

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

This week was wonderful and it was so great to get back into the swing of things after break! Our K-2 students enjoyed a sneak peek of the Glover Musical, "Rock and Roll Forever: A Musical Revue" this afternoon and had a ball! We are gearing up for Science and Art Night next week and hope you all will join us to view artwork, science projects, and more on Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm.

Parent/Guardian Survey: Thank you for taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback that influences our decision making and programming moving forward. If you haven't had a chance to complete it, please do so within the next week. We are hoping for 100% participation as every voice matters.

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School Breakfast Week: Next week is School Breakfast Week and we are inviting all children to consider joining us for breakfast each morning at 8:15am! For just \$1.25, your child can enjoy a healthy and delicious breakfast, served by some of Glover's finest, and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, your child will have the opportunity to ride the "Smoothie Bike" and make their own smoothie by pedaling! So exciting! No pre-registration necessary: you can drop your child off any morning at 8:15 for breakfast!

Glover Celebrates Boston Black History:

Here is a summary of our Black History tour around Boston, celebrating people and places this week!

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, we were introduced to Lewis Latimer, famous inventor who worked directly with Edison and Bell to develop patents for the light bulb and telephone, born in Chelsea, MA. On Tuesday, we learned about Edwin G. Walker, the first African American elected to serve in the state legislature. On Wednesday, we heard about Cedric Douglas' mural "A World of Innocent Discovery", completed during his residency at Northeastern's Center for the Arts and part of the "Up the Walls" project, an initiative to revitalize street art in Boston. On Thursday, we learned about Mel King who was born in Boston and dedicated his life to fighting for housing and voting rights for low-income families and people of color, and on Friday, we met John Dias, the oldest black elected official in the town of Hanson and great, great uncle of Glover's own Sydney Deas-Theodat! 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!

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!

Grade Five Growth and Development: Please see attached Opt-Out letter for parents of students in Grade 5 if you choose not to have your child participate in the annual Growth and Development curriculum.

Annual Glover Ice Skating Party: The PTO would like to invite you all to the Annual Glover Ice Skating Party on Sunday, March 8, at Milton Academy, from 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.

Get ready to put on your ice skates and partaay! Please join us for a free fun filled hour plus of ice skating! There will also be sweet treats for sale, courtesy of the Fifth Grade Committee. There are no ice skate rentals available, so be sure to bring your own ice skates, or borrow from a friend.

Harlem Wizards vs. Milton Public Schools: On March 10th, at Milton High School, the Harlem Wizards will take on the Milton Public Schools staff in an interactive, slam-tastic, family friendly evening filled with music, comedy, tricks, hoops & alley-oops!

The Milton High School Student Government has invited the Harlem Wizards to MHS and any funds raised will benefit all 6 of our schools. Come out and support our students, while having a great time with your family, right here in Milton!

The Wizards will be here on March 10, 2020 at 7pm in the Copeland Field House at Milton High School and will play two games against the MPS staff as they entertain the crowd throughout the evening. Wear your school gear or colors and come out and support the home town team - your teachers and principals!

Glover players include Mrs. McDavitt, Ms. Melissa Craven, Mr. Hoff, Ms. Renehan, Mrs. Whitten, Ms. Power, and Mr. Thomas, Glover's Head Custodian!

Tickets are now available online and the link can be found on the Milton Public Schools home page at www.miltonps.org or at <https://harlemwizards.thundertix.com/events/160111>.

STEM Information Night: Families in Kindergarten who are considering their choice between the English Innovation Pathway and the French Immersion Pathway are encouraged to join us in the Collicot/Cunningham cafeteria on Tuesday at 6:30pm to learn more about the STEM component of the English Innovation Pathway. You are encouraged to join us **with your child** as this evening is geared towards exploration and collaboration during exciting STEM activities that mirror activities done in the English Innovation Pathway.

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.

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

Milton Chess Club: Please see attached regarding an opportunity for your child to learn from International Master Chess Player David Vigorito.

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday, March 3: STEM Information Night- 6:30pm at Collicot/Cunningham Café

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: 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:

[MHS Chess.pdf](#)

[G & D Glover Parent Letter Opt out.pdf](#)
[ListeningasAllyship.pdf](#)

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