

Dear Glover Families,

Today's K-2 Music "Informance" was amazing! Thank you to Ms. Martin and Mr. Ragusa for teaching our youngest musicians such amazing skills! This week, we rolled out our new Student Leadership Teams. Thank you to all of our teacher mentors who help make this possible! The book fair was a huge success and thank you to Imge Ceranoglu and all of the parents who helped our readers select new books!

Social Emotional Learning: This week, we spent a lot of time learning about problem solving. We learned that problem solving isn't just isolated to word problems or comprehension questions. In every classroom and across the school, we learned about Problem Solving STEPS. STEP is an acronym to help students remember the steps to solving any problem:

- S: Say the Problem (with respect and without blame)
- T: Think of Solutions (safe and respectful ways to solve the problem)
- E: Explore Consequences (If I did this solution, what might happen?)
- P: Pick the Best Solution

As always, I share this language with you so that you can reinforce these concepts at home. We are so proud of all of our Glover Kids!

Robotics at Glover: Exciting News! We are hoping to pilot a before or after school robotics club for students K-2 (both French Immersion and English Innovation) here at Glover. Using Lego Boost kits, we will explore, apply, and expand knowledge of coding and robotics. All supplies and technology are provided. We are looking for a few parent volunteers who would be willing to help with this! If you are interested in helping run an 8 week Lego Boost club with a teacher, (and there are no prerequisite skills necessary), please email me directly by Wednesday, March 28.

STEAM Nights at Glover: Our Art Show and Science Fair is this Monday, March 26 from 6:30-8 (K-2) and Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30-8 (3-5). The building is open for all to come view our beautiful artwork and innovative science projects. Please join us!

Parent Speaker Series: Please join us this Wednesday, March 28 from 6:30-8pm for Glover (and MPS) parent, Celine Coggins, who will present valuable information about standardized testing: separating the myths from what matters. After Ms. Coggins presentation, there will be an MPS Leadership panel open to your questions. Ms. Coggins is an amazing speaker and professor at Harvard. I encourage you all to join us! Please see attached flier and list of Parent Speaker Series events.

MCAS: On Wednesday, join Celine Coggins at MHS to learn more about standardized testing. After that, join Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator Sara MacNeil at the PTO meeting on Monday, April 2 to answer any questions you might have specific to your child. For your reference, the dates of MCAS are included in the "Upcoming Dates" section of my email below.

Junior Achievement: As in years past, we are excited to have JA in a Day on June 7. We are looking for a volunteer coordinator for each grade level. If you are interested in

helping us coordinate volunteers for your child's grade, please email me directly. Thank you!

PTO Meeting: Our PTO meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, April 2 at 7pm at Glover. During this meeting, we will be having a conversation with Noel Vigue, PE/Health Director, about innovative ways to increase movement and physical exercise at Glover. Assistant Principal MacNeil will be in attendance to answer any questions you might have about the upcoming MCAS administration.

Community Dinner Project and Diversity Committee: On Monday, April 9, Diversity Committees from across the district will be gathering at MHS at 6pm for a powerful discussion about increasing participation and diversity in the arts, music, athletics, extracurriculars, and community opportunities. Prior to this meeting, the Glover and Tucker Diversity Committees will be meeting (at MHS at 5:30) to talk about upcoming plans for the Community Dinner Project.

The Community Dinner Project invites Tucker & Glover parents/guardians to have a conversation, share meaningful stories, good food, and a sense of community. The Community Dinner Project provides an opportunity to **meet others** from the Tucker and Glover school communities, **connect** to learn more about each other, and share ideas for how to **strengthen our community for our kids** to thrive.

Grab a seat! Be a host or a participant. Hosting a dinner is simple and helpful guidelines will be provided. You determine the conversation starters, the location, and the type of dinner you want to hold (ex. with or without children). You do not have to provide the entire meal. All participants, including the host, are asked to bring a dish to share.

We hope to have host volunteers from both schools, Tucker & Glover. Each dinner will have families from both schools. Look for additional information coming soon!

EMPOW Summer Camps at Glover- Scholarship Opportunity: This summer, Empow is running a Minecraft Camp at Glover from August 6-10 for students in grades 2-8. The following week, they are running a Tech and Design Camp (August 13-17) for students in grades 2-8. This camp will focus on video game design, robotics, animation, coding, 3D printing, and music production. We have the opportunity to offer a scholarship for each camp. To apply for the scholarship, students should write a one-page (max) essay describing their favorite STEM activity. Drawings are encouraged. The due date for applications is Monday, April 9. Any student who is currently in grades 1-5 here at Glover may apply. Essays should be turned into the office by April 9. If chosen, you will receive a ½ day week-long scholarship to one of the two Empow Camps in Milton this summer! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity! For information on the camps, visit empow.me/camp.

