

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had a fabulous week and we hope you have a wonderful break! This week, we are thankful for our volunteers who helped us with our first annual Digital Citizenship Day on Tuesday. We also were excited to welcome author Beth Ferry to Glover on Thursday for K-2 students and today, we had lots of fun sharing random acts of kindness and raising money for the American Heart Association by wearing our pajamas! We are proud to donate \$332.69 to the AHA and thankful to Vicki Pierre, Kagan Brien, Avery Gaffney, and Willa McClutchy! We are so grateful to our Glover Book Swap volunteers who helped all of our students explore some new stories to read over break!

**Parent/Guardian Survey:** Every three years, Glover's Site Council embarks on a self-study which informs our School Improvement Plan and goals. We rely heavily on input from staff, students, and families about what is going well and what we can improve upon. Your feedback is so important and so appreciated. If you have some time to share some thoughts with us, we would be very grateful.

The grade with the most returns will earn themselves an extra special PE time! Thanks for helping us inform the next three amazing years at Glover! Your opinion matters. We are hoping for 100% participation.

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**Glover Celebrates Boston Black History:**

This week, we continued our celebration of Black History Month by learning about lots of awesome people and places.

When you visit Glover for our STEAM Science Fair and Art Night on Wednesday, March 4, you'll find every classroom door decorated with all that we have learned!

On Monday, Mrs. Kempf and Mrs. O'Leary's class taught us about The Robert Gould Shaw and the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment Memorial across from the State House which honors the first documented African American regiment formed in the North.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Bodkin's class taught us about Melnea Cass who was born in Boston and dedicated her life to fighting for housing and voting rights for low-income communities and people of color.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Ryan's class taught us about important Civil Rights Leader, Malcolm X, who lived and worked in Boston.

On Thursday, we learned about Willie O'Ree, the first black NHL player who played on the Bruins, from Mrs. Kates' Kindergartners.

On Friday, Mrs. Brandi's class taught us about Elijah "Pumpsie" Green, the first black player on the Boston Red Sox.

Ask your Glover Kid about these amazing people and places!

**Glover Science Fair and Art Night:** Whether your child chooses to participate in the Science Fair or not, all students and families are invited to Glover on Wednesday, March 4 for our Art Night and Science Fair. During the evening, you'll have the chance to view your child's artwork prominently displayed on the bulletin boards, the Black History Month door decorating, and the Science Fair projects (attached) in the gym and cafeteria! Come one, come all- everyone has something on display!

**Minority Recruitment Fair:** We are pleased to share with you that we are hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Milton Music Department Mattress Fundraiser:** Please see attached.

### **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.

**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!

To learn more, go to: <https://youtu.be/H4VxY-i3UFY?source=facebook&medium=organic>

\*Tickets are now available online and ready to purchase. They can easily go to [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com) or our specific site at <https://harlemwizards.thundertix.com/events/160111>

**Parent Speaker Series:** Up next in our PARENT Series we welcome Ivy Watts presenting "*Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness: How You Can Make A Difference*" to be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 7:00pm in the MHS Auditorium ... please see details below and flyers attached.

Learn about Ivy's story of her struggle with her mental health as an athlete (anxiety, depression), her fear of speaking up due to the stigma around mental illness in athletics, but how speaking up saved her life.

- Feel empowered as a parent/guardian, teacher or coach to provide support for the mental health of their children/students
- Feel empowered to recognize the warning signs of mental health issues and how to have conversations with your child about mental health
- Understand the importance of practicing mindfulness and how to be an advocate for yourself and others
- Learn about the vast number of resources available in the school system, locally and online

This presentation would be appropriate for parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers of students ages 10 and older.

**For Your Calendar:**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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

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:**

[Mattress Fundraiser.pdf](#)

[Ivy Watts Parent Speaker Series.pdf](#)

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

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