

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

What an awesome week! We have so many exciting things happening! The Science Fair and Art Night was a huge success. Thank you to all families and staff for contributing time, energy, and resources to the event and thank you to the PTO for purchasing the ribbons and renting the tables! So many exciting and innovative projects inspired us all! We celebrated Read Across America week and School Breakfast Week with celebrity chefs and guest readers. Senator Timilty was a huge hit, as were our in-house Glover celebrities Mrs. MacNeil, Mr. Powers, Mrs. Howley, Nurse LeBlanc, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Devin, and Coach Jones! Remember, your child can come to Glover at 8:15 any morning (no pre-registration necessary) to enjoy breakfast. We are now offering healthy and delicious smoothies as one of our breakfast choices available for purchase. Smoothies come with a small muffin, 100% juice, and milk.

Please make sure you've read the Superintendent's communication regarding preparations and cleaning procedures implemented in the Milton Public Schools in response to recent health concerns.

Ms. Melissa Craven, Mr. Hoff, Ms. Renehan, Mrs. Whitten, Ms. Power, Ms. Hammond and Mr. Thomas, Glover's Head Custodian have been shooting hoops in the gym getting ready for Tuesday night's big game against the Harlem Wizards! Please consider joining us for this amazing event and don't forget to come decked out in your Glover gear! Tickets are available online and the link can be found on the Milton Public Schools home page at [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) or at <https://harlemwizards.thundertix.com/events/160111>.

Swing by Milton Academy this Sunday from 1:00-2:20 for our annual Skating Party sponsored by the Glover PTO! Bring your own skates and helmet!

Next week, all families are invited to join us at Milton Public Library on Thursday, March 12 for our Diverse Reads Family Book Club skype session with Erin Entrada Kelly, author of *Lalani of the Distant Sea*. Our Glover Book Club has been enjoying her book and we are all looking forward to the opportunity to ask her lots of questions and learn more about her life and her journey as an author. Whether you've read her books or not, this event is sure to be thought-provoking. This evening is part of Glover's Diversity Committee initiative to bring diverse authors to Glover and is supported by the Glover PTO, Diversity Committee, our joint work with Tucker's Diversity Committee, and Glover parent, Sara Crowe. Join us on Thursday at 6:30pm at the Milton Public Library!

Our next book is *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold and our book club will be skyping with her at the end of March. *A Boy Called Bat* details the fascinating story of a neurodiverse boy. After that, we'll be sharing *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia and

skyping with him in April. We will also be inviting Lesa Cline-Ransome to Glover in May. Lesa has written some amazing stories, including Finding Langston and Before She Was Harriet. Exciting stuff!

**Conversations of Color:** Also brought to us by Glover's Diversity Committee and Glover parent Crystal Deas, we are excited to launch our first Conversations of Color session on Friday, March 27 at 6pm at Glover. During this exciting event, our students of color will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting activity led by our older student leaders while our families of color enjoy rigorous, safe, and structured conversation around the experience of people of color at Glover. Adult conversation will be facilitated and led by Crystal Deas. So that we can be best prepared, please RSVP by emailing me if you are planning on attending. This is a first and critical step towards building an inclusive environment in which all families feel welcomed, valued, and supported.

To learn more about these exciting initiatives, consider joining us at our next Glover Diversity Committee meeting on Thursday, March 26.

**Parent/Guardian Survey:** Last chance to make sure your voice is heard! Survey responses will not be accepted after Monday, March 9.

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### **Glover Celebrates Boston Black History:**

Here is a summary of our Black History tour around Boston, celebrating people and places this week! We hope you enjoyed taking a peek at all of the learning we have done by viewing our classroom doors!

On Monday, we learned about the Edmonia Lewis Studio ( Southeast corner of Bromfield and Tremont Sts. Edmonia Lewis was the first woman of African-American and Native American descent to achieve international fame and recognition as a sculptor in the fine arts world. On Tuesday we learned about Phillis Wheatley, one of the best-known poets in pre-19th century America. She was the first African-American to publish a book of poetry. On Wednesday, we learned about Robert Taylor, MIT's first black graduate and the first accredited African-American architect. In 2011, MIT established the Robert R Taylor Fellowship in the School of Architecture and Planning. On Thursday, we learned about William Gross, the City of Boston's first African American Commissioner. Gross is a 33-year veteran of the Boston Police Department. Throughout his career, Superintendent Gross has maintained a strong connection with the community, and has been awarded numerous awards for bravery, meritorious service and community partnerships. On Friday, we learned about Elizabeth Freeman, also known as Mumbet, who was the first African American woman to successfully file a lawsuit for freedom in the state of Massachusetts. This

case marked the beginning of a group of "Freedom Suits" that would ultimately lead the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to outlaw slavery in their state.

