

Dear Glover Families,

We had a great week here at Glover and as always, I am so proud of each and every student and staff member in this building. I hope you have a wonderful break and enjoy the change of pace!

In light of everything happening in our country, please know that your child's safety is paramount to us all. I feel that my most important job is to keep this building, staff and students safe at all times. In the midst of the wide range of emotions brought on by the tragedy in Florida, we are more committed than ever to the safety of all students, teachers, administrators, and support staff occupying Glover School. You should feel secure and comfortable in the fact that we have a comprehensive safety and emergency response plan that has been thoroughly vetted through MPD.

Thank you for taking a moment to review the email I sent on Wednesday morning regarding the difference between a lockdown and a shelter in place. Please know that we are consistently reviewing our security policies, procedures, and protocols at both the district and school level. We have a security task force that meets monthly with MPD and we participate in regular training for all faculty and staff, regular practice of safety procedures and protocols with students, and security systems in place that cannot be shared with the general public but are strictly adhered to. Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure your child's safety and security.

If you didn't get to read the Superintendent's blog sent yesterday, there were many valuable pieces of information shared by Maria Trozzi, friend of the Milton Public Schools and nationally-recognized grief counseling expert. She provides advice on how to answer questions and deal with the grief of students, teachers and staff in the days and weeks to follow: <http://blog.miltonps.org/?p=4194>

**Glover Celebrates Black History Month:** We've continued with our exciting trivia questions and many classrooms have engaged in a series of meaningful lessons and projects designed around Black History Month. Be sure to ask your child about it!

**Random Acts of Kindness:** We've also been putting all of our Second Step learning into practice by engaging in random acts of kindness throughout the day. I am consistently blown away by how Glover Kids show empathy, compassion, understanding, and kindness.

**SEL Focus:** After break, we'll be learning about additional **calming down and focusing strategies**, including cross crawls, hook ups, and deep belly breathing.

**Glover Winter Olympics:** If you missed my email yesterday, please see attached! This is a fun and exciting way to stay moving, making, creating, playing, and learning over break and into March. This is entirely optional. We look forward to welcoming Glover mom and Olympic Gold Medalist, Tara Mounsey, to Glover on Friday to inspire us all!

**Science Fair:** If you're looking for something to do over break, consider creating a project for the Glover Science Fair on March 26 and 27! Please see attached.

**Walk/Bike to School Day:** Mark your calendars for the Wednesday after break (2/28) 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. Please know that we will be taking the opportunity over break to thoroughly disinfect the building in hopes of avoiding the spread of the many bugs that are circulating Glover right now.

**Glover is a Bronze Healthier US School!** In exciting news, we have learned that all 6 MPS schools have been awarded a Bronze Healthier US School Award for Smarter Lunchrooms. This recognition is given to schools that have worked to provide students with nutritious food and quality nutrition and physical education. Only 7% of schools in the US have received this award. So exciting!

**Grade One Information Night:** For Kindergarten families, please make sure you mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 6 which will be Grade One Information Night. At this time, you'll hear about the two pathways you might choose for your first grader: English Innovation or French Immersion. This informative session will be at 6:30pm at Milton High School and we look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

**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.

**Upcoming Dates:**

February 19-23: February Break

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

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

Friday, March 2: Glover Winter Olympics Assembly

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

Friday, March 30: No School

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

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

Friday, April 27: Grades 4, 5, Band and Strings Showcase- 9:15 in Glover Gym

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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