Dear Glover Families,

We cannot wait to see you tonight at the Glover Social! If you are planning to attend, I'm told there are a few suggestions to make the night smooth: ride sharing is always a good idea as parking is limited, bring cash for beverages, and have fun!! Thank you to the amazing Social Committee for their unbelievable work to make this night possible. On behalf of all staff at Glover, thank you ALL for your support of us here!

Author Visit: Thanks to Glover parent, Sara Crowe, we are excited to welcome Beth Ferry, author of The Bold, Brave Bunny, Stick and Stone, and The Scarecrow to speak to our Kindergarten, first, and second graders on Thursday, February 13 in the morning. Don't miss this special opportunity (open to students in all grades) to get one of her amazing books personalized and dedicated to your child! Please see attached order form and return by Monday, February 3 with personalization details.

Strategic Plan: Our Milton Public Schools Strategic Plan has been updated and is attached for your reference.

A Note from Nurse LeBlanc: With both Influenza A and B confirmed at Glover, it is so important that children are monitored for temperatures using a thermometer if they complain of any symptoms. Students should not be sent to school if they have a temperature and must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) before returning. We appreciate your diligence in following this expectation. Again, please include Maureen LeBlanc on all communications regarding your child's health and if you have confirmation of flu, please inform the school. It's not too late to get a flu shot!

Digital Citizenship Day: Volunteer Opportunity- On Tuesday, February 11th from 9:20 am - 12:20 pm, Glover will hold our first-ever elementary Digital Citizenship Day. We are still looking for volunteers to help make this possible in each classroom. If you would like to volunteer please complete this <u>Google Form</u>. If you have any questions please email AJ Melanson.

First Grade Information Night: On Tuesday, February 25th, in the MHS Auditorium, parents and guardians of current kindergarten students are invited to 1st Grade Information Night to learn about our two first grade programs: the English Innovation Pathway (with STEM & Spanish) and French Immersion. We will also explain the Assignment Plan, Lottery (if needed) and the Timeline. The night will end with a Q&A session. We will also hold a STEM Information Night on March 2nd, in the Collicot/Cunningham library, for current kindergarten families to preview an overview of the STEM Program in the English Innovation Pathway and participate in a hands-on engineering activity.

PARENT Speaker Series: On Tuesday, February 4, 2020, we welcome Jon Mattleman presenting "The Secret Lives of Teens/Tweens" at the MHS auditorium, starting at 6:30pm. Jon will help provide new ways of understanding and engaging with teens/tweens, effective strategies you can implement immediately and leave you with more confidence, courage, and patience in your parenting skills. Jon is a mental health counselor and trainer with 30 years of experience working with children, teens, young adults, parents and families. His dynamic presentations have been well received by thousands of parents throughout New England. We welcome his return to Milton after presenting "Minding Your Mind" at Pierce Middle School in 2017.

MPS Wait Until 8th Team: We are excited to host an incredibly important parent/guardian discussion led by Karin Roethke-Khan, (Cunningham parent, Milton Academy faculty member, and dorm parent for over 20 years) for the parent/guardian community of all of our elementary schools. She will share her insights about the effects tech has had on her students and strategies for managing it at the early stages of your child's education and social development. Please join us in the Cunningham Elementary School faculty lounge on Friday, January 31st at 8:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there for this important discussion.

For Your Calendar:

Friday, January 31: Wait Until 8th Discussion (see above)- 8:30am at Cunningham

Tuesday, February 4: The Secret Lives of Teens/Tweens (see above)

Wednesday, February 5: Early Release Day- Professional Development- 12:30 dismissal

Tuesday, February 11: Digital Citizenship Day (in school- see above)

Wednesday, February 12: Glover Site Council- 3:30pm

Thursday, February 13: K-2 Author Visit: Beth Ferry

Thursday, February 13: Glover Diversity Committee Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library

Monday, February 17-Friday, February 21: February Break

Tuesday, February 25: First Grade Information Night

Friday, February 28: Glover Musical- 7pm

Saturday, February 29: Glover Musical- 2pm

Wednesday, March 4: Glover Science Fair and Art Night- 6:00-7:30pm

Thursday, March 5: Early Release Day- Professional Development- 12:30 dismissal

Saturday, March 8: Glover Skating Party at Milton Academy

Thursday, March 26: Grade 5 Growth and Development (in school)

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

File attachments:

Beth Ferry order form Glover.pdf

MPS Strategic Plan Updated January 2020.docx

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