

Dear Glover Families,

We had such a spectacular week! Glover's STEAM Nights were remarkable! How do you know if your lizard is right-brained or left-brained? Have you ever heard of a blobfish? Did you know Coca Cola can clean pennies? Do you know how to make rainbow milk? Glover Kids do! Here is a video I made to capture some of the incredible art displays and scientific presentations:

<https://animoto.com/play/GERsW6U1QfVPEI4P7XL02Q>. Enjoy!

Social Emotional Learning: This week, we worked on Thinking of Solutions. As a reminder, we are focusing on Problem Solving STEPS through the month of April:

- 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

Early Release Wednesday: Just a reminder that Wednesday, April 4 is an Early Release Day for staff professional development and dismissal is at 12:30.

Glover's Fifth Annual Book Swap: Spring forward into reading! Clear out your old books and embark on new reading adventures during April vacation. Many of you have books at home that you've already read. Here's an opportunity to swap up to five of your used books! Bring gently-used books to the Glover Library on April 4th, 5th or 6th during your library time. We'll keep track of the number of books you donate, and when you return for your book exchange period on April 11th, 12th, or 13th, you will choose up to 5 new books. Take part in the book swap and you will have a fresh supply of reading material just in time for April vacation! Please contact Mr. Coben if you have questions: jcoben@miltonps.org

MCAS is Upon Us! Questions? 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.

PTO Meeting: Our PTO meeting is this 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. To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/GTDinners>.

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. Thank you to Emily Duffy and Neil Bacon, who have already offered to help! Look for an opportunity to sign your student up...coming soon!

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!

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

fifth graders acclimate to Pierce. Last, please see the **Upcoming Dates** section of this email for important Fifth Grade dates.

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

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>

Glover Music Showcases: You are invited to attend the following upcoming Glover School performances. The students look forward to sharing their musical achievements, creativity, and growth with you. We hope to see you there!

4th and 5th grades, Band, and Strings Showcase: Friday, April 27 2018 at 9:15AM, Glover School. 4th & 5th grade students should plan to dress nicely for this special performance and have the soprano recorders in hand. Grade 5 band and strings students have a specific dress code (white top, black bottom, dark socks and shoes) which will be worn for the concert. Students in band or string ensemble can also wear their band or string ensemble attire when performing with their music class.

3rd Grade Showcase: Thursday, May 31st 2018 at 2:00PM, Glover School. 3rd grade students should plan to dress nicely for this special performance and have the soprano recorders in hand.

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, April 2: PTO Meeting with Noel Vigue- 7pm Glover Library

Wednesday, April 4: Book Swap begins! (see above)
 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
 Friday, May 18: Grade 5 Social at Cunningham Hall from 7-9pm
 Monday, May 28: No School- Memorial Day
 Thursday, May 31: 3rd Grade Music Showcase- 2pm
 Monday, June 4: Glover Field Day
 Thursday, June 7: Step Up to Pierce- Fifth Grade (during the day)
 Thursday, June 7: JA in a Day
 Wednesday, June 13: Fifth Grade Day and Moving Up Ceremony (rain date 6/15)
 Monday, June 18: Tour of Milton- Fifth Grade (during the 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