

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had another awesome week! Our amazing Glover Diversity Committee has a lot of exciting updates to share so read on to learn more. If you are interested in attending our next meeting, please join us next Thursday, February 13 at 7pm in the Glover Library! We look forward to Digital Citizenship Day this Tuesday and thank you to our volunteers who have offered their time to help make it a success!

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

There continues to be a large number of confirmed cases of influenza (both A and B) and strep throat. Numerous students are coming to school with flu-like symptoms and being sent home. It is imperative that a child's temperature is taken **using a thermometer** if there are complaints of sickness. If a child has a temperature, he/she should be kept home until fever-free for 24 hours.

When children are sick or there is an emergency, our first point of contact is you (unless 911 is necessary). If our contact information is incorrect, not updated, or we cannot reach you, we will continue through your emergency contacts. Nurse LeBlanc is having a hard time immediately reaching families which is concerning for us. If you miss a call from us, please call back as soon as possible as we will only call if there is a problem, illness, or emergency during the school day. Thank you for helping us keep your children healthy and safe!

Glover Celebrates Boston Black History:

This week, we began our celebration of Black History Month (which will extend long past the month of February for good reason). In partnership with our Diversity Committee, we have begun an exploration into influential Black individuals and prominent landmarks associated with Boston's Black History. Our intention is to educate our students on local history and prominent Black figures who have ties to our area, inviting students to learn more about our local heroes and visit important landmarks right around the corner!

When you visit Glover for our STEAM Science Fair and Art Night on Wednesday, March 4, you'll find every classroom door decorated. Each classroom has selected a landmark or person to research and present about. Each classroom door represents all that the classroom has learned about their selected person or landmark. Each day, our morning announcements are done "live" from classrooms and students are invited to say the Pledge of Allegiance and then present their learning about their selected subject. This week, we learned about the following people and places:

On Monday, Mme. Brown's class taught us about the ties that Martin Luther King Jr. had to Boston: Did you know he earned his Doctorate in Theology from Boston University?

On Tuesday, Mr. Hoff's class taught us about Horatio Julius Homer, Boston's first Black Police Officer (1878).

On Wednesday, the fourth graders in Ms. Morris's class taught us about WEB DuBois, American civil rights activist, leader, historian, writer, editor, poet, and scholar. He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1895!

On Thursday, we learned about our first Black Boston History landmark as Ms. Craven and Ms. Renehan's class introduced us to the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, escaped slaves who lived in Boston. Lewis Hayden went on to become a Massachusetts State Representative. You can visit their home at 66 Philips Street in Beacon Hill!

On Friday, Ms. Elovich's Kindergarten class taught us about William Monroe Trotter, Civil Rights Activist who launched "The Guardian" newspaper and was the first African-American person inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard.

Glover Science Fair: This year, we are excited to welcome all budding scientists in grades K-5 to present Science Fair projects on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00-7:30 here at Glover. Students in K-2 will be presenting in the cafeteria and students in 3-5 will be presenting in the gym. In addition, you are invited to walk the halls and enjoy our Art Show on all bulletin boards and visit each classroom's door to learn more about our celebration of Black History month and local heroes and landmarks.

Participating in the Science Fair is totally optional. If your child chooses to participate, please review the attached Science Fair “Application”. This contains a series of important reminders and frequently asked questions. The application just allows us to make sure we have enough tables, that projects have access to electrical outlets if necessary, and more. All who apply are accepted!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara MacNeil at smacneil@miltonps.org. Regardless of whether your child participates in the Science Fair or not, we invite you to join us on March 4th as artwork from every child will be on display.

Minority Recruitment Fair: We are pleased to share with you that we are hosting the 4th Annual South Shore Minority Educator Recruitment Fair on Saturday, March 7 from 8am to 12pm. The Milton Public Schools is committed to working toward the goal of a teaching, leadership, and support staff that is diverse because we know that doing so: 1) increases the number of role models for students of color, 2) provides opportunities for all students to learn about ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity, 3) enriches diverse students’ learning because of shared racial, ethnic, and cultural identities, and 4) increases the number of “cultural brokers” who can help students navigate “school” and increase the involvement of other teachers and their students’ parents (mpde.org). We have found that social media is the best way to get the word out about the recruitment fair. If you are willing, we would greatly appreciate it if you shared the flyer attached on your social media. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly.

Stories of Race in the Milton Public Schools: Listening as Allyship

As part of the Glover School Diversity Committee’s work to build a more inclusive school community, we are excited to announce a new initiative to promote greater understanding amongst parents and residents of Milton. Stories of Race in the Milton Public Schools: Listening as Allyship is an initiative to have the voices of People of Color in Milton to anonymously share their experiences with racism and racial bias in the town and school system. Our goal is to create a setting where the voices of Milton Residents of Color are heard, where they will not be interrupted or have their stories denied or minimized. A space where listeners are challenged to

think about our school community and how People of Color's experiences are different than their own. A space where listeners could learn how to be [BETTER] allies and can address racism.

[Based on a successful initiative in Woodshole](#) (Falmouth, MA), the listening event will be People of Color anonymously sharing their stories through an audio clip or a written story. Attendees are expected to come with an open mind, to be respectful and not to talk. Attendees will be there to listen, learn and reflect on what they hear; not to debate, critique or minimize these stories or how the storytellers feel.

We are currently seeking Milton residents, who identify as People of Color and have/had children in the school system, to anonymously share their stories and experiences. These stories can be recorded or written and then shared with the Glover school parents during a listening event on April 30th. If you are interested in sharing your story, please click on this [link](#) and fill out the form. A member of the Glover School Diversity Committee will contact you about sharing your story. All Glover families are invited to join us on April 30 at 7pm in the Glover Library to participate in this powerful event.

Boxtop News: It is Boxtop collection time! Please send in all of your clipped Boxtops to your child's classroom teacher by Valentine's Day so that they can be included in our collection. Boxtops may be submitted to the school on the attached collection sheet or in a ziploc bag. Please include the teacher name and grade on your submission. Boxtops is phasing out the clipable Boxtop and transitioning to electronic Boxtops, so please check around your house for all of the Boxtops that you have on packages you are still using. For more information on the new program, please see the PTO newsletter or the [Home - BoxTops for Your Education](#) website. As always- reach out with questions Jennifer.Queally@yahoo.com.

Author Visit: 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. 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.

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](#).

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!

For Your Calendar:

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:

[ListeningasAllyship.pdf](#)

[Glover Science Fair Info 2020.pdf](#)

[2020 Flyer South Shore Regional Minority Educator Recruitment Fair New \(2\).pdf](#)

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