

Dear Glover Families,

The opening of school was simply epic! Every classroom was full of smiling faces, both teachers and students, and everyone was so happy getting to know new friends and reuniting with old ones. We look forward to welcoming our newest Glover Kids to school on Tuesday. First graders are ready to head straight to class on Tuesday (rather than gathering in the cafeteria) and our new Kindergartners will head straight into the cafeteria through the front doors on Tuesday morning to be greeted by their teachers.

I wish you all could see the wonderful things I see in each classroom every day. One window into life here at Glover is through Twitter. It's easy to download the app and follow us @GloverSchool. You'll see pictures and videos tweeted almost every day and will love watching all Glover Kids learning and having fun!

We appreciate all that you have done to support us as we get rolling this year and thank you for getting your children here every day ready to learn! A special thank you to the Glover PTO for providing a delicious back-to-school luncheon for all of our teachers and a thank you to Melanie Robinson and the outgoing fifth graders who gifted us three beautiful display cases that you'll see when you come into the school.

Every Friday, you'll receive an email from me entitled Glover Elementary School Weekly Update. I try to avoid filling your inbox during the week unless absolutely necessary. This Friday email contains a lot of valuable information and I highly recommend that you take the time to read through it at your leisure. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly! No question is too small! Email is the best way to reach me efficiently: [kmcdavitt@miltonps.org](mailto:kmcdavitt@miltonps.org).

**Safety and Security:** We are making every effort to be secure with our procedures when it comes to gaining access to the building and dismissing children. Please take a moment to make sure your child's teacher knows dismissal plans and please be sure to communicate changes in dismissal ahead of time so that we can ensure your child's safety. Please also reiterate the importance of never leaving the school unattended.

Please fill out your orange placard if you are entering our live pick-up line and feel free to take extras if you have other people picking up on occasion. Please keep it displayed on the right side of your dashboard so that staff on duty can match your vehicle to your child.

Last, please understand that we need to ask you for your ID when dismissing a child. I understand that it might seem strange since we know so many of you so well but I know you also understand that these policies and procedures are in place for your child's safety and security. Please be sure to have your photo ID on you at all times when accessing the building and picking up your children.

**Handbook Sign-Off Sheets:** Please be sure to sign the Handbook Sign-Off paper and return it to school by 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.

**Walk/Bike To and From School Forms:** For students in fourth and fifth grade, please be sure to return your signed walk/bike to and from school forms or your child will not be permitted to leave the building independently. If you would like your older child to dismiss siblings, you *must* sign off and list sibling names on the form.

**PBIS:** As you know, Glover is a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports School. This is so much more than just a system of expectations for the school. It is really about culture and climate. Next week, members of the PBIS team will be coaching every student through positive expectations in the hallways, cafeteria, and at recess. We will be practicing together and staff will continue to reinforce expected behavior in each classroom. In addition, our "Glover Kid" motto continues to remain at the heart of everything we do. Students continue to earn "duck feet" which are collected in our own wall-sized version of Turner's Pond and each Friday, 12 students will be recognized for their amazing acts as Glover Kids. Each time a student is recognized as being safe, kind, responsible, respectful, and a positive member of the Glover community, we will celebrate! If you want a peek into what this initiative looks like, be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool as I post pictures every day! Please join me in wholeheartedly thanking Sarah Whitten and Melissa Craven, our PBIS Team Leaders, as they support this initiative throughout the school!

**Sensory Pathways:** We hope your child has come home buzzing about our new and exciting hallways! Students have learned how to access our sensory pathways that are located in each hallway as a valuable opportunity for movement. Students skip, hop,

jump, leap, and get their wiggles out in an intentional way through these amazing additions to Glover! A special thank you goes to Sarah Whitten, Occupational Therapist, and her father, Charlie Yeaton, who helped us design and install these pathways and of course, the Glover PTO for funding this special project.

**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!

**Breakfast Club:** If you would like your child to come to breakfast club, you can drop him/her off any time after 8:15am any day. You do not need to pre-register. You will need to go to the **side door** of the cafeteria and sign in there. For just \$1.25, your child can have a delicious and healthy breakfast and be monitored by Glover staff until 8:35 when arrival begins. If you drop off before 8:15, you need to be registered with our before school program. Please email [msandoval@miltonps.org](mailto:msandoval@miltonps.org) for more information.

**CORI Forms:** Please know that if you wish to volunteer in any capacity at school, you must fill out a CORI form. The form is available on the Glover and District Websites and also in the main office. Once it is completed, please bring the form and your license to the office. We need to photocopy your license; we cannot accept a copy from you.

**Ways to Get Involved:** At Open House, you'll learn more about classroom volunteer opportunities, including Meet the Artist, Reading About Diversity, and Open Gym. At the school-wide level, there are also lots of wonderful ways to get involved. One way is to join our robust Diversity Committee! We meet on the third/fourth Thursday of every

month and the schedule of meetings is listed below. These are open meetings and anyone is welcome to join us. We plan lots of amazing initiatives, partner with Tucker's Diversity Committee, and do really important work to build our school culture and bring educational experiences to all children at Glover. Please consider joining us!

We also have PTO meetings on the third Wednesday of every month. These are also open meetings and anyone is welcome to join us! The PTO plans all sorts of exciting school-wide celebrations, events, and fundraisers. This year, our PTO co-Presidents, Emily Duffy and Christine Sullivan, have lots of ideas for ways that Glover can give back to the community and come together as a community. Please consider joining us on either (or both) of these amazing committees!

**Diversity Committee Meetings:** (third/fourth Thursday of every month)

Thursday, September 19

Thursday, October 24

Thursday, November 21

Thursday, December 19

Thursday, January 16

Thursday, February 13

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, May 28

**PTO Meetings:** (third Wednesday of every month unless \*)

Wednesday, September 18

Wednesday, October 16

Wednesday, November 20

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Wednesday, January 15

\*Wednesday, February 12

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday, May 20

**For Your Calendar:**

- Friday, August 30: No School

- Monday, September 2: Labor Day- No School
- Tuesday, September 3: First Day of School for Kindergarten
- Tuesday, September 3: BooHoo/Yahoo Gathering- 9am at flagpole
- Wednesday September 4: Fifth Grade Committee, 7-8pm, Glover library
- 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

Have a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing all 615 of our amazing Glover Kids, including our newest Kindergarten friends, on Tuesday!

In Partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School