

Dear Glover Families,

We hope you have a safe, relaxing, and wonderful April Break! We can't wait to hear all about it when the students return. This week, our fourth graders successfully completed the ELA MCAS...we are so proud of all of our Glover Kids! Be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool as I've been tweeting some wonderful pictures of fabulous learning in action! Thank you to Jessie Heyward, Sheila Armstrong, Mary O'Leary, our amazing library teachers, and countless helpers who made our Book Swap an unbelievable success! We hope students enjoy their new books over break!

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

MFE Celebration 2018 is on April 28 at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. Registration opens and the fun begins at 6:30pm. Don't miss delicious food stations, stunning views, hilarious games, and exciting raffles. Don't forget those dancing shoes...get ready to let loose with Boston's Best Dance Band! Funds raised benefit important fine arts programming in all six Milton schools. Tickets are on sale now through April 23 or until they sell out so be sure to get your tickets now!

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

MFE Teacher of the Year 2018 is upon us! We have so many incredible teachers here at Glover School and this is your opportunity to recognize one! Nominations are due April 27 and can come in any form! Nominations don't have to be long or fancy, just a quick note to tell the MFE how much you love a certain staff member or teacher is perfect! Quotes from students are always a special addition. Please see attached for complete details and click the link below to nominate a teacher. Thank you for considering all of our amazing Glover staff!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAtq_wXOB_ZR4QtKu2Dm2iRlMTbHLh_ppomWAMmzKSyrqtGiQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

The GI virus: This virus has been on the rise in all grade levels with symptoms that may include: abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and occasionally fever. Symptoms must be subsided for 24 hours before returning to school.

Flu: There have been several confirmed cases of influenza at Glover over the past few weeks, especially in the lower grades. Please refer to the information below from the CDC.gov/flu website to help differentiate between a cold and the influenza virus.

Symptoms must be subsided for 24 hours before returning to school

Influenza Symptoms: Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

** It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

Michael Thompson: If you were unable to join us for the latest Parent Speaker Series: Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys with Michael Thompson PhD, you can view the presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUXFSRIFwT8>.

Absence Verification System Reminder: We have switched over to an automated absence verification system. The transition has been very smooth! 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. You will receive an automated email/call/text if your child is absent.

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-LQEZOfV3gMQbvWPLVI/edit

Community Dinner Project: As I've been sharing, Glover and Tucker have partnered to pilot a Community Dinner Initiative. We have many who are willing to open their houses for a community dinner and discussion. If you'd like to attend a dinner, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/GTDinners>. This is a wonderful opportunity! Registration closes April 23.

Meeting to Design a Parent Campaign: Wed. April 11 at 7pm at Milton Town Hall in the Baker Conference Room. The Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is kicking off a new, time-limited working group to develop an exciting *Parent Campaign-*

but we need parents to pull it off! The ***Parent Campaign*** will feature a multi-pronged approach that targets parents as partners in keeping our youth healthy by reducing underage drinking and the misuse of other drugs. Components of the campaign include explaining the legal liability of hosting parties and serving alcohol to youth, conveying the critical message that underage drinking is not harmless given the vulnerability of the developing adolescent brain, and crafting a Parent Pledge that translates all this education into action!

Will you help us? We need parents to help design the campaign. The working group will meet 4 times between April 11th and June 30. The Milton Public Schools are key partners who are also very invested in this project, but we can't do it without parents providing input! Do you have an idea or opinion for our 'Parent Campaign'? Your insight and experience raising kids (of all ages!) in Milton will ensure an effective and successful campaign. The goal of this time-limited working group will be to develop a road map for the campaign, which won't kick off until next academic year. If you want to learn more or help out, join the next meeting of the Coalition's *Activities*

Committee on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm at Milton Town Hall in the Baker Conference Room (lower level). We hope to get at least 1 or 2 parent representatives from each of the schools in Milton. The meeting is open to the public so feel free to invite friends. Please RSVP (and/or send questions) to info@milton-coalition.org