

Dear Glover Families,

We had a very exciting week! We are thrilled that our very own Hadley Bergeron, Grade 3 in Ms. Hammond's class, won the Monster Dash Art Contest and her adorable monster will be featured on the front of this year's Monster Dash t-shirt! Congratulations Hadley and thank you MFE!

A Look Ahead...

One Book, One School: Glover's Diversity Committee began an initiative last year to introduce all Glover Kids to prominent diverse authors. We were fortunate last year to meet Varian Johnson, Veera Hiranandani, and Jessica Hische. This year, we have plans to bring author, librarian, and researcher Meg Frazer Blakemore to Glover in December and a Diverse Reads Family Book Club event with Erin Entrada Kelly in the spring.

On Wednesday, we are welcoming volunteers from Milton Academy into each classroom to participate in a special One Book, One School project. The PTO has generously purchased a copy of **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson for every classroom. This unforgettable book is written and illustrated by the award-winning team that created *The Other Side* and the Caldecott Honor winner *Coming On Home Soon*. With its powerful anti-bullying message, it is sure to resonate across every Glover classroom during National Bullying Prevention Month.

After reading **Each Kindness**, students will do activities with our volunteers and connect this powerful story to the conversations we have every day about kindness, empathy, compassion, and friendship. Jacqueline Woodson is one of the nation's most well-recognized authors of color and this One Book, One School initiative is brought to you as a joint effort between Glover's Diversity Committee and PTO. If your child is inspired by Jacqueline Woodson, Ms. Morris is running a GLEA club dedicated entirely to her body of work! Be sure to check it out!

Lantern Walk: Next week, we are so excited for our Annual Lantern Walk! We will be joined by our friends from Tucker on Friday, October 18 at 6pm for a walk around the pond with our lanterns! After the walk, we are hosting our First Annual Inclusive Movie Night. Following the lantern walk, please join all your Glover friends for Dunkin Donuts munchkins, peanut-free/gluten free snacks, and BJs cider. Then head into the gym at 6:30pm for *The Incredibles 2* [Run time: 2 hours 5 minutes]. There will be chairs

available and families are encouraged to bring blankets and pillows for maximum snuggling. For our sensory sensitive friends, the room will not be completely dark and the sound will be at safe and accessible levels. Feel free to wiggle and wriggle along with our heroes! Contact Caitlin O'Neil Amaral (caitonamaral@gmail.com) with any questions.

On Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00pm, we will be having our Lantern Making Workshop during our PTO meeting. We will have helpers in the cafeteria and students are invited to bring an empty 2-liter plastic bottle with them so that we can make it into a lantern. While your children are lantern-making, we invite you to join us for a brief PTO meeting!

If you cannot attend the lantern making workshop, making a lantern is easy! Simply peel the wrapper off of a two-liter bottle and cut it in half. Punch a hole on either side to attach a ribbon, wire, or string as a handle. Use white glue and tissue paper to cover the outside of the bottle. Last, put a light source (flashlight, glow bracelet/stick, electronic tea light) inside and voila!

GLEA Club Update: GLEA clubs begin next week and we still have a few spots open in many of our clubs! The Storybook STEM class is closed but if you're interested in any other club, just send in the registration on Tuesday!

The following clubs still have a few spaces:

- Puzzle Me This with Mrs. Bodkin on Tuesday mornings
- Puzzle Me This 2 with Mme. Bonner on Wednesday afternoons
- The Clue Club (Jeopardy) with Miss Renahan on Thursday mornings
- Draw, Move and Breathe with Mme. Stallions on Monday afternoons for grades 4-5 and Thursday afternoons for grades 2-3
- Color Me Calm with Mrs. Brandi and Mrs. Kates for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th graders on Tuesday mornings
- Spell-Binding Scrabble with Mr. Hoff on Wednesday afternoons for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders
- The Cribbage Club with Mrs. O'Leary on Friday mornings for 4th-5th graders
- Shake, Strike, Scrape-Percussion with Miss Martin on Thursday mornings for 1st-2nd graders
- Fitness Fun from Head to Toe Wednesdays for Grades K- 1 in the mornings and Thursdays for grades 2- 3 in the morning

- Hogwarts comes to Glover with Miss Melissa Craven and Miss Comer on Friday mornings for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
- Explore the World of Jacqueline Woodson with Miss Morris on Wednesday mornings for 4th- 5th graders
- Best Roller Coaster Stem Challenge with Mrs Dow on Wednesday afternoons for 4th-5th graders

Mini family photo shoots at Turner's Pond: Saturday October 19th

Due to popular demand we are excited to add another photographer for the \$75 mini photoshoots on Saturday 19th at Turners Pond! These photo shoots are the perfect way to get wonderful family images from professional photographers in time for the holiday season, while supporting the Glover 5th Grade Committee's fundraising efforts.

