

Dear Glover Families,

We had a wonderful week! MCAS began and our fifth graders rocked! We want to wish fifth grader, Victoria Lundeen, the best of luck as she competes on behalf of Glover School in the state-wide Future Problem Solving bowl this weekend!

**Social Emotional Learning:** 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

This week, we explored consequences and next week, we'll work on picking the best solution.

**Exciting Opportunity for Students in Grades 3-5:** We had overwhelming response to our K-2 Lego Boost Club...for students in grades 3-5, we are offering a TED-Ed Club! You've all likely been inspired by TEDTalks and now, our Glover Kids have the chance to create their own! We are offering your child the opportunity to exercise his/her voice and choice by joining us in an exciting 8 week enrichment club. On Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:45, your child will have the opportunity to join a network of TED-Ed Clubs being formed in schools all over the world. A TED-Ed club is all about stimulating and celebrating the ideas of students. The club will engage in a series of 8 meetings designed to help each student create an amazing presentation on an idea that they are passionate about. In the process, they'll work on important skills such as storytelling, best practices for camera, lighting, and sound, how to create great visuals, and presentation literacy skills. At the end of the 8 weeks, each student will have a filmed presentation ready to upload and share with the world! This club is led by Glover parents, MaryAnn Dakkak and Lisa Sadler, and Glover teachers, Heather Morris and Sarah Hammond. If you are interested in signing your child up for this wonderful opportunity, please email me directly at [kmcdavitt@miltonps.org](mailto:kmcdavitt@miltonps.org). This club is being offered free of charge. We will have a cap for this club and may need to institute a waitlist like our Lego Boost Club. Sessions begin Thursday, April 26 and end Thursday, June 14.

**Absence Verification System:** Beginning Monday, 4/9, the Glover School will be implementing an automatic absence verification system. This means that parents/guardians who do not notify us of their child's absence or tardy will receive a phone call, text and email asking them to call the main office to confirm their child's absence.

If you know that your child will be absent or tardy in advance, please notify your child's teacher(s) via email. If you cannot notify us until the morning of the absence, please call 617-696-4288 and press #2 at the prompt. We would appreciate getting these phone calls before 9:30am.

If you do receive the automated phone call, please be sure to confirm your child's absence as soon as possible.

**Junior Achievement:** Glover has once again won a grant for Glover to run the Junior Achievement program! This is the sixth year we've teamed up with Junior Achievement to get this program at Glover. Please consider volunteering this year to help lead your child's class. See attached for additional information! To volunteer if you have any questions, please sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-TYknj\\_q7xX6UFzCbqSu334-LQEZOfvV3gMQbvWPLVI/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-TYknj_q7xX6UFzCbqSu334-LQEZOfvV3gMQbvWPLVI/edit)

**Glover's Fifth Annual Book Swap:** This week, we collected our gently used books. Next week, when students return for their book exchange period on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, or 13<sup>th</sup>, they will have the opportunity choose up to 5 new books depending on how many they brought in this week. Please note that we are accepting both French and English books! Please contact Mr. Coben if you have questions: [jcoben@miltonps.org](mailto:jcoben@miltonps.org)

**Passport to the Arts Video:** I put together a video of all of the artwork from the six schools during Passport to the Arts. Take a peek...we have some amazing artists here in MPS! <https://animoto.com/play/xAYdqmgNJxBIKzFIHNsrjQ>

**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.

Please consider signing up to participate in a Community Dinner. We've had wonderful response to our project and have many who are willing to host. If you'd like to attend a dinner at one of the host homes, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/GTDinners>.

**PTO Update:** This week, we welcomed Noel Vigue, Director of PE/Health for MPS, to our meeting. He shared some exciting and innovative ways to get our Glover Kids moving. His research is impressive. We are putting together a small focus group dedicated to exploring options for increasing movement at Glover. Please email me directly if you are interested in learning more.

**Kiwanis Club Shoe Drive:** Help us raise funds for the Kiwanis Club by donating your gently worn, used, and new shoes. Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. We have a collection box in our front lobby! If you have any questions, please contact Kim O'Connor at 617-759-0224.

**Visiting Artist:** On May 24, Glover will be welcoming Nancy Bell, fiber artist dressed in American Revolution-era clothing. She will demonstrate spinning and explain how women helped during the revolution with weaving and textiles. This special presentation is thanks to MPACE.

**Parent Speaker Series- Celine Coggins:** If you missed Celine Coggins' amazing presentation about standardized testing, please visit <https://mhswnews.blogspot.com/>

or go to the following YouTube link to view the presentation:

<https://youtu.be/gG199KAPKPY>.

**Katie Greer:** Mark your calendars for May 9 when Katie Greer will present valuable information about keeping our children safe in this digital age. For your information, she will also be presenting to students during the afternoon of May 9.

**Fifth Grade Families:** This is just a reminder that Growth and Development Night for Adults Only is next Thursday, April 12 at 6pm at Glover. Also, your fifth graders will be participating in the student version of Growth and Development on Thursday, May 10 at 1:45 here at Glover. This will be a blended learning environment. Please see attached for more information.

Please note: According to Massachusetts Law and Milton School Committee Policy, parents/guardians may exempt their child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. The Milton Public Schools health education Grade 5 growth and development curriculum is focused on the facts related specifically to puberty. To receive an exemption, please send a letter to your child's principal. There is no penalty to the student for exemption, but under this policy the student may be given an alternative assignment.

**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>

**Milton National Little League Challenger Division:** Milton National Little League's Challenger Division is now open to all Milton kids ages 5-21. The season starts in June and runs for eight Sunday games, most at Shields Park. Register now at [www.MiltonNationalLL.com](http://www.MiltonNationalLL.com). For more information, go to <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/challenger/>. Please see attached.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,

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