

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Wow! What a week! From marshmallow STEM challenges to 600+ kids sampling edamame, a trip to Gillette and favorite books and costumes, it was one for the books (no pun intended). And it's not over yet! Lantern Walk and Movie Night tonight and Monster Dash on Sunday. Oh my! Just a reminder now that the cool fall weather is upon us, please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. We take them out as much as possible for recess so please be sure to send them out the door in the morning dressed for the forecast. Thank you!

We had an amazing week and if you want a little glimpse into the fun, be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool. This is the best way for me to share photos and exciting news! As busy as this week was, this email is just as busy! But read on- it's all important, I promise!

Thank you to all who joined us last night for our district-wide Diversity Committee meeting! We had powerful discussions led by Erin Hardy, an expert in implicit bias. She shared this video with us and I found it so powerful that I thought I would share it with you all. If you are inspired by this, please consider joining us at our next school-based Glover Diversity Committee meeting on Thursday, November 15 at 7pm at Glover!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKHSJHkPeLY>

**Lantern Walk Tonight:** We look forward to seeing you tonight at 6pm in front of Glover! We'll meet in front of the school, head out on our walk around Turner's Pond, and then head around back of Glover into the gymnasium where we'll enjoy a viewing of Hotel Transylvania! Glover gear and snacks will be available for purchase and the PTO has generously donated apple cider and donuts for all! This is not a drop off event.

If you haven't made a lantern yet, it's 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! Of course, you can always bring a store-bought one instead!

**Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup> Coffee Talk at Glover:** On **Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> campaign to help families make a plan to limit cell phone use with our younger students. Come join us for coffee and an invigorating conversation!

**Giddy Up Before They Are Gone! Tickets, that is:**

Tickets to Giddy Up Glover are sellin' like hotcakes and we're just about sold out. And no wonder - there's country fiddlers, tasty vittles and cowboy cocktails for y'all.

This year's Live and Silent Auction is BIG – 50+ packages! So, put your spurs on and get ready to battle for the winning bid: Take Tuukka Home, the Great Mookie, Get your Mixologist on, Your Kid's a Rock Star and Escape to the City.

So saddle up and get your tickets before they're gone. And, don't pay more at the door: tickets are \$50 now or \$65 at the door. See you Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Granite Links!

<https://giddyupglover.brownpapertickets.com/>

**Monster Dash: It's this SUNDAY!** 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 <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=9656>. To learn more about the Milton Foundation for Education, visit their website at <http://www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org/>.

**Treats for Troops:** If you're like me, you might be looking to unload some excess candy after the 31<sup>st</sup> so be on the lookout for information next week regarding donations to the troops!

**HELP NEEDED!** In the third, fourth, and fifth grade, we have typically run Continental Math League before-school sessions for children interested in doing extra math. If you are interested in coordinating any of these grades, please email me directly.

Also, our BOKS coordinator has moved on to Pierce and we would love to continue to offer this amazing before-school exercise/movement program but need help to make it run. To learn more, please go to <https://www.bokskids.org/> and please email me if you might be willing to take this over. Both free opportunities make a significant impact on many children!

**Social Emotional Learning:** This week, we learned all about listening and next week, we'll zoom in on Focusing Attention. We'll learn that when we focus our attention, we use our ears, our eyes, and our brain. Students will learn how to put on their "attent-o-scopes" and notice how they help them listen and learn.

**Picture Retakes:** We will be offering picture retakes on Thursday. If you would like a retake, please just send in a note with your child. Thank you!

**From Nurse LeBlanc:**

**Health Screenings:** Vision, Hearing, BMI (gr 1 & 4) and postural/scoliosis (gr 5) will be on-going throughout the school year. Please email the nurse or send a written note if your child is already followed or if you choose to opt-out of any screening- (mleblanc@miltonps.org).

**Lice:** Various grades have had a few cases of head lice. Please continue to add head checks to your daily routine and report any cases of head lice to the school nurse. After your child is treated please have them check in with the school nurse in the morning so the nurse can check if the treatment is working and provide advice and resources when needed. Please be diligent about checking your children especially after travel, vacation and sleepovers. No disease is associated with head lice but they are a tremendous nuisance. Notifying families as soon as it is detected is very difficult in large school settings and poses a risk to maintaining the students' and families' confidentiality. Please refer the MPS Parent/Guardian & Student Handbook.

**“I’m A Good Person, Isn’t That Enough?”** A conversation with Debby Irving, author of Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race- this text is widely considered to be essential in unpacking racial privilege in the American Context. Courageous Conversations will be facilitating a conversation with her on Monday, November 19 from 6-9pm at MHS. Thank you to *Celebrate Milton* for making this event possible.

**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.

**From Ms. Martin:** General Music Festival- Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Avery Elementary School, 336 High Street, Dedham, \$5/Student. Are you in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Do you want to make music with other students? Do you want to learn bucket drumming, ukulele, xylophone arrangements, folk dancing, and singing games? Join Ms. Martin and other Milton students at this special event. For more information or to register then click the link below and contact our music teacher: Ms. Colleen Martin: cmartin@miltonps.org.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VyMizm2B0dl62w9zYsWOQIPGINLcQbN1w4XxWa6woRk/edit>

### **Upcoming Dates:**

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

Monday, October 29: Fire Safety Trailer visits Kindergarten and First Grade

Thursday, November 1: Picture retakes

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

Saturday, November 3: General Music Festival (see above)

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

Thursday, November 8: Early Release Professional Development

Monday, November 12: No School- Veterans Day

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

Thursday, November 15: Glover Diversity Committee meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Monday, November 19: Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race- a conversation with Debby Irving- 6-9pm at MHS

Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess

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

Thursday, December 6: Early Release Day- Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

December 24-January 1: Winter Recess

January 2, 2019: No School- Professional Development

January 3, 2019: School Resumes

Monday, January 21, 2019: No School: Martin Luther King Jr Day

In Partnership,

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