Dear Glover Families,

It was another fantastic week at Glover! Our second graders were the recipient of the Golden Spatula award this week! Our kindness tree is filling up with apples…be sure to check it out on Tuesday!

**Open House:**

Just a reminder- Glover’s Open House is this Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30pm. We will begin in the gymnasium for an important school-wide presentation. Then, you’ll have the opportunity to visit your child’s classroom, hear from the teachers, and sign up for various opportunities to volunteer in the school. For families with two children here at Glover, you will be able to visit one classroom first and then attend a second presentation in the other classroom. Announcements will be made that night. We look forward to seeing you!

If you’re looking for Glover Gear, we will have lots of new items available!

**Diversity Committee/PTO Meetings:**

Thank you to all who joined us for Diversity Committee and PTO this past Tuesday. It was a great night! We had incredibly powerful conversations and already, many new ideas are taking shape for how to make our Glover Community as inclusive as possible. For those who couldn’t attend, I’m sharing the presentation from Diversity Committee in this email. PTO sign-ups continue at Open House this Tuesday!

Mark your calendars for our next Movie Night/Diversity Committee/PTO Meeting- Tuesday, October 17 (6-8pm).

**PlusPortal:**

On Monday, you will receive an email with your parent log-in for our new PlusPortal, our new and improved way to provide online real time communication, and access class information!  Be on the lookout! Rediker’s Parent and Student PlusPortals are powerful, user-friendly systems that give parents, students, and educators easy access to class information, academic progress, attendance, and more. In your email, you’ll find simple steps to access your child’s classroom portal and important information. Our Instructional Technology Director, AJ Melanson, will be available at Open House on Tuesday to answer any questions you might have.

Our new website is also in final stages of being rolled out. Once it is launched, you will be able to access the “Principal’s Corner” where all of my weekly emails will be housed for future reference.

**Outdoor Space Committee Fundraisers and News:**

Our Outdoor Space Committee will be meeting on October 5 at 7pm in the Glover Library. We are excited to announce two exciting opportunities to continue to raise funds for our reinvigorated outdoor space. On the next two half days (October 18 and November 8), we are having SkyZone Fundraisers! If you book online and jump from 3-8 on these days, $5 per jumper will go towards the Glover Outdoor Space!

We also are excited to announce the Glover Holiday Mini Photo Shoot at Turner’s Pond. 100% of proceeds of a 20 minute private photo session with a professional photographer at Turner’s Pond will go to the Glover Outdoor Space Art Walk being created near the school entrance. Feel free to bring your own props, pups, and ideas! $75 per family for a 20 minute session and 1 retouched photo. Additional photos can be purchased directly from the photographer. To sign up, please click this link: [Glover Holiday Mini Photo Shoot](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aacab23a02-glover)

Spaces are limited so be sure to sign up if you are interested!

**The Great Glover!**

Our annual social and fundraiser "The Great Glover" will be held on Friday, November 3rd, 7:00- 11:00pm at The Milton Hoosic. For now, we have three simple asks of you:

**PREPARE**: Book your babysitters now because this will be a roaring Gatsby themed event!

**DONATE**: If you have a connection to sports tickets/ teams, house rentals or hair salons, restaurants or art museums, dance studios, fitness centers, etc please use this attached letter to make a request for a donation. Nothing is too big or too small. We will use any and all items in our auction at The Great Glover. Please email Allison Norton at allisondnorton@gmail.com if you have a question about donations, or to see if a particular vendor has already been asked to make a donation.  Please see attached.

**ATTEND:** Please visit the link below and buy your tickets. Tickets are available for $35 in advance and $45 at the door. More info can be found at <http://thegreatglover.brownpapertickets.com/>

Let's kick off the year in Grande Gatsby fashion and have not only a fun party, but raise great funds that will be put toward technology upgrades, mini grants for enriching classroom experiences, arts and science fairs, exciting class trips and more.

Thank you,

Aprile Burnes and Mary Gallagher Piccirillo, co chairs, The Great Glover Social

**Annual Appeal:**

A flier came home in backpacks today regarding the PTO’s Annual Appeal. To donate, please go to [www.glover-pto.org](http://www.glover-pto.org) and click the “Donate Today” tab! Thank you!

**Girls Youth Lacrosse Clinic:**

Please see attached information about a girl’s lacrosse clinic on October 15 and 22.

**MonsterDash 2017:** Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual MFE Monster Dash on October 29 at 9:00am in Cunningham Park! To register, please go to <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=8315>.

**Upcoming Dates:**
Tuesday, September 26: Glover Open House 6:30pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, September 27: Monster Dash Artwork due

Thursday, September 28: FoodPlay Presentation- Grades K-3Wednesday, October 4: Walk/Bike to School day

Thursday, October 5: Glover Outdoor Space Committee- 7pm in LibraryThursday, October 12: Grade Four Fitness Field Trip: Gillette Stadium with New England Revolution

Tuesday, October 17: PTO/Diversity Committee/Movie Night 6-8pm

Wednesday, October 18: Early Release- SkyZone Fundraiser (see above)Saturday, October 21: Mike's 5K walk/run to crush Substance Abuse

Saturday, October 21: Glover Mini Photo Shoot at Turner’s Pond (see above)
Sunday, October 29: MFE Monster Dash (see attached regarding art contest and above link to register)

Friday, November 3: 7- 11pm, The Great Glover Social + Fundraiser @The Milton Hoosic Club

Wednesday, November 8: Early Release- Sky Zone Fundraiser (see above)

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week at Glover next week!

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt
Principal, Glover Elementary School