

Dear Glover Families,

There is no happier feeling than having all of our amazing Glover Kids back in school under one roof! The walls and halls virtually smile as these happy children skip, bounce, hop, and walk through them.

All of our Glover Kids are back in the swing of things. Our newest Kindergartners have made an amazing transition to school and our first through fifth graders look like old pros sauntering in each morning!

Today, we held our Welcome Back assemblies and learned all about how to be a Glover Kid, the importance of being kind, responsible, respectful, and safe, what happens when you are recognized as being an exemplary Glover Kid, expected behavior in every zone of the building and beyond, and how to distinguish between conflict and bullying, how to report concerning behavior, and more. Be sure to ask your child about what he/she learned. This week, we celebrated our first 12 “Glover Kids of the Week”. These students were recognized for their great “Glover Kid” acts and wore medals all day!

Of importance, we talked at length about having “trusted adults” at Glover School. We learned that trusted adults are people who make us feel comfortable and safe, people who we can count on to listen and help. We introduced lots of staff, from adjustment counselors to school nurses, administrators to support teachers, who might be someone’s trusted adult. Please take a moment to ask your child who his/her trusted adult might be. We know that the importance of having someone a child trusts in his/her corner cannot be underestimated.

A Look Ahead:

Dismissal Plans:

Thank you for continuing to adhere to the following protocol when changing regular dismissal plans:

Write a Note: Please submit dismissal changes **in writing** to your child’s teacher and send in with your child. This is important for many reasons but if there is a substitute teacher, there will be written record of dismissal changes.

If your plans change when your child is already at school for the day, you must **call the main office** as teachers cannot guarantee that they will be able to check their

email/personal voicemail during the instructional day. The main office will notify individual teachers of dismissal changes.

Please be sure **your child is aware** of dismissal changes ahead of time so that he/she is comfortable with plans for the end of the day.

Please **always** include either John Leazott (Grades 2-5) or Deb Mullins (Grades K-1) if your change in plans involves ASE (After School Enrichment). John's email is jleazott@miltonps.org and Deb's email is dmullins@miltonps.org. If your child is registered for after school on a designated day and you do not inform the ASE staff of a change in plans, your child will be sent to ASE as registered.

New Staff Introductions: We are thrilled to welcome the following new staff members to our Glover Family. Email contact information for all staff can be found on our website in case you are looking to reach out.

- Kate Elovich, Kindergarten
- Christy Bass, Second Grade
- Kim Tolleson, Art
- Ann Mefford, Grade Five French
- Christine Howley, Adjustment Counselor
- Mercedes Reid, Lunch/Recess Supervisor
- Julia Finnegan, Physical Education
- Fiona Delaney, Kindergarten Paraprofessional
- Jacqueline Losi, Paraprofessional
- Kate French, Adjustment Counselor Intern

Handbook Sign-Off Sheets: Please note that the last day to return signed orange sheets is Monday, September 9. Of importance, please be sure to check whether you give us permission to use your child's photograph for internal purposes as well as to share with the public. I enjoy sharing photographs of children happily learning and growing but absolutely respect your decision to not have your child's photograph shared. Please be sure to complete both the front and back side of the form.

Demographic Information: If you have not updated your demographic information in our Portal system, please be sure to do so. This information is relied upon frequently when we need to contact you, in case of an emergency, etc. If you have any questions

about this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or AJ Melanson at amelanson@miltonps.org.

Drop Off/Pick Up Line: In order for drop off and pick up to run smoothly and efficiently, it is important that all drivers remain in their vehicles with their engines running. There is absolutely no parking in the live drop off/pick up line. We will assist you in getting your children out of your vehicle and it is helpful if you situate them on the right side of the car so that they can slide right out with the assistance of a staff member. Please let anyone who may be dropping your child off (sitters, grandparents, etc.) know so that they are aware. We are also distributing the orange placards so that we can safely monitor students as they get into vehicles. Please keep this orange card handy so that you can slide it onto your dash board. We appreciate your partnership in making the smoothest, safest, and most efficient drop off/pick up line possible.

Open House: Just a reminder- Glover's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at 6:30pm. More information to follow but mark your calendars!

Welcome Back Community Dinner Project: The beginning of each school year brings many wonderful opportunities to get to know new friends and reacquaint with old ones. We have welcomed many new families to Glover School this year and we are thrilled to share an exciting way for families to connect and build relationships.

The Community Dinner Project invites all Glover parents/guardians to have a conversation, share meaningful stories, good food, and build a sense of community. The Community Dinner Project provides an opportunity to **meet others** from our school, **connect** to learn more about each other, and share ideas for how to **strengthen our community for our kids** to thrive. This project is sponsored by our Diversity Committee and is adapted from a nation-wide model, The People's Supper. We hope to use this opportunity to grow and build our community while celebrating our diversity.

Grab a seat! Be a host or a participant. Hosting a dinner is simple and helpful guidelines will be provided. You determine the conversation starters, the location, and the type of dinner you want to hold (ex. with or without children). You do not have to provide the entire meal. All participants, including the host, are asked to bring a dish to share. As a welcome back to school event, we hope to have as many volunteers as possible to host a Community Dinner in their home.

Dinners will be held on Friday 9/20, Saturday 9/21 or Sunday, 9/22. To sign up to be a host and/or to sign up to be a guest at one of the dinners, please go to <https://forms.gle/CP2hHmixsBYa7TE79>.

Jewish High Holidays: This year, Rosh Hashanah begins on Sunday, September 29 at sundown and ends at sundown on Tuesday, October 1. Yom Kippur begins on Tuesday, October 8 at sundown and ends at sundown on Wednesday, October 9. This year, there will be no school on Wednesday, October 9 in observance of Yom Kippur. Please know that we will make any/all accommodations to allow students to observe these holy days with their loved ones. Students will not be penalized in any way for missing time or assignments. There will be no night events during this time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me and/or your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. In alignment with the philosophy of the Anti-Defamation League, we firmly believe that to create welcoming and respectful school and workplace environments, every effort should be made to accommodate observance of the High Holidays and other religious practices with school responsibilities in a meaningful way.

Walk/Bike to School Day: Mark your calendars for Glover's first walk/bike to school day on Wednesday, October 2!

For Your Calendar:

Monday, September 9: Instrument Demonstration Grades 4-5, 9:30am

Monday, September 9: Handbook Sign-Off due

Wednesday, September 18: School Picture Day

Wednesday, September 18: Glover PTO meeting- 7pm

Thursday, September 19: Diversity Committee- 7pm

Tuesday, September 24: Designing Inclusive Schools PARENT Speaker Series- 6:30pm at MHS (see attached)

Thursday, September 26: Glover Open House- 6:30pm

Friday, September 27: No School (Professional Development Day for Staff)

Wednesday, October 2: Walk/Bike to School Day

Thursday, October 9: Yom Kippur- No School

Monday, October 14: Columbus Day- No School

Wednesday, October 23: Early Release Day (12:30)- PD for Staff

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend!

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School