

Glover Elementary School Frequently Asked Questions

How can I help my child avoid the summer slide?

Read, write, and practice math concepts/skills! Our summer math calendars are posted on the website and journaling fun summer happenings is always a great way to keep writing skills strong. As of today, 1,944 enthusiastic readers are up to 909,842 minutes read according to the Library's Summer Reading Challenge! Be sure to stop by MPL for more information and join us on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 for a special summer reading celebration!

When will I find out my child's homeroom teacher assignment?

Homeroom assignments will be sent out the week of August 19. We will be sending placement letters electronically this year. Detailed information and instructions for how to log onto your parent portal will accompany all communication. As always, feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Are there events for my new Kindergartner to meet friends and see the school?

Yes! We have two popsicle playdates scheduled for all incoming Kindergartners as well as any new families (grades 1-5). We will be gathering on the front playground at 10am on Tuesday, August 20 and 6pm on Thursday, August 22. At this time, Kindergartners will have received their teacher assignments and will have the opportunity to meet other students from their class. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the building. In addition, we hold a Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, August 29. You will receive a time (either 9:30, 10:00, or 10:30) to come to Glover and tour the classroom, meet the teacher, and socialize with classmates. Orientation times will be emailed with teacher assignment.

What is this "BooHoo/Yahoo" Gathering?

As part of this special annual Glover tradition, parents/guardians are invited to gather outside of the main entrance after arrival on Tuesday, September 3 to connect with each other, meet our PTO Co-Presidents (Emily Duffy and Christine Sullivan) and share in either "boo-hoo's" or "yahoo's", depending on how you are feeling! All are welcome!

Are there dates that I should be marking on my calendar for September and beyond?

- Week of August 19: Homeroom Teacher Assignments sent
- Tuesday, August 20: 10am Popsicle Playdate (new families and Kindergartners)
- Thursday, August 22: 6pm Popsicle Playdate (new families and Kindergartners)
- Wednesday, August 28: First Day of School for students in grades 1-5
- Thursday, August 29: Kindergarten Orientation
- 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
- Thursday, September 26: Glover Open House- 6:30pm
- Friday, September 27: No School (Professional Development Day for Staff)
- 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

You can access the 2019-2020 MPS Calendar here:

https://www.miltonps.org/application/files/1815/6194/1887/Revised_2019-2020_School_Year_Calendar-Final.pdf

How can I stay up-to-date with Glover happenings?

Follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool for pictures, announcements, and exciting events. Be sure to check in frequently on the Glover webpage at www.miltonps.org/glover as important information is posted and resources are linked. In addition, you can follow the Glover PTO on Facebook: [Glover PTO FB Page](#) and can email the PTO at: [Glover PTO email contact](#).

What time does school start and end?

Glover Elementary School hours are 8:50-3:19. Students may enter the building starting at 8:35. All students are dismissed to either the bus, after school, pick up line, or as walkers/bikers at 3:19.

Are there extended day opportunities at Glover?

Every day that Milton Public Schools are in session, Milton Community Schools offers both before and after school programs housed at all four elementary schools. A wide variety of programs are offered to the students and costs vary depending upon level of participation. Discounts are available for full-time program use and for additional siblings in the program. Financial aid is available to qualified applicants. School vacation and early release day programs are offered for an additional fee. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Martha Sandoval at msandoval@miltonps.org or visit the Milton Community Schools website at www.miltoncommunityschools.org.

What security measures are in place for visitors to Glover?

We value a strong community presence here at Glover but balance this with the importance of ensuring student safety at all times by closely monitoring access, entry,

and movement of all adults around the building. In order to ensure student and staff safety, please adhere to the following procedures:

- All adults/visitors must use the main entrance of Glover School. Entry through any other door during the school day (8:50-3:19) is prohibited. Only students and employees may enter the building through entrances other than the main entrance.
- During the school day, guests must ring the doorbell to gain access to the vestibule and once again to gain access to the school. Office staff must be able to clearly see your face on the camera before you gain entry.
- All adults who plan to stay in the building should give the office staff a valid state-issued ID so that a Visitor's Badge can be printed. All adults without a badge will be asked to immediately return to the office to receive one. Badges must be visible at all times.
- All adults must sign in on the Visitor's sheet located in the main office. Upon leaving, guests should sign out and return their badge to office staff. Guests should always exit through the main entrance unless escorted by an employee to a different exit in the building.
- All adults who stay in the building need a CORI form on file. CORI forms need to be filled out through the office.

What are the Arrival Procedures?

Students should arrive between 8:35am and 8:45am. As there is no supervision prior to 8:35am, families requiring an earlier drop off should contact Martha Sandoval at msandoval@miltonps.org to enroll their child/ren in the Before School Program. Upon arrival, students will travel to their classrooms where they will wait outside of their classrooms at their lockers until 8:50. Kindergarten students will go directly to the cafeteria where they will be greeted by staff. Staff will monitor hallways, doors, and entry/exit from building. **To ensure we are efficiently using time on learning and providing the safest environment for our students, we do NOT allow parents to accompany students to their classrooms during morning drop off.**

What are the Dismissal Procedures?