Fifth Grade Families: Please make note of the Grade Five Growth and Development Information Night for parents only on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30pm. This year, students will be participating in a blended learning environment and this is your chance to learn

more. Also, please see attached flier for Welcome to Middle School Camp, a three or four day camp to help fifth graders acclimate to Pierce.

Please see reminders below from the Fifth Grade Committee:

- As a reminder the 5th Grade Day Form that went home on March 16th is due April 13th. Please fill out the form with your child's t-shirt size and return it with your payment (cash or check) in the envelope provided.
- Year book - Students baby photos. Please upload, email or hand to the office (hard copy, memory stick etc) one clearly labeled baby photo of your child to include in the book <https://photos.app.goo.gl/G91GHWs6zbv5MNRD3>
- Save the date - 5th Grade Social, May 18th 7pm-9pm more details to follow nearer the time (FREE EVENT)
- Help needed - Can you design photo movies? Looking for help with the DVD photo montage to be shown at the graduation and presented to all families. Please email Anna Barker edwardanna@verizon.net

Library Helpers: We would like to take the opportunity to thank Nancy Haynes, a retired teacher who lives across the street from Glover, who was referred by the Milton Council on Aging and helps out in our library every week! We'd also like to recognize the following helpers and members of the PTO Library Committee: Mary Fierabend, Mary O'Leary, Jessie Heyward, and Imge Ceranoglu. On behalf of the entire Glover community, THANK YOU!

MFE Celebration 2018: Tickets are on sale now for this exciting event on April 28 at Granite Links that benefits fine arts programs in all six schools. Here is the link to purchase your tickets:

<https://miltonfoundation.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Celebration2018/BuyTicketsNow/tabid/941980/Default.aspx>

Parent Speaker Series: "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys"- Dr. Michael Thompson joins us to share suggestions for teachers and parents about how to support a boy in the early years of school and how to help a boy remain emotionally open in adolescence. This important event will be held on Thursday, April 5 from 7-9pm in the MHS Auditorium.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, March 26: K-2 STEAM Night- 6:30-8pm

Tuesday, March 27: 3-5 STEAM Night- 6:30-8pm

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

Thursday, March 29: SEPAC Presentation: Understanding School Refusal- Dr. Ruth Conway- 7-9pm at Milton Public Library

Friday, March 30: No School

Monday, April 2: PTO Meeting with Noel Vigue- 7pm Glover Library
Wednesday, April 4: Early Release PD Day
Thursday, April 5: Grade 5 ELA MCAS
Thursday, April 5: Parent Speaker Series: Michael Thompson- Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys- 7-9pm at MHS
Friday, April 6: Grade 5 ELA MCAS
Monday, April 9: District-Wide Diversity Committee Meeting at 6pm at MHS (5:30 Tucker/Glover Community Dinner Project- see above)
Wednesday, April 11: Grade 4 ELA MCAS
Thursday, April 12: Grade 4 ELA MCAS
Thursday, April 12: Grade Five Growth and Development- 6:30pm at Glover
April 16-20: April Recess
Wednesday, April 25: Grade 3 ELA MCAS
Thursday, April 26: Grade 3 ELA MCAS
Friday, April 27: Grades 4, 5, Band and Strings Showcase- 9:15 in Glover Gym
Saturday, April 28: MFE Celebration for Education- 6:30 pm at Granite Links
Wednesday, May 2: Grade 5 MATH MCAS
Thursday, May 3: Grade 5 MATH MCAS
Tuesday, May 8: Grade 4 MATH MCAS
Wednesday, May 9: Grade 4 MATH MCAS
Wednesday, May 9: Parent Speaker Series: Katie Greer- Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital World- 6:30-7:30pm in MHS Auditorium
Tuesday, May 15: Grade 3 MATH MCAS
Wednesday, May 16: Grade 3 MATH MCAS
Thursday, May 17: Grade 5 STE MCAS
Friday, May 18: Grade 5 STE MCAS
Monday, May 28: No School- Memorial Day
Friday, June 22: Last Day of School (updated due to snow days)

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

In partnership,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School