

Dear Glover Families,

We had a wonderful week here at Glover! We are excited that our voices, art, and writing will be featured at Monday night's Evening Community Celebration at Concord Baptist Church! Please consider joining us from 6:30-8pm and be on the look-out for a few Glover submissions in the Milton Times! It was impossible to select just two submissions so I created this video to showcase just a few of the most spectacular pieces of writing, art, and music created at Glover over the last few weeks in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please take a moment to enjoy and I hope you find it as meaningful as we all did!

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For the first time this year, there will be a **community-wide day of service** preceding the celebration at Concord Baptist. Service projects, including a **Milton Community Food Pantry Storage Rehab** and a **Collicot/Cunningham Woods Clean Up** will begin at 11:00am. Please see the attached flier for more information.

We would like to recognize the following Glover Singers who will perform on Monday night, led by brilliant Ms. Colleen Martin: Liam Manares, Gwendolyn Johnston, Lauren Cherry, Lucas Ilzarbe, Joy Egersheim, Molly O'Connor, Olivia Jones, Aasya Tahir, Leah Medicke, Mairead Brien, Charlotte Murphy, and Mia Schwendenman.

If you missed my important memo regarding building security, arrival, and dismissal, please take a moment to review the attached document. A copy also came home in your child's folder today.

Here are a few highlights from our week and things to look forward to!

**SEL Focus:** This week, we began focusing on the topic of **Emotion Management**. This will go hand-in-hand with our exploration of **Calm Classroom** strategies mentioned in last week's email. This week, we talked about \*\*\*. Next week, we'll begin exploring \*\*\*.

**Diversity Committee/PTO:** Please consider joining us on Wednesday, January 24 for our next Diversity Committee/PTO meeting evening, complete with childcare provided by MHS seniors and a movie! We encourage any and all to join us for some invigorating and powerful conversations! This month's Diversity Committee meeting will focus on our efforts to create a safe and supportive learning community for all, specifically looking at active bystander training for both families and students, anti-bullying campaigns, and new programs being piloted, as mentioned above. Please consider joining us at 6pm!

**Joint Glover/Tucker Diversity Committee Meeting:** We are excited to continue our partnership with Tucker's Diversity Committee. On Thursday, February 1, we will be inviting members of Tucker's committee to Glover. We are looking forward to continuing our exploration of joint events and collaborations that will allow our two special communities to connect. Please consider joining us! All are welcome!

**Glover Movie Morning:** It is back by popular demand... Glover Movie Morning - Get out of the cold while supporting 5th grade fundraising efforts. Come and join us for a

private viewing of Paddington 2 - for Magic, Mystery, Marmalade (PG) or Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG 13) on Wednesday, January 31 (no school- professional day). Please arrive by 9:20 to the AMC in Braintree (121 Grandview Road) to collect your tickets, snack, and drink. There is no pre-allocation of seats and this is not a drop off event. Look for a flier to come home today in your child's folder.

**Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:**

**GI virus:** The number of cases of the stomach bug are slowly increasing. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, headaches and/or fever. Please keep your child home from school if they are experiencing any of these symptoms. People should be without symptoms for a full 24 hours before returning to work or school. Please reinforce proper hand hygiene especially after using the bathroom and especially before eating, preparing or handling food.

**Strep Throat & Conjunctivitis:** Scattered cases are present in the school. People need to be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours for before returning to school to help prevent the spread of these germs.

**Flu Vaccine:** It's not too late to get the flu vaccine. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, health care provider visits and missed school and work due to flu. Please refer to the CDC.gov website for more information.

**Communication with Nurse:** Please consider notifying or copying the nurse on any medical information and injuries that may impact your child's school day. A note from a health care provider is needed if your child has any activity restrictions due to injury. A note is also needed when your child is cleared to return to all academic and physical activities including PE and recess.

**SEPAC News:** The Milton SEPAC is pleased to announce our first in a series of Parent Speak events. On January 17th from 6:30 to 8:30, the SEPAC will host Glover parents in the Keys Community Room at the Milton Public Library. Join us to share experiences, ask questions, and express any concerns. We are interested in knowing what has gone well for you during the current school year as well as where improvements are needed. Parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the IEP process, parent rights, and other aspects of special education services. We hope to see you there.

**Kindergarten Information Night:** Calling all future kindergarteners! Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 is upon us. As we prepare to welcome our new kindergarteners next September, the first step for families is to pre-register your new student. After you pre-register, we hope to see many kindergarten parents and guardians at Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, January 23rd at Milton High School. The final step is to attend Kindergarten Registration (by appointment on February 13th, 14th, 15th) with your completed registration packet that you will receive on January 23rd at information night. Questions? Please email Laurie Dunn. We look forward to meeting the class of 2031!

**Calendar:** Please see revised 2017-2018 School Year Calendar attached. This calendar reflects our recent snow days.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Monday, January 15: No School- MLK Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 15: MLK Evening Community Celebration- 6:30-8pm (see above)

Wednesday, January 17: Glover SEPAC Event- 6:30-8:30 at Milton Public Library (see above)

Thursday, January 18: Fifth grade field trip to see Pierce Players "Seussical" (9:30-11:30)

Tuesday, January 23: Kindergarten Information Night- 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, January 24: Diversity Committee/PTO/Glover Movie Night

Saturday, January 27: Bystander Intervention Training

Thursday, February 1: Joint Tucker/Glover Diversity Committee Meeting- 6pm at Glover

February 19-23: February Break

Saturday, March 3: Chessapalooza at Milton Public Library

We hope you have a great weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week at Glover next week!

In partnership,

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