

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

It was a great two days back! I cannot tell you how much I missed seeing all of my Glover Kids and their smiling faces! It's great to be back in a routine and I know we all have our New Year's Resolutions in full swing! Here are some updates as we look into 2019. There's a lot here but it's all great information. Please be sure to review the "upcoming dates" section carefully as there are many important events coming up!

Please join us in welcoming Kristin Smith, who will be joining us in the Kindergarten with Michelle Hanney, and Paula Smith, who will be joining our lunch/recess paraprofessional staff.

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we are focusing on Emotion Management. Next week, we'll learn about "feelings in my body" and learn how to pay attention to clues in our bodies and in the situation to help us understand how we feel. I'm excited to announce that the MFE generously funded a grant I wrote for **52 Essential Conversations in SEL** to be implemented in all Glover classrooms this spring! To learn more, please go to

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/900100964/52-essential-conversations-a-game-on-life>.

Thank you to the MFE for funding this amazing tool for our classrooms!

Glover Fun Run!

We're PUMPED because we're less than one month away from kicking off our Glover Glow Run. This year, all students will be running 30-35 laps to help raise funds for this school year and we can't wait to get started. In the meantime, check out this quick video to learn about what Boosterthon is all about:

<https://vimeo.com/254873625>.

This year, our goal is \$40,000. All proceeds will be split between improvements to the outdoor play space in the back of Glover School and student enrichment/teacher grant opportunities. We are partnering with Boosterthon and this year, our Fun Run also comes with a world-class character theme: **MINDSPARK MYSTERY LAB**, combining S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, our students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

The team from Boosterthon will be here with your children for 2 weeks, working with them every day in their classrooms and on the playground. We are excited to welcome them to Team Glover! They put a tremendous amount of time and energy into this endeavor and will become an integral part of our school community as we prepare for the Fun Run. We'll start with a Pep Rally on Friday, January 25. To get started, you will receive information soon about how to log on to FunRun.com and pledging opens January 18.

If you would like to come to the **Fun Run on Tuesday, February 5**, the schedule is as follows. All families are welcome to come and cheer on your runners! We'll also be looking for volunteers to help us mark laps!

9:00- Kindergarten

10:00- Fifth Grade

11:00- First Grade

12:00- Fourth Grade

1:00- Second Grade

2:00- Third Grade

Continental Math League and BOKS: Thank you to Stephanie Kwei (Grade 5 CML), Brian Bunn (Grade 4 CML), Megan Kamm and Emily Duffy (Grade 3 CML), and Ellen Stoddard, Brigid Buchau, and Heather Juric (BOKS), for stepping up to help us run these important and exciting before and after school opportunities!

- BOKS: Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:00-8:40am) beginning February 5 in the Glover Gym. To sign up, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/Ksu9Tej06smPsQGb2>
- Grade 5 CML: Every other Tuesday afternoon (3:20-4:05pm) beginning Tuesday, January 8 in the Glover Library. For more information, email Stephanie at kweistephanie@gmail.com.
- Grade 4 CML: Every other Wednesday (7:40-8:30am) beginning Wednesday, January 16 in the Glover Library. For more information, email Brian at bunnbrian@hotmail.com.
- Grade 3 CML: Every other Thursday morning (7:40-8:30am) beginning Thursday, January 17 in the Glover Library. For more information, email Emily or Megan at emilyzofia@yahoo.com or megankamm@yahoo.com.

MPS Space/Enrollment:

On Wednesday January 2nd, the Milton School Committee welcomed Carl Franceschi and Paul Moore from Drummy Rosane Anderson to present preliminary findings and potential solutions on our space and enrollment issue. The presentation was informative and interactive as School Committee members discussed possible solutions. Please take some time to watch the recorded version of the meeting, which is available on Milton Access TV. The powerpoint presentation can be found here.

On Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm, there will be an extended **Citizens Speak on Space** at the School Committee meeting held at Milton High School. On Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm, there will be an **Open Forum on Space**. All are invited to attend and participate during both meetings. The School Committee meeting on January 23 will be held in the Cunningham School Library.

