

Dear Glover Families,

It was another awesome week! I tweeted so many exciting pictures of events from this week! Be sure to follow us @Gloverschool as your child just might be featured! We had an exciting K-5 visit from Ms. Money and the Coins and learned all about investing money. Students enjoyed a Winter Olympics in P.E. with Coach Jones. Fourth graders engaged in exciting scientific inquiry activities about sources of energy and energy transfer- it was amazing! Sarah Whitten, Glover Occupational Therapist, Elizabeth Bowen, Glover Speech/Language Pathologist, and Brian Powers, Glover Adjustment Counselor, shared their incredible expertise in the areas of social-emotional learning, behavioral health, and executive functioning at our staff meeting on Tuesday.

**Glover Celebrates Black History Month:** Perhaps most exciting for the students was our daily announcements this week. Each day, we have selected a famous Black American to highlight. We begin with a question and students research and find out the answer. Then, we share a bit about this person's story on the announcements. So far, we've learned about John Baxter Taylor, the first African American gold medalist for track and field, Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to receive an Oscar for *Gone with the Wind*, and Guy Bluford and Mae Jemison, the first African American man and woman to go into space. Be sure to ask your child about this and the many other special activities, projects, and lessons we are doing as part of our celebration of Black History Month.

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

**SEL Focus:** This month, we are focusing on the topic of **Emotion Management**. This week, we talked about Calming Down. Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing various calming down strategies with students over the announcements and in class. This week, we learned about "Lazy 8 Breathing". This simple technique is incredibly effective. To learn more about this, please see attached and encourage your children to practice this calming down strategy at home.

**Science Fair:** In case you missed it, I've attached the Annual Glover Science Fair application to this email! Please consider joining us for this exciting event.

**K-2 Music Showcase:** Mark your calendars for Friday, March 23rd for the Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade music showcase at 2pm in the Glover Gym! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see all that your child is learning about in music class!

**Grades 4, 5, Band, and String Music Showcase:** Mark your calendars for Friday, April 27 at 9:15am in the Glover Gym!

**Walk/Bike to School Day:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 28 for our next Glover Walk/Bike to School Day! Special thanks to Coach Jones for coordinating!

**Housekeeping:** We will be having students clean their lockers out before February break so that our amazing custodial staff can deep-clean the building. We ask that you

stop by the Glover cafeteria or ask your child to visit the lost and found to retrieve any missing items. We will be donating items left in the lost and found over February break.

**Recess Attire:** We try to get outside for fresh air as much as possible. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, including hats and gloves.

**Carpooling:** I hope that you have found our new dismissal system more efficient. Car line students are consistently in cars by 3:25 which is great! In an effort to make the line even more efficient (and green), please consider the option of carpooling to school! Stay tuned...we are looking at ways to facilitate this for families.

**Family Engagement Survey:** Please take a moment to provide feedback on this district-wide Elementary Family Engagement Survey. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J69DN8L>

**Grade Five Growth and Development Parent Information Night:** For parents of fifth graders, please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 12 at 6:30pm at Glover. This night is for parents/guardians only. This is your opportunity to learn about what your child will be experiencing as part of the Growth and Development conversation. Please contact Noel Vigue with any questions or concerns: [nvigue@miltonps.org](mailto:nvigue@miltonps.org).

**Incoming First Grade News:** For families who will have a first grader next year, the time to make a decision about whether your child will participate in the English Innovation Pathway or the French Immersion Pathway is approaching. Please mark your calendars for two important nights: It is extremely important that families of incoming first graders plan to attend the Grade One Information Night on *Tuesday*, March 6 at 6:30pm at MHS. This informative presentation will tell you everything you need to know about selecting a pathway for your child and the entire process.

On Monday, March 12, we will have STEM information night at Collicot/Cunningham at 6pm. This event allows you to see what the English Innovation Pathway has to offer.

**K-8 Math Night:** On Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30-8pm at the Pierce Middle School library, we will be hosting a K-8 Math Night. The focus will be on how learning math is different from when we all went to school, how you can support your child at home, how math concepts build from grade to grade, and how you can understand what your child is learning from day to day. There will be breakout sessions and a Q&A. Childcare will be provided by MHS students. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/nsvv5Z>.

**Parent Speaker Series:**

*"What's the Deal with Testing? Separating the Myths from What Matters".* For future planning purposes, mark your calendars for this amazing presentation by Glover parent, founder of Teach Plus, and Harvard professor Celine Coggins. More to come about this! Also, for those who attended *"Odd Girl Out"*, please note that the counterpart to this presentation *"Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys"* by Michael Thompson is scheduled for Thursday, April 5.

**SEPAC Presentations:** Dr. Ryan Ruth Conway, Clinical Psychologist, will present *"Understanding School Refusal in Children and Teens"* on March 29 at 7pm (location TBA)

and Dr. Anne Howard will present "*A Conversation About Inclusion*" on May 31 at 7pm (location TBA).

**SEPAC News:** Milton SEPAC will host Linda Perry, MA of Avalanche Advocacy Agency, Inc. for a discussion about raising kids with behavioral challenges on February 13th at 7pm at the Glover Library. This event is free and open to the public.

**Minority Educator Recruitment Fair:** For the first time in history, the number of Latino, African-American, and Asian students in K-12 public school classrooms is expected to exceed the number of non-Hispanic, white students, but the racial and ethnic makeup of our country's teaching staff does not reflect this shift. There is a shortage of African American, Hispanic and Latino, Native American, and Asian educators, and the South Shore Minority Educator Recruitment Fair helps to encourage those individuals to pursue a career in education. During the event, hosted by MPS at The Copeland Field House at MHS on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30am – 12:30pm, representatives from South Shore public school districts will meet with potential employees in an effort to find the most qualified minority teacher and administrator candidates. Resumes will be accepted at the event, applications will be distributed, and interviews will be held.

**Milton Youth Soccer K-2 Registration:** The initial registration window has closed, K-2 teams for the Spring season have been all but put together, and we will soon be ready to finalize the rosters and get the Spring 2018 season ready for scheduling! If you have not already registered for K-2, please do so as there is limited availability. Thanks very much and we look forward to seeing you all soon. A special thanks to all of the parent-coach volunteers!

**Upcoming Dates:**

Thursday, February 8: Dr. Ruth Potee- Teen/Tween Brain and Substance Abuse Parent Speaker Series- see above

Tuesday, February 13: Elementary Math Night for parents/guardians- 6:30-8pm at Pierce

Thursday, February 15: Box Top Collection Ends

February 19-23: February Break

Wednesday, February 28: Walk/Bike to School Day!

Thursday, March 1: Grade Five Information Night at Pierce- 7pm

Saturday, March 3: Chessapalooza at Milton Public Library

Sunday, March 4: Glover PTO Skating Party at Milton Academy at 1pm

Tuesday, March 6: Grade One Information Night- 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, March 7: Early Release PD Day

Thursday, March 8: Conferences (PM)

Friday, March 9: Grade 4 Field Trip- Boston Symphony Orchestra

Monday, March 12: STEM Information Night for incoming first graders- 6-7pm at Collicot/Cunningham

Wednesday, March 19: Glover Art Show and Book Fair

Friday, March 23: K-2 Music Showcase- 2pm in Glover Gym

Monday, March 26: K-2 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, March 27: 3-5 Science Fair- 6:30-8pm

Wednesday, March 28: Celine Coggins- What's the Deal With Testing Parent Speaker Series- see above

Friday, March 30: No School

Thursday, April 5: Michael Thompson- Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys- see above

Thursday, April 12: Grade Five Growth and Development- 6:30pm at Glover

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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