

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

As I wrote in my email last weekend, I am eternally grateful to our amazing PTO, our incredible Glover Social Team led by Sophie Koenig-Rodriguez, and all of the amazing families who have supported us in so many ways! The Glover Social was a huge success, all thanks to you! We have a lot of information to share so be sure to read on carefully!

This week, our Diverse Reads Book Club got the opportunity to Skype with Kekla Magoon, author of *The Season of Styx Malone*! Our students got the chance to wrap up their reading by asking thoughtful and engaging questions of the author. Our next scheduled Skype will be on March 25 with Elana K. Arnold, author of *A Boy Called Bat*, the fascinating story of a neurodiverse boy. If you are interested in learning more about Glover's Diverse Reads Book Club, email Sara Crowe at scrowe@pippinproperties.com. We will also be Skyping with Kwame Mbalia, author of *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, which just won a Coretta Scott King Honor in April. In May, we'll visit with the amazing Lesa Cline-Ransome. These diverse authors are brought to Glover Kids thanks to the incredible efforts of Glover parent, Sara Crowe, and the Glover Diversity Committee.

Next up, 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.

In addition, all Milton families are invited to join us for the **2nd Annual Glover/Tucker Diverse Reads Family Book Club** at the Milton Public Library on March 12 at 6:30pm. In book club, students will be reading *Lalani of the Distant Sea* by Erin Entrada Kelly, Newbery Medalist. Inspired by Filipino folklore, *Lalani of the Distant Sea* is an unforgettable coming-of-age story about friendship, courage, and identity. Erin Entrada Kelly will join us via Skype to answer questions from readers. Please see attached for more information.

Student Leadership Team: Please enjoy the following message from one of Glover's many Student Leadership Teams, the Green Team mentored by Sarah Whitten and Sarah Hammond:

Glover Goes Green!! Have you been inspired lately by others making a difference? This could be you! We, the Green Team, are looking to reduce classroom waste by recycling old markers. We can work together to reduce our carbon footprint at Glover and help the environment as well. We can all make a difference!

What can you do to help?

In Your Classroom: Marker not working? We've got a solution! Find the green team bin located in your classroom or close by in the hall. Place dried out EXPO markers, crayola markers and highlighters in the bins to help our planet. Leave the rest up to us!

At Home: Would you like help getting rid of old markers at home? No amount is too small. Bring in any old or non-usable markers (of any brand) and drop them in the crayola bin in the main office. We will take it from there! Thank you for your support in going green! Stay tuned for future projects brought to you by the Green Team. Go GREEN!

Glover Book Swap! *Bring a book, take a book!* It's book swap time! Glover's annual book swap will be held the **week before February break** during regular class library times. Start looking on your book shelf at home for books in excellent condition that you are ready to pass onto another Glover reader. (No board books, please.)

Students can **bring up to 10 books and take up to five**. We love picture books but we also need higher level chapter books, graphic novels, and high interest books. Students can bring in books and give them to their teachers **starting February 5th**. If you would like to volunteer, [click here for the sign up genius](#).

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 [Google Form](#). If you have any questions please email [AJ Melanson](#).

As of today, we are still looking for volunteers in the following classrooms: Brandi, Brink, Comer, Franklin/Donohue, Lefort/White, and Morris. Thank you for considering.

Harlem Wizards: The Milton High School Class of 2020, along with Student Government, will be hosting the Harlem Wizards at the Copeland Fieldhouse on March 10th at 7pm. Many of our amazing Glover teachers, including basketball star Head Custodian JT, will be playing on the Milton team versus the Wizards! A portion of the sales will be divided up between ALL Milton schools. This is projected to be a huge community event! Please come, enjoy and support our schools and cheer on your teachers and staff!

Milton Activities and Athletics Fair: Join us to hear about how your child can get involved with the many Milton teams, activities and learning opportunities on February 6 in the Tucker gymnasium from 5:30-7pm. Learn more about Milton Youth Lacrosse, Wrestling, Soccer, Hockey, Softball, Girl Power Running Club, STEAMologists, Parks and Recreation, Musical Instrument Lessons, Milton Summer Enrichment, and more. If you have questions, email Noel Vigue at nvigue@miltonps.org.

Movie Night at Milton High: Students in Grades 4-6 are invited to join MHS Wildcats in the MHS Auditorium on Friday, February 7 from 5:45-8:00pm for a viewing of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. For just \$7, students receive a movie ticket and snack (additional drinks/snacks available for purchase). You can drop them off at the front doors and be prepared to show ID when picking them up at 8:00pm promptly.

*Students should bring a copy of their emergency contact information (unless you previously [signed up on Google forms](#)) which will be collected upon arrival. Enjoy your night while the class of 2023 student volunteers watch your children for a few hours! All proceeds support the MHS Freshman Student Government. Email Ms. Redding at bredding@miltonps.org with any questions.

SEPEC Meeting: The next meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee is this coming Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm in the Glover library. Any and all are invited to attend.

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday, February 4: The Secret Lives of Teens/Tweens- MHS auditorium

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

Wednesday, February 5: SEPEC Meeting in Glover Library- 7pm

Thursday, February 6: Milton Activities and Athletics Fair (see above) Tucker gym at 5:30pm

Friday, February 7: Movie Night at Milton High- 5:45-8:00pm at MHS

Monday, February 10: Begin bringing in books for Book Swap (during library class)

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

Sunday, March 8: Glover Skating Party at Milton Academy, 1:00-2:20pm

Tuesday, March 10- Harlem Wizards vs. MPS Staff! 7:00pm at MHS

Thursday, March 12- 2nd Annual Diverse Reads Family Book Club at MPL (see above)- 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18: PTO Meeting, Glover Library- 7pm

Wednesday, March 25: Diverse Reads Book Club Skype Session- 8:00am

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:

[Milton Athletics and Activities fair.pdf](#)

[DIVERSE READS FAMILY BOOK CLUB FLYER.pdf](#)

[Beth Ferry order form Glover.pdf](#)

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