Our space and enrollment issue is one that we must solve both as a district and as a town in order to continue to maintain the excellence of the Milton Public Schools. Please email School Committee member Ada Rosmarin, Chair of the Facilities Advisory Committee with comments or questions.

Diversity Committee:

Please consider joining us on **Tuesday, January 15 at 7pm** at Glover for our next Diversity Committee Meeting. We will be discussing our People's Supper initiative, our Reading About Diversity/Meet the Artist programs, possible family/community engagement activities this spring, and the committee has asked me to prepare some data to present regarding our demographic landscape here at Glover and how our specific MCAS subgroups are performing. This will certainly be a rich and powerful conversation and we hope to see you there!

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

Flu: The CDC is reporting widespread influenza activity. Glover currently has several confirmed cases of the flu. The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine, it's not too late! Please continue

to promote proper hand washing, cough etiquette and keeping sick children home. Please refer to the following link for important information on the difference between cleaning and disinfecting <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/cleaning.htm>.

Pneumonia & Strep: Cases of both have increased since the return to school. Please check your child's temperature with a thermometer before administering any fever reducing medication and follow the MPS health policy. It is encouraged that you state the reason for your child's absence when you notify the school so we can keep up to date health information. We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Textile Bin at Glover: Just the other day, I saw a Glover parent dropping off clothes at the bin located towards the back parking lot at Glover. Did you know that the Glover PTO gets a generous portion of every donation you make? If your resolution is to de-clutter (I know it's one of mine), please consider donating used textiles to the bin located on the side of Glover as a portion goes directly back to your children!

Parent Speaker Series:

I wanted to share with you a few of the upcoming important and informative Parent Speaker Series events so that you have them on your calendars. **This Monday's viewing of "Race to Nowhere"** is a film that calls us to challenge current thinking about how we prepare our children for success. Named one of "10 Education Documentaries You Don't Want to Miss", it brings communities together to spark dialogue and galvanize change in America's schools. This film is not one that you can get on Netflix...this is your opportunity to come together with the MPS community to join this nationwide, grassroots movement for the transformation of education. Please consider joining us!

Monday, January 7: "Race to Nowhere" film 6:30pm at MHS

Tuesday, January 22: "Drug Story Theater" and Dr. Joseph Shrand 6:30pm at MHS (Multi-community event)

Tuesday, February 12: "The Connected Family: Finding Balance " Catherine Stein-Adair 6:30pm at MHS

Tuesday, March 5: "Romaine Calm - Healthy Eating for Families" with Tara McCarthy and Jackie Morgan 6:30pm at MHS

Tuesday, March 26: "The Gift of Failure" with Jessica Lahey 6:30pm at MHS

MCAS Dates: This is just a reminder of 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

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday, January 8: Grade 5 Continental Math League begins- 3:20-4:05

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

Wednesday, January 16: Grade 4 Continental Math League begins- 7:40-8:30am

Thursday, January 17: Grade 3 Continental Math League begins- 7:40-8:30

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

Tuesday, January 22: "Drug Story Theater" and Dr. Joseph Shrand 6:30pm at MHS (Multi-community event)

Friday, January 25: Fun Run Pep Rally (in school)

Tuesday, February 5: BOKS begins- 8:00am in Glover Gym (see above)

Tuesday, February 5: Glover Fun Run! (see above)

Wednesday, February 6: Half-Day- professional development

Tuesday, February 12: "The Connected Family: Finding Balance " Catherine Stein-Adair 6:30pm at MHS

Tuesday, March 5: "Romaine Calm - Healthy Eating for Families" with Tara McCarthy and Jackie Morgan 6:30pm at MHS

Friday, March 22: Kindergarten and First Grade Music Showcase- 2:00pm in the Glover Gym

Tuesday, March 26: "The Gift of Failure" with Jessica Lahey 6:30pm at MHS

Friday, March 29: Grade Four Boston Symphony Orchestra Field Trip

Friday, May 17: Second and Third Grade Music Showcase- 2pm Glover Gym

In Partnership,

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