A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had a wonderful full week of school and it was great to get back into a routine! If you missed my email yesterday with important arrival, dismissal, and student policies, please be sure to review the paper that came home yesterday (hard copy and email) as we sincerely appreciate your support and adherence to these policies that are in place to keep your children safe.

Our students have been hard at work, preparing artwork and poetry for the upcoming MICA Martin Luther King Jr Celebration. Be sure to visit Twitter @GloverSchool in the coming weeks to see some of our masterpieces!

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we are focusing on Emotion Management. This week, we learned 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.

Glover Fun Run!

We are just two weeks out from our Fun Run! The committee is hard at work getting sponsors, ordering t-shirts for every student, and preparing for the big day. Over the next two weeks, you'll receive additional information about how you can help us make this event a huge success! 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'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.

As a reminder, 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

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

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!

BoxTops:

We are continuing to collect Box Tops this spring. The next submission date is on February 15, right before February vacation. Box Tops can be submitted in baggies or attached to collection sheets. Please make sure that they are not expired. A new collection sheet will be coming home for the families who prefer to use them. Thank you for your time and effort to support this fundraiser. Any questions can be emailed to jenniferqueally@yahoo.com.

PTO Meeting: Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm- Glover Library

At the next PTO meeting, we will be discussing many important things. We have the privilege of being joined by Deborah Milbauer of MSAPC who will present about the new MSAPC campaign to reduce underage drinking. Join this special presentation targeted specifically to elementary aged parents to start developmentally appropriate prevention messages and practices EARLY before the middle and high school years kick in. Learn about what the Coalition is doing, learn about the new website and parent pledge and help spread the word. For parents who would like more information, or for those who can't attend, you are invited to the Jan 31st meeting (at 7pm at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital Nangeroni Conference Room) of the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. This meeting will do a deep dive into the role of parenting and underage drinking prevention featuring Professor Margie Skeer, Collicot parent and public health professor at Tufts School of Medicine. For more information, email Deborah Milbauer at deborahmilbauer@hotmail.com or go to www.milton-coalition.org (information about the coalition, and to sign up for the mailing list).

Lee Toma will also join us to discuss safe routes to school and an innovative new idea: a walking school bus! We will also be brainstorming about best practices in welcoming new families to Glover. Please see my message above regarding the new Welcoming Committee. Please consider joining us as this will certainly be an informative meeting.

Milton School Committee Space and Enrollment Presentation:

On Wednesday January 2nd, the Milton School Committee welcomed Carl Franceschi and Paul Moore from <u>Drummy Rosane Anderson</u> (DRA) 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 consider taking the time to <u>watch the recorded version of the meeting</u>, <u>which is available on Milton Access TV</u>. The powerpoint presentation can be found here.

At the Wednesday, January 16th School Committee Meeting, there will be an extended **Citizens Speak on Space** as well as a follow up presentation by DRA with more details and budget numbers associated with various proposals. This meeting is at 7pm and will be held at Milton High School.

On Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm, there will be an **Open Forum on Space** during the School Committee meeting. All are invited to attend and participate. The January 23rd School Committee meeting will be held in the Cunningham School Library. Please note that unlike Citizens Speak, the Open Forum will allow the opportunity for an exchange between citizens and Milton School Committee members.

Please take a moment to read the message from School Committee member Ada Rosmarin, who was involved in the Milton School Building project that began in 2001 in Superintendent Gormley's blog this week. Ms. Rosmarin, who is the Chair of the Facilities Advisory Committee can be reached via email at any time.

Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Events:

The Price You Pay: Second Chances presented by Drug Story Theater, FREE, Tuesday, January 22, 6:30pm, Milton High School Auditorium

Do you know what youth addiction looks like? The Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Milton Public Schools along with the towns of Milton, Dedham, Quincy, Randolph, Braintree, Stoughton and Canton are bringing back Drug Story Theater for a community presentation of "The Price You Pay: Second Chances". This is a riveting play by youth about their own seduction by, addiction to, and recovery from drugs and alcohol. It will give the audience an inside look, as well as some vital information about why getting hooked at such a young age can be so concerning.

Dr. Joseph Shrand, Child Psychiatrist, nationally recognized expert on adolescent addiction, and founder of Drug Story Theater, will also share his experience treating youth challenged by substance use. This is also an opportunity for parents, caregivers, community leaders and other audience members to ask questions of Dr. Shrand and the cast: What are the signs my child may be using? What can prevent this? What can I do if my child is using? What is spice?

This play was seen in October, 2018 by Milton High 9thand 10thgraders, and you could hear a pin drop. Principal James Jette said he was "thrilled with the performance and feedback from our students." Our showing of "The Price You Pay: Second Chances", is a unique collaboration between Milton and the surrounding towns. This event is free and there is ample parking available. For more information, please call Margaret Carels, Project Coordinator, MSAPC, 617-877-1812, or emailinfo@milton-coalition.org

More Than Just "Don't Drink": Preventing Underage Drinking, FREE, Thursday, Jan. 31, 7pm, BID - Milton, Nangeroni Conference Room

Did you know that alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States? The Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition announces its next Coalition meeting, Thursday, January 31st from 7 to 9pm at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Milton in the Nangeroni Conference Room.

Hear from featured speaker and Milton resident, Margie Skeer, Associate Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine and Interim Director of the Health Communication Program at Tufts University. Professor Skeer's engaging and easy to understand approach is informed by 15 years of research and expertise on youth substance abuse and prevention. Learn why talking to your kids works, get specific tips on how to talk to your kids and observe practice role-playing.

The Coalition's recently launched 'Parent Campaign' to reduce underage drinking will be presented along with the latest Coalition news—and there is plenty! Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there! See this and other MSAPC news at our new Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/MiltonCoalition/

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Upcoming Dates:

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,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

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