

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

If you missed the exciting news, our Glover Kid Comfy Cozy Day, brought to us by the Fundraising Student Leadership Team, Lauren Cherry, and Emma Nolan, raised \$1232.00 for Children's Hospital Boston. Thank you to all who participated!

Earlier today, I sent an email about Glover Goes to the Movies and Project Giving Kids. Starting on Monday, we will be collecting items to donate to Jared Boxes that will be distributed to children in hospitals around the area. Please see my email for specific items to donate and thank you! As I mentioned at Open House, our focus this year is on giving back to the community and our latest fundraiser for Children's Hospital Boston and this wonderful opportunity to support those in need are great examples of Glover Kids and Families thinking beyond the four walls of the school. Thank you for supporting our efforts here at Glover!

Thanks to all of our Kindergarten families and our Kindergarten teachers for a very fun Wednesday afternoon! Teachers stopped by homes of Kindergarten students with a special surprise! It was a wonderful day!

STEM Week: In an effort to boost students' interest and raise awareness of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, the Baker-Polito Administration has declared a statewide STEM Week in Massachusetts from October 22-26, 2018. They are asking educators at all grade levels to participate by planning lessons, events, and activities focused on science, technology, engineering, and math throughout the week. Here at Glover, all students will participate in a special STEM activity during the day on Tuesday, October 23rd. Be on the lookout for pictures on our twitter feed!

Social Emotional Learning: We wrapped up our first unit in Second Step about welcoming and being safe, responsible, respectful, and kind. Next week, we'll begin our unit on Skills for Learning. We will start with the skill of "Listening". Glover Kids will learn that at our school, we all work hard to be the best learners we can be. One skill for learning is to listen with attention. When we listen with attention, our eyes are watching the speaker, our ears are listening, our voices are quiet, and we're still. Thanks for helping us reinforce this important skill for learning at home!

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.

If you cannot attend the lantern making workshop, making a lantern is easy! Simply peel the wrapper off of a two-liter bottle and cut it in half. Punch a hole on either side to attach a ribbon, wire, or string as a handle. Use white glue and tissue paper to cover the outside of the bottle. Last, put a light source (flashlight, glow bracelet/stick, electronic tea light) inside and voila!

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!

MCAS Dates: We have tentatively planned our MCAS dates for the spring. We know that families sometimes plan trips around April break and we wanted to let you know as early as possible so that you avoid dates that your child is participating in MCAS. While we do offer make-up sessions, the best test environment for your child is with his/her peers in the classroom. Attendance is important always, but especially on these days. Thank you!

Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3: Grade 5 ELA MCAS

Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5: Grade 4 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10: Grade 3 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24: Grade 5 Math MCAS

Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26: Grade 4 Math MCAS

Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1: Grade 3 Math MCAS

Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3: Grade 5 STE MCAS

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.

Picture Retakes: Your child should have come home with his/her school picture. If you would like a retake, the date for retakes is Thursday, November 1 at 9am.

From Glover SEPAC: Again this year, the MFE Monster Dash will feature a sensory-friendly hour from 9am-10am. Ghosts and goblins who benefit from smaller crowds can enjoy rocket balloons, bouncy houses, face-painting, stickers, and science demonstrations. Interested families can register online at the \$7 per child rate. See flyer attached.

From Nurse LeBlanc: Health: There are a variety of health issues throughout all grade levels at Glover including: the stomach bug, strep throat, asthma, wheezing, pneumonia, fifth disease and lice. Please monitor your children and continue to follow the MPS health policy of keeping children home when they are sick and for a full 24 hours fever free, vomiting free w/out using medicine. Though it is optional, for surveillance purposes I encourage families to call into the absent line or email the teacher with the reason for the absence and copy me on any emails that relate to health and injury issues.

Screenings: The following yearly mandated health screenings will be starting:

1. Hearing and vision screening for K - 3 students (hearing in gr 4 & 5 if necessary)
2. BMI screening (height and weight) for grade 1 and 4 students
3. Postural/scoliosis screening for grade 5 students (dates TBD)

You may opt-out in writing of any of the above screenings, or if your child is followed by a specialist, please send me an email or note to excuse them. Please be sure to specify your child's name, teacher and which screening you are opting-out of or not needed....Thank you. If you have any questions, please email Maureen LeBlanc atmleblanc@miltonps.org.

HealthBarn “Try It, You’ll Like It” Assembly Thursday: 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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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 call from our amazing Glover Kids yesterday, they called to remind you about the Glover Social on November 2. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday-Friday: Donations collected for Jared Box/Project Giving Kids

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

Wednesday, October 24: Lantern Making Workshop- 3:30 in Glover Art Room- not a drop off event

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

Thursday, November 1: Picture retakes

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

Sunday, November 4: Create the Change Day in Boston from 2-4pm at Reggie Lewis Athletic Center

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

Monday, November 12: Glover Goes to the Movies- 9:50am in Braintree

Monday, November 26: Parent Speaker Series: Jessica Minihan (Anxiety in Children)- 6:30pm at MHS

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

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Monster Dash 2018.pdf](#)

[corocoran flyer.pdf](#)

[Lantern Walk 2018.docx](#)

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