

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Jump Man J and Kangaroo Katie have been entertaining us all week long! I'm sure you've heard about their involvement in your child's classroom. They are out at recess, arrival and dismissal, in lunch, and they visit every classroom every day. They have taught us lessons about growth mindset, zest, citizenship, and more. We are gearing up for Tuesday's Fun Run and I just want to thank you all for your unbelievable support of our school. Funds raised will go to the outdoor space and individual teacher grants. Thank you for your generosity and for always being so amazing! Thanks to those who have volunteered to help out on Tuesday during your child's Fun Run! If you'd like to join us to cheer your children on, you are more than welcome! Please enter through the back doors by the gym where a staff will be present to greet you.

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we are focusing on Emotion Management. This week and next week, we will continue to work on managing learning challenges.

School Committee Forums on Space and Student Enrollment Issues: The School Committee is holding two public forums to address increased student enrollment and space issues in the Milton Public Schools. The first forum will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 1:30pm at Fuller Village, 1372 Brush Hill Road. The second forum will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at Milton High School's Charles C. Winchester Auditorium. All Milton residents are invited to attend either public forum. Please note that the public forums will allow the opportunity for an exchange between citizens and Milton School Committee members. Please see attached for additional information.

If you wish to access background information regarding increasing enrollment and space issues, please follow the following links:

New England School Development Council (NESDEC) information:

https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/1215/4359/4541/NESDEC_2018.pdf

DRA Presentation to Milton School Committee:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_kqvCQLYWADExL_Aqz-pWPK3Yqx9cBvp8fV6m007PK0/edit#slide=id.p1

If you have any questions, please contact Milton School Committee Chair Dr. Kevin Donahue, kdonahue@miltonps.org.

Daffodil Days: The Milton Public Schools is partnering with the American Cancer Society to help save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer through Daffodil Days. Make a donation from now until February 18th to receive fresh-cut or potted daffodils in March to brighten your day or that of others through flower delivery to cancer patients at a local

cancer center, hospital, or Hope Lodge. Place your order by clicking the link below and be sure to select your school at checkout. Contact Kate.Lockhart@cancer.org for more information. This campaign specifically supports Boston's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/milton-daffodil-days>

Arrival/Dismissal Clarification: MassDOT recently presented to the Transportation Subcommittee. During their observations, they found a few things important to share. On the day they were here, 22 out of 129 parent vehicles were observed making a prohibited left turn out of the parking lot when exiting. 3 vehicles were observed entering the bus-only entrance. 10 vehicles entered Whitelawn at the near entrance instead of the far entrance. A few made illegal u-turns on Canton Avenue.

One suggestion Mass DOT made was to present all families with a visual representation of some of our procedures. Please note that none of our procedures have changed but the attached visuals should help remind all families of our procedures around car line arrival and dismissal. I hope this is helpful and please share this document with anyone who might be dropping or picking up your children. Please take a moment to review the attached PDF.

Grade Five Growth and Development: Important- grade five families, please see attached information.

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).

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, February 5: Glover Fun Run!

Wednesday, February 6: Half-Day- professional development

Thursday, February 7: BOKS begins- 8:00am in Glover Gym

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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File attachments:

[Milton School Committee Invitation Public Forums Regarding Space-email version.docx](#)

[2019 Growth_Development letter Gr 5 parent notice.pdf](#)

[Glover Elementary School Arrival and Dismissal.pdf](#)

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