

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Today, we kicked off our Glover Fun Run with a really exciting Pep Rally! The team from Boosterthon joined us to make it extra special! Check out photos and videos on Twitter! Next week, the team from Boosterthon will be in the classrooms every day, leading citizenship lessons and sparking minds! We look forward to our run on February 5 and you'll see a pledgebook come home with your child today.

Please know that we are structuring things differently this year based on your feedback. Classrooms are working together to "earn" special opportunities. There are no individual student recognitions. The school is working as a whole unit to reach percentages of our school-wide goal and each time we do, every child will be given something special from Boosterthon. We are viewing this fundraiser simply as a wonderful opportunity to work together as classrooms and as a whole school to have some fun and raise funds for our outdoor space and student enrichment/teacher grants. Please know that whether you choose to participate or not, your child will get to participate in every single bit of the fun!

The students and staff are very excited to have the Boosterthon team on campus the next two weeks as we learn how to be true 21st century heroes through Mind Spark Mystery Lab and to help our school! Today, each student will be coming home with a pledge book. This book provides the steps for how to log onto funrun.com and register your student.

Student registration code: 677-325

Be sure to check out the "Student Star Video." This is a fun and easy way to let potential sponsors know that they can support our school - and your child will love being the star in their very own movie!

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we are focusing on Emotion Management. This week, we learned about calming down strategies like deep belly breathing, counting, and using positive self-talk.

Science Fair: Mark Your Calendars! Our Annual Glover Science Fair will be on Wednesday, March 13 (Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade) and Thursday, March 14 (Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade). Applications and information packets will come home before February break. I just wanted to make sure you had it on your calendars!

Book Swap: Our annual book swap will take place February 13, 14, and 15 during student library times. Check your bookshelves for picture books, chapter books, and non-fiction books your child has enjoyed and would now like to swap for something new. No limit on number of donations, and students can choose up to five books at the swap! Please bring books to school

starting Wednesday, February 6th for sorting. Email with questions or to volunteer: sharvstrong@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. 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. Last, I will also answer any questions you might have about the various space/enrollment presentations that have been given by the MPS School Committee as they relate to Glover.

From Nurse LeBlanc:

Vision screening: Screening is underway. If your child is followed by a vision specialist or if you wish to opt-out of vision screening please email me at mleblanc@miltonps.org stating your child's name and teacher. Referrals will be mailed home if your child is unable to pass the screening.

Cold and Flu Season: Flu and pneumonia are definitely in the Glover community right now. Please don't send your child to school sick. We realize it is hard to distinguish a cold from the flu, but if your child is coughing or has a sore throat along with a fever, even a low-grade fever, it would be wise to have them checked for the flu. If the flu is diagnosed early enough, an anti-viral medication can be prescribed to lessen the severity of the illness. Although the best way to prevent the flu is to get the vaccine, even if your child has had a flu shot they can still get the flu, as the shot does not cover every strain of flu. Frequent handwashing and good respiratory etiquette also are important ways to combat the flu, and illness in general.

Flus and colds have very similar symptoms as they are both respiratory illnesses, but colds do not typically present with a fever, and the symptoms are generally milder than with a flu. People with flu are most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day **before** symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days **after** becoming sick. Children and some people with weakened immune systems may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. I have included a link to a CDC fact sheet which explains the difference between a cold and the flu.

Please remember that students may not return to school for at least 24 hours after an illness resolves. There is also information on the Milton Public Schools website under Health Services

as to when to keep your child home with guidelines for other illnesses as well. As always, please feel free to call Nurse LeBlanc with questions or concerns.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/spread.htm>

Parent Speaker Series: Next up in our series is *"The Big Disconnect: Protecting Family Relationships in the Digital Age"* on February 12, 2019, 6:30 pm at MHS Auditorium. Come hear Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair speak about how to maintain important relationships as a family, in our ever-increasing digital world. This presentation is relatable to parents/guardians of *ALL AGES*. **Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair** is an internationally recognized clinical psychologist, school consultant and award winning author of *The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*.

Town-Wide Athletics and Activities Fair: On Thursday, February 28 from 5:45-6:30pm in the Tucker Gymnasium, there will be an Athletics and Activities fair. Come to learn more about ways that your children can get involved in various sports and activities around town! Representatives from various Milton sports teams, town organizations, and MHS will be on hand to answer questions and help families connect to opportunities around town.

Attached: Please see attached fliers from Milton Girls Softball and the Girl Scouts 'Snow Much Fun' event.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, February 5: BOKS begins- 8:00am in Glover Gym

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Wednesday, February 6: Half-Day- professional development

Tuesday, February 12: "The Big Disconnect: Protecting Family Relationships in the Digital Age" Catherine Stein-Adair 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, February 13: Glover PTO Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library (see above)

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

Wednesday, March 13: K-2 Science Fair

Thursday, March 14: 3-5 Science Fair

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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Principal, Glover Elementary School

File attachments:

[Snow Much Fun Event- Lena Park.pdf](#)

[MGS_2019_Registration_Ad-compressed.pdf](#)

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