For \$75, get a 20 minute photo shoot for your family with one complimentary digital image of your choice. All money raised will go to the 5th Grade Day, with the exception of any additional digital files or images, which you can purchase directly from your photographer.

Sign Up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E48A8A92FA13-fall>

From Nurse LeBlanc:

Health Screenings: Vision, Hearing, BMI (gr 1-4) and postural/scoliosis (gr 5) will be on-going throughout the school year. Please email the nurse or send a written note if your child is already followed or if you choose to opt-out of any screening (mleblanc@miltonps.org). See attached notice for further details.

Attention Bus Riders: The Transportation Department will again be utilizing the Remind Text Messaging System to share bus delays and transportation issues. We will not be using the FirstView app due to unforeseen technological challenges. We encourage all families to subscribe as this is the primary way that delays will be communicated.

In order to use this system families must **OPT IN BY TEXT**. Each of the Glover/Tucker bus routes has been assigned a unique code. To receive the text alerts regarding Transportation issues you **must text the unique code that corresponds to your child(ren)s bus route to 81010**. You may subscribe to alerts for more than one route if

you have multiple children in MPS or if your child takes a different route in the mornings and afternoons. Multiple members of each family are welcome to subscribe.

Please note that the Remind system is unable to accept return texts and families can not communicate back to the Transportation Department using text. Please use **bus@miltonps.org** to communicate with the department.

The unique codes for each Glover/Tucker bus routes are as follows:

- **Bus 1C Text @bus1cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 3C Text @bus3cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 4C Text @bus4cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 5C Text @bus5cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 6C Text @bus6cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 8C Text @bus8cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 9C Text @bus9cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 10C Text @bus10cinfo to 81010**
- **Bus 11C Text @bus11cinfo to 81010**

Thank you and please email questions pertaining to Transportation updates to **bus@miltonps.org**.

Milton Cotillion: Please see attached.

BOKS: We are excited to announce our Fall Session of our BOKS (Build Our Kids Success) Before School Program! Below is the link to a Google Form and registration is due by October 18: **<https://forms.gle/iVssu8QwT6QjZQnB6>**. BOKS is a free physical activity program designed by Reebok that improves our children physically, mentally and socially through movement.

BOKS will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Glover from 8:00-8:40, beginning November 5, 2019. Dates are as follows: November 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, 21, 26 December 3, 5, 10, 12. If children are already signed up for the early school program, they can still participate. They will be released to the gym at 7:50.

PARENT University: The PARENT Speaker Series is pleased to present PARENT University on Thursday, October 17th from 6:00-8:40pm at the Pierce Middle School. PARENT University is a series of short educational and skill-building workshops for

parents and guardians that cover a wide range of topics. Workshops focus on promoting the academic and social and emotional well being of children and teens. We offer a variety of workshops in one evening, each lasting just one hour and each workshop offered twice-back to back. Please see attached for additional information.

The evening will begin at 6:00pm in the auditorium at the Pierce Middle School. The first session will begin at 6:30pm. The second session will begin at 7:40. [Click here](#) for course descriptions. [Click here](#) TO COMPLETE COURSE SELECTION REGISTRATION.

Childcare is available. However, space for childcare is limited. Registration is required and can be found on the registration link above. Children must be of school age and toilet trained to access childcare.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at mmckenna@miltonps.org or 617-980-7343.

MHS Street Hockey Jamboree: Save the date for the 6th annual MHS Street Hockey Tournament at Kelly Field Tennis Courts on Monday, October 14. To register, sign up at Ulin Rink during skills and practice sessions this week!

For Your Calendar:

Monday, October 14: Columbus Day- No School

Wednesday, October 16: PTO Meeting and Lantern Making Workshop- 6pm

Thursday, October 17: PARENT University (see above)

Friday, October 18: Glover Lantern Walk- 6pm at Turner's Pond

Saturday, October 19: Photo Shoots (see above)

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

Thursday, October 24: Glover Diversity Committee- 7pm in Glover Library

Sunday, October 27: MFE Monster Dash

Thursday, November 14: 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