

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you to all who joined us on Wednesday night for our PTO meeting and Lantern Making Workshop! It was a huge success! We look forward to following the same model for our next PTO meeting and inviting children to join us for a fun activity while families learn more about all of the exciting things happening at Glover!

We look forward to enjoying a Lantern Walk around Turner's Pond with you all tonight. We will head out around 6pm from the side gate to Turner's Pond and afterwards, you are invited to join us on the back playground for donuts and cider followed by a screening of *Incredibles 2* in the gym! All are welcome and you are encouraged to bring blankets and things to make viewing snuggly and comfy! Don't forget to put an electric tea light in your lantern before you come! Glow sticks also work well! It will still be somewhat light at 6pm which is good as we try to stay on the path and safe! See you tonight!

This week, we invited our friends from Milton Academy to Glover. They went to each classroom and read Jacqueline Woodson's *Each Kindness* to every class. Thanks to the PTO, they were able to give each classroom a copy for their libraries. After reading, students completed kindness pledges, created kindness chains, and our older students created postcards for every child in the school that will be placed in lockers as surprise pick-me-ups! We continue to reinforce the concept that kindness matters through meaningful activities such as this.

This activity also coincides with our recognition of National Bullying Prevention Month. In unity with schools across the country, we invite everyone to wear orange on Wednesday, October 23. **"Together against bullying- united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion."**

Jacqueline Woodson is our first author featured in our Diverse Reads Book Club initiative brought forth by the Glover Diversity Committee. If you are interested in learning more about this or being part of this initiative, please consider joining us next Thursday evening at 7pm at Glover for Diversity Committee!

A Look Ahead...

Lockdown Safety Drill: As mentioned in a previous email, we will be holding an indoor safety drill at some point in the near future. The Milton Public Schools work

closely with the Milton Police and Fire Departments to plan and implement school safety procedures during the school year. At some point next week, your child will participate in a Lockdown drill led by Sgt. Richman of MPD. Children will review procedures with their teachers in their individual classrooms and please know that we consider the age of our student population and discussions about safety are focused on developmentally appropriate topics. During drills like these, we emphasize to the students that schools are safe places, we work with families, Police, and Fire Departments to keep children safe, we take safety precautions every day (visitors check in, doors are locked, we practice drills), and our job is to keep your children safe. Any discussion beyond this is left to parental discretion. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions about our safety drill procedures. Please know that if you come to the building during a lockdown, you will not be able to gain entry until the drill is complete. Thank you for your understanding.

Boxtops: It is Boxtop collection time! Please send in your clipped boxtops next week- they are due October 25. They can be sent in a marked baggie, with the teacher's name and the number of boxtops OR attached to a collection sheet that is attached to this email. As the clipped boxtops are in the process of being phased out, please check household items such as ziplock and kleenex boxes to ensure they are submitted before they expire. The classroom with the most submissions will win a small prize party! Thanks for your support. Questions: Jennifer.queally@yahoo.com"

Monster Dash: We are just a few days away from one of the premiere fall events in Milton – the Milton Foundation for Education’s Monster Dash! The Monster Dash is a perennial family favorite event with a “costume encouraged” 5K, bounce houses, a costume Fun Run, kids’ crafts, science fun, face painting and more. Your friends and neighbors will be there – will you? I encourage all of our MPS families and staff to register now for the MFE Monster Dash on Sunday, October 27th!

Puzzle Pieces: 10 Traits of Effective Parents in Special Education: On Monday, October 21 at 6:30pm at the Milton Public Library, Puzzle Pieces LLC will be presenting about navigating the intricacies of special education. This is a free community event and open to the public.

Attachments:

1. Milton Cotillion (registration has begun!)

2. BoxTop Collection Sheet
3. Cardinal Cushing Center's Run to Change Lives- November 23 at Cunningham

For Your Calendar:

Monday, October 21: Special Education Presentation at MPL at 6:30pm (see above)

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

Wednesday, October 23: Wear Orange for National Bullying Prevention Month

Thursday, October 24: Kyle Dine Allergy Show- K-2 at 9:00, 3-5 at 10:00

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

Friday, October 25: BoxTops due

Sunday, October 27: MFE Monster Dash

Monday, October 28: Fire Safety Truck Visit during school

Wednesday, October 31: 10:30 Addams Family Presentation in café- Grades 3-5

Friday, November 1: Milton Garden Club visits Grade 4

Monday, November 11: No School- Veterans Day

Thursday, November 14: Early Release Day (12:30)- PD for Staff

Wednesday, November 20: Glover Site Council- 3:30

Wednesday, November 20: Glover PTO- 6pm

Thursday, November 21: Glover Diversity Committee- 7pm

Saturday, November 23: Run to Change Lives (see attached)

Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29: No School

Saturday, December 7: Milton Pop-Up Art Show- 6pm at Plunkett's House of Art and Music: <https://www.facebook.com/plunkettshouse>

Wednesday, December 11: Glover Site Council- 3:30

Wednesday, December 11: Glover PTO- 6pm

Thursday, December 12: Early Release Day (12:30)- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, December 19: Glover Diversity Committee- 7pm

December Break: last day of school- Friday, December 20, return to school- Thursday, January 2

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
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