

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you all for participating in parent/teacher conferences this week! I hope they were helpful and please know that we are always available to answer any questions you might have. Teachers work very hard to use data and assessments to thoughtfully craft personalized report cards for your children with the guidance of district-wide documentation and benchmarks regarding standards-based reporting. If you have questions about the “Ms” and “Es” (the intricacies of a standards-based report card), I encourage you to reach out to Sara MacNeil, our Assistant Principal and Curriculum Coordinator and me.

Today, every staff member wore a Team Glover Kid t-shirt. On the front was our favorite quote, “In a world where you can be anything, be kind”. We are thankful for the PTO’s generosity. Today marks the end of Inclusive Schools Week and we thought there was no better way to let the students know that we are all on the same team- Team Glover Kid. We felt it was very important to have a visible reminder of the importance of being kind as well as the fact that we are all on one team- Team Glover Kid- and we are “all in on kids”. This is a quote that carries meaning with all of us here at Glover as we’ve been inspired by a very motivational leader in the education world, Hamish Brewer (known as the relentless, tattooed, skateboarding principal). If you want a glimpse into what we’ve been talking about as a staff, this video will certainly give you an idea of what it means to be “all in on kids”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIYzpNAOpj8>

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Holiday Gift Drive. My office is completely full of gifts! Thank you for being the most amazing and giving people. You have certainly made the holidays brighter for the children of Milton. Thank you to Laura Kottkamp and Kate Deeb for spearheading this Glover Gives Back initiative.

I’d also like to officially welcome James Thomas (JT) as Glover’s new Head Custodian. We thank Mr. Malloy for his years of service to Glover and we are thrilled to have JT on board.

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we continue to talk about **empathy** in every zone of the building. We have been working on identifying the feelings of others to help us demonstrate empathy and compassion.

Space and Enrollment Challenges in the Milton Public Schools: Please see important attached document regarding space challenges in MPS.

Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, December 12 at 6pm in the Glover library. If you are a room parent, please try to attend. If you cannot, please let me know so that I can share valuable room parent information with you. Thanks!

Whitelawn: I appreciate that you have taken the time to read my emails and we understand the importance of respecting our neighbors on Whitelawn. I am again reminding families to **please enter Whitelawn at the far entrance and loop around to the entrance closest to the school.** We simply do not have the manpower to station a staff member out there to remind you and I am hopeful that you can remember to follow this procedure on your own as this is an important safety measure. We have many children walking independently up Whitelawn and it is important that we do everything we can to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Glow Run 2019: We are excited to bring back the Glow Run in 2019. This is a very engaging fundraiser for Glover School and we will be communicating information about the run as we get closer. For now, I just wanted to let you know that we are in the beginning stages of planning this fundraiser and send along the date of the run: Tuesday, February 6. Thank you for all that you do to support our efforts here at Glover.

Parent Speaker Series: Next up in our PARENT Speaker Series is the documentary "Race to Nowhere" to be held at MHS auditorium Monday January 7, 2019 at 6:30pm. The film "highlights the unintended consequences of our pressure-cooker culture and education system. An eye-opening call to action, the film challenges our current assumptions about how to best prepare young people for the future." <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/7682>

Preschool and Kindergarten News: Mark your calendars and join us for a preschool information evening on January 10, 2019 at 6:30pm. This is guaranteed to be an informative evening as preschool staff and administrators outline the similarities and differences in the programs offered as well as answer any questions families may have. Milton Public Schools has a variety of programs for those children who will turn three or four on or before August 31, 2019.

Then on January 24th 2019 at 6:30 pm, we hope to see many kindergarten parents and guardians at Kindergarten Information Night. As we prepare to welcome our new kindergarteners next September, the first step for families is to pre-register your new student. Preregistration will be live on our website on Monday, December 3rd. Please note that your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2019 to start kindergarten in September 2019.

The information sessions will take place in the Charles Winchester Auditorium located at Milton High School, 25 Gile Rd. Please email Marti O'Keefe McKenna, Family Outreach Liaison, or call Ms. McKenna at 617- 980- 7343 if you have questions about preschool. Please email Laurie Dunn with questions about kindergarten. We look forward to seeing you in January!

Fourth and Fifth Grade Families: This is just a reminder that there will be a fourth and fifth grade Movie Night featuring "Incredibles 2" on Friday, December 14 from 6:30-8:40pm in the PMS Auditorium. The suggested donation is \$10.00 and all monies collected will directly support students in need so they can attend the Pierce 8th Grade Washington DC trip. If you have

any questions about 4th and 5th Grade Movie Night, please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Spaulding at kspaulding@miltonps.org.

Caroling on the Common: Saturday, December 8 from 4-6pm at First Congregational Church of Milton: performances by the MHS Holiday Choir and the Boston Conservatory at Berklee Cabaret in the church sanctuary at 5pm, bonfires and marshmallow roasting on the lawn, hot chocolate, cookies, and crafts to warm you up inside. This event is free, please consider donating a coat or canned good to help others in need. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday, December 11: Fifth grade participates in the Hour of Code

Wednesday, December 12: Glover PTO meeting- 6pm in library- come one, come all!

Friday, December 14: Pierce Middle School Movie Night (see above)

Tuesday, December 18: Glover Site Council meeting

December 24-January 1: Winter Recess

January 2, 2019: No School- Professional Development

January 3, 2019: School Resumes

Monday, January 7: 6:30 pm- Race to Nowhere- MHS auditorium

Tuesday, January 15: Glover Diversity Committee Meeting- 7pm Glover Library

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

Tuesday, February 5: Glover Glow Run

In Partnership,

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Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Space Keynote 11-29-18 FINAL.pdf](#)

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