**Last BOKS Session Registration Open:** We are excited to announce registration for our last BOKS session of the school year. To learn more and sign up for this amazing free program, go to <https://forms.gle/vQE8XiTScXRh18Qt7>. Thank you to Ellen Stoddard and our incredible BOKS volunteers for making this program possible!

**Rock Your Socks in honor of World Down Syndrome Day:** Please see attached flier from our Student Leadership Team. All students are invited to rock their craziest socks on Friday, March 20 to show awareness and acceptance for people with Down Syndrome.

**Spring Conferences:** On Thursday, March 19, teachers will be scheduling spring conferences. Every teacher communicates with families in different ways but all families should know that if you would like a conference, we are happy to meet with you. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are requesting a conference. Conferences are scheduled from 3:30-6:30 that evening. Report cards will come home (paper copy) on Tuesday, March 17 and will also be available on your parent portal.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Please note that the next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm in the Glover Library. Please consider attending as we will be reviewing the PTO budget and voting on expenditures moving forward, particularly funds raised by the Glover Social. If childcare is a barrier, feel free to bring your children and we will keep them busy!

**MFE Jeep Raffle:** Please see attached flier about the annual MFE Jeep Raffle! That's right- we are actually raffling off a brand new Jeep! Raffle tickets are available for purchase in the Glover Main Office.

**PARENT Speaker Series:** Up next in our PARENT Speaker Series will be Jason Wheeler presenting "Gender Identity and Gender Expression: Supporting All Learners" on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30pm in the MHS library. Jason will provide insight and expertise regarding supporting LGBTQ students. What is gender and how do implicit gender biases in education potentially damage all students' learning experiences? Discover ways in which perspectives about gender identity are shifting in education and how the focus on this area of social emotional learning fosters an inclusive school community where all students will increase their potential. This presentation is appropriate for parents/guardians of children of all ages.

**MCAS Dates:** As we begin to get closer to MCAS, I wanted to remind you of the dates for this important assessment. Attendance is critical on these days as make-up sessions are never as good as the real thing! Also, a good night's sleep, a healthy (big) breakfast, and encouragement go a long way around testing dates. Thanks for keeping these dates in mind when planning events, trips, etc.

Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1: Grade 5 ELA MCAS

Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3: Grade 4 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8: Grade 3 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6: Grade 5 Math MCAS

Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8: Grade 4 Math MCAS

Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13: Grade 3 Math MCAS

Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15: Grade 5 STE MCAS

For Your Calendar:

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diverse Reads Family Book Club at MPL: 6:30pm

Friday, March 13: Grade One Program Selection Forms Due

Friday, March 13: Grade Four Field Trip to Boston Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday, March 17: Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, March 18: Glover Site Council- 3:30pm

Thursday, March 19: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 20: Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day

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

Wednesday, March 25: PTO Meeting, Glover Library- 7pm

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

Thursday, March 26: Glover Diversity Committee Meeting- 7pm in library

Friday, March 27: Conversations of Color- 7pm at Glover (see above)

Friday, March 27: Kindergarten and Grade 1 Music Showcase- 2:15pm

Monday, March 30: MPS School Committee Transportation Meeting- 6:30pm at Glover

Tuesday, March 31: Grade 5 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, March 31: Parent Speaker Series- 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, April 1: Grade 5 ELA MCAS

Thursday, April 2: Grade 4 ELA MCAS

Friday, April 3: Grade 4 ELA MCAS

Saturday, April 4: MFE Celebration for Education

Tuesday, April 7: Grade 3 ELA MCAS

Wednesday, April 8: Grade 3 ELA MCAS

Friday, April 10: No School (Good Friday)

Monday, April 20-Friday, April 24: April Recess

Tuesday, May 5: Grade 5 MATH MCAS

Wednesday, May 6: Grade 5 MATH MCAS

Thursday, May 7: Grade 4 MATH MCAS

Friday, May 8: Grade 4 MATH MCAS

Tuesday, May 12: Grade 3 MATH MCAS

Wednesday, May 13: Grade 3 MATH MCAS

Thursday, May 14: Grade 5 Science, Technology, Engineering MCAS

Friday, May 15: Grade 5 Science, Technology, Engineering MCAS

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

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