Step curriculum to guide our efforts in social-emotional learning. Each week, I share a focus on the announcements and classroom teachers, specialists, and lunchroom/recess supervisors reinforce this focus throughout the week. So that you can reinforce the same focus/concept at home, I'll share our focus with you each week in my Friday email. I will always include the exact words used at school so that we can be developing a common language between school and home.

Last week's social-emotional focus: **Welcoming**. "Here at Glover school, we want everyone to feel welcome and that they belong. We know we're welcome when people smile at us and greet us with friendly words. We know we belong when we're included and invited to play at recess. We know we belong when we notice the ways we're all the same and accept the ways we're different. This week, we worked on taking time to greet others with a smile and inviting them to play." This week, we learned about being safe with our bodies and safe with our words, using kind and respectful words when interacting with our friends. Thanks for helping reinforce these important concepts at home.

Duck Feet: Our Turner's Pond was overflowing with Duck Feet that students have earned for being responsible, respectful, safe, and kind. This week, we took them all down and they are going home today with the Glover Kids who earned them. If your child comes home with a duck foot and a note from me, please join us in celebrating their positive contribution(s) to Glover School!

Student Leadership Team: Thank you for helping your fourth and fifth graders with applications. We have finished sorting and will announce Student Leadership Teams on Monday. Work will begin immediately and all Glover Kids will soon be reaping the benefits of our leaders and their contributions to the school community!

MCAS Results: Results for students in grades 4 and 5 were mailed home this week. Important for all families to know is the changes in the MCAS administration and reporting this year. The new accountability system designates schools and districts as partially meeting or meeting targets and either requiring or not requiring

assistance or intervention. Overall, Glover school met or exceeded all targets and is classified as a school that is not requiring assistance or intervention. Of note is the fact that in addition to student achievement and growth, the state is now looking at chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism is defined as students missing 10% or more of the school year (18 days of school). Attendance is important! Every day counts! If you have any questions regarding your child's MCAS report, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Sara MacNeil atsmacneil@miltonps.org.

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. After the meeting, Glover's Diversity Committee will gather briefly to connect.

What happens at the end of a long day? At this time of year, the back-to-school honeymoon might be over, the afternoons feel shorter, after school activities are in full swing, and if you're like me, you might be running into a few after school meltdowns. Teachers say they are wonderful here, so what happens when they get home? I found this article about the after-school meltdown phenomenon helpful in my own personal life and I hope you do too:

This article reminds us of why kids act like this, and gives some really great tips on how to lessen the meltdown.

PTO News: While our amazing PTO doesn't weigh down your inbox with emails (instead we combine efforts each week in this email), they are always posting valuable information and reminders to the PTO Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, be sure to visit their page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Glover-PTO-157222824371459/?ref=bookmarks>

HealthBarn "Try It, You'll Like It" Assembly: The Milton School Food Service Program is pleased to present an exciting assembly for your child. Your child will participate in the HealthBarn USA healthy lifestyle "Try it, You'll Like it" school assembly on October 25, 2018. During the assembly, your child will learn about the importance of trying new foods from the five food groups presented in the USDA MyPlate. They also will be introduced to HealthBarn USA's 7 healthy habits including: eat breakfast; exercise; eat fruits and vegetables; get a good night sleep; participate in family meals; brush and floss teeth; and recycle; and will be encouraged to practice these habits every day. For more information, go to www.healthbarnusa.com and thank you to our amazing volunteers who have offered to help us with this assembly!

The delicious, fresh foods will be free of nuts, tree nuts and eggs. Here's a list of the foods that will be sampled:

- **Fruits:** Fresh fruits, including watermelon, cantaloupe, honey dew, and grapes;
- **Vegetables:** Fresh vegetables including carrots, bell peppers, broccoli, and tomatoes;
- **Milk:** 1% cow's milk, soy milk, and rice milk;
- **Whole Grains:** Original Cheerios, no added sugar;
- **Protein:** Edamame (also known as soybeans), organic, GMO-free
- **The Smoothie Bar:** Rainbow Swirly recipe (served **without** flaxseeds)
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Glover Lantern Walk: Please mark your calendars for this fun Glover tradition! We will be joined by the Tucker community for a walk around Turner's Pond with our lanterns! On Wednesday, Oct 24th at 3:30 pm, we will be having our Lantern Making Workshop. Students must be picked up by a grown-up and brought to the workshop in the art room. Simply bring a 2-liter plastic bottle and a few dollars for the bake sale! Enjoy your

snacks as you begin creating your artistic lanterns in the Glover Art Room with your children. Please remember to bring a 2-liter plastic bottle, feel free to cut the top off before you come.

On Friday, October 26th at 6:00pm, we will have our Lantern Walk around Turner's Pond. Bring your lanterns for a walk around the pond to be followed by donuts and cider in the backyard of Glover School and a Movie Night!

Wait Until 8th Coffee Talk at Glover: 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 to help families make a plan to limit cell phone use with our younger students.

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.

On Monday, November 26, Jessica Minahan will be presenting “Stressed Out! Anxiety in Children” at MHS at 6:30pm. This presentation will introduce preventive tools, strategies, and interventions for reducing anxiety, increasing self-regulation, executive functioning, and self-monitoring.

Giddy Up Glover! If you missed the committee’s email yesterday, please check it out. To purchase tickets for this fabulous event, please go to: <https://giddyupglover.brownpapertickets.com/>

Monster Dash: Please join us for this wonderful annual event that supports science enrichment in all six Milton Public Schools. 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.

Fire Safety and Prevention: We were lucky to have a visit from Milton Fire Department this week and they left us some informative and fun activities for children to do around Fire Safety and Prevention. Please see attached.

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:

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

Tuesday, October 23: STEM Day and Milton Garden Club visits Grade 4

Thursday, October 25: HealthBarn Presentations: Try It, You'll Like It!

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

Tuesday, December 11: Massachusetts Water Resource Authority visits Grade 1

In Partnership,

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Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Fire Safety Packet.pdf](#)

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