

Dear Glover Families,

We had the most unbelievable whole-school assembly today and I just have to share!! As you know, I issued a Glover Winter Olympics challenge before break and so many students participated! I have over 400 completed challenge sheets in my office! Some even completed the entire ski slope and did 25 challenges! As a culminating celebration, we hosted Olympian Tara Mounsey today. Tara is the proud mom of Teddy and Liam, two Glover students and winner of an Olympic Gold in Nagano and Olympic Silver in Salt Lake City as a member of the US Women's Ice Hockey Team. Tara brought in her medals to share with us and in her game winning jersey, regaled all 587 students with stories of the Olympics. Tara taught all of us what it means to be an Olympian. She reminded us all that the most important things are to take care of our health, focus and learn as much as we can, and be good people, show good sportsmanship, and more than anything, be kind. She spoke directly to our fifth graders about their leadership potential and inspired us all in innumerable ways. She taught us about the importance of movement and even did a few push-ups with us! Please take a moment to ask your child about a "take-away" from Tara's time with us today. We thank Tara for an absolutely inspirational and awesome presentation! Be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool to see pictures of today's incredible presentation!

**Next Week:** Just a reminder that next Wednesday is an Early Release PD day and dismissal is at 12:30. Next Thursday is afternoon/evening conferences. Conferences are optional at this point in the year and your child's teacher will contact you directly to schedule. If you would like a conference, please don't hesitate to reach out any time.

**Bullying Prevention Week:** This week, your child learned all about strategies to help be an upstander/bystander and help prevent bullying here at Glover School. On Monday, Mr. Powers and I will be talking with each grade level and reminding everyone about citizenship, kindness, and expectations. Be sure to ask your child about this!

**PTO Meeting:** Please join us on Wednesday, March 14 for the next PTO meeting. We'll be hosting Coach Noel Vigue (MPS PE/Health Director) who will be presenting some unique and exciting ways to increase movement and physical exercise here at Glover!

**Science Fair:** If you haven't gotten to get your form in yet, please send it in so that we can make sure we are prepared and have space for your project!

**Skating Party this Sunday!** Please join us on Sunday, March 4th for the Annual Glover Skating Party at Milton Academy! This Free event is sponsored by the PTO and will run from 1:00 PM to 2:20 PM at the Milton Academy Athletic Center. Siblings and parents welcome. Helmets required. No hockey sticks etc. allowed. The Glover 5th Grade Committee will have goodies for purchase! Hope to see you there!!

**Milton Putting for Patients:** Come support the Jimmy Fund on March 11 from 12-3 in the MHS Gym! Play mini golf, have fun, and raise money to support the Jimmy Fund. Cash only at the door- \$10 per person, \$40 max per family.

**Sweetheart Dance:** Just a reminder that the Sweetheart Dance for students in grades k-5 is next Friday, March 9 hosted by Girl Scout Troop 76178 at Cunningham Hall at 6:30.

**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 this Saturday 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:**

Saturday, March 3: Chessapalooza at Milton Public Library

Saturday, March 3: Minority Recruitment Fair- 9:30 at MHS

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

Friday, March 9: Sweetheart Dance (see above)

Sunday, March 11: Putting for Patients- 12:00 at MHS Gym (see above)

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

Wednesday, March 14: Glover PTO Meeting with Noel Vigue at 7pm at Glover

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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