Dismissal takes place at 3:19 pm. Students who take the bus will convene in the cafeteria and be escorted to their buses. Kindergarten students will exit through the main doors of the school a few minutes earlier than Grades 1-5. Grades 2-3 will exit through Exit "B" located immediately in front of the small playground. Grades 1, 4, and 5 will exit through the main doors of the school.

How does the Car Line work?

- Cars must only take a right turn into the parking lot via Entrance “1” (closest to Brook Road) and proceed through the parking lot to the curb at the end of the footpath. Please do not take a left into the car line from Brook Road.
- Vehicles should pull as far forward as possible, and most importantly, remain in the car at all times.
- No driver, passenger or student should EVER exit the driver’s side doors. Do not get out of your vehicle to get your child out. We have staff to assist with this. Please strategically seat your children so that they can exit the passenger side only.
- The Turner’s Pond parking lot is not accessible during drop off and pick up as it is not monitored by staff.
- Do not enter the parking lot via Entrance “2” (bus entrance).
- If you are using Whitelawn Avenue to park and walk up to the school, please enter on the far end (towards School Street) only.
- Do not let your child out of your vehicle on Canton Avenue at any time.

What if my child is a walker?

- Second, third, and fourth grade walkers exit out the side doors (closest to the Turner’s Pond gate) at 3:19. Kindergarten, first grade, and fifth grade walkers exit out the main doors of Glover. We ask parents/guardians to meet their walkers at the designated doors. If you are picking up at multiple doors, please make a plan with your children and their teachers as to where you will be.
- Students who are walkers will not be dismissed from their teacher’s care until a designated and approved adult has checked in with the teacher and dismissed them.
- Only fourth and fifth grade students (and siblings of these students) who have a walk/bike to school permission slip signed in the front office may be dismissed without an adult present.
- Students who have not provided written or oral notification of a change in dismissal will not be released to anyone other than designated adult.

Can my child walk/bike independently to and from school?

Walkers and bikers must use crosswalks with the assistance of the crossing guard to cross at the intersection of Brook Road and Central Avenue. Fourth and fifth grade students can receive written permission to walk/ bike independently to and from school. Permission slips, which include specific bike safety rules, can be found in the main office. Permission slips **must** be signed and returned in order for students to walk/bike independently to and from school. If younger siblings are going to walk independently with older siblings, it must be denoted on the permission slip. If your

child is walking independently with a neighbor or friend, it must also be submitted in writing by both parties.

What if my child takes the bus?

Buses will use **Entrance/ Exit "2"** (closest to and across the street from Whitelawn) and drop off/pick up students at the side parking area. To ensure the safety of ALL students, teachers will escort students to and from buses. For information regarding bus pick up/drop off locations, please contact Rachel Schewe at bus@miltonps.org or by calling 617-696-5040, extension 5510.

What should I do if I need to dismiss my child earlier than 3:19?

- Request to change dismissal plans should be submitted in writing to your child's teacher via email **and** folder.
- If dismissal plans change after **12:00** during the school day, parents/guardians **must** call the main office. Teachers may not be able to check email and all dismissal changes should be made through the main office.
- Parents/guardians must come to the main office to sign their child out of school.
- Without notification, students will not be dismissed between 3:00-3:19 unless there is an emergency.
- If you change dismissal plans on a day when your child normally attends the after school program, you must notify ASE.

Can someone other than a parent/guardian pick up my child?

Parents/Guardians who want a student(s) to be released to an alternate adult should notify the teacher and office staff (via email or note). Office staff emails are listed on the bottom of this memo. All adults must be prepared to present a state-issued ID to office staff.

What happens if I am running late to pick up my child?

Similar to the concerns for student safety during the early morning hours is the concern for student safety after normal school hours. Therefore, if your child rides the bus, we ask parents/guardians to please make sure an adult is present to greet their child/children at the designated bus stops. If you pick-up your child from school, we ask that you arrive no later than **3:19pm**. We recognize that emergencies arise and ask that you please call the main office in the event you will be later than **3:19pm** so we can arrange for supervision. However, parents/guardians, who pick their child/children up late more than two times, will be required to enroll their child/children in the Afterschool Program. Again, you may contact Martha Sandoval at msandoval@miltonps.org.

How does school lunch work?

Your child has the option to buy a delicious and healthy lunch every day. A full lunch is \$2.00. Milk and water are an additional \$0.50. Discounted and free lunch programs are available to qualifying families through the Milton Public Schools. Forms are sent home with each child at the beginning of the school year or you may contact the Food Service Director for further information. In an attempt to simplify the payment process for your child's breakfast/lunch, we have installed 2 mailboxes within the school; one mailbox is located in the main office and the other is on the wall in the cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to the Milton Food Service Program.

Please remember that parents are encouraged to set up an online account at www.myschoolbucks.com. Families can manage their child's account on this site and sign up for low balance email alerts to manage debt.

Lunch and Recess times are as follows:

11:05-11:55 Grades 3 and 4
11:55-12:45 Grades 1 and 2
12:45-1:35 Grades K and 5

Does the school provide breakfast?

We serve a hot breakfast every day starting at 8:15. Students may be dropped off at the side door (by the cafeteria) starting at 8:15am on a walk-in basis (no registration required) and can purchase breakfast. As with lunch, discounted and free breakfast programs are available to qualifying families.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to email me directly. I am so happy to partner with you all to ease the transition back to school and make this year as successful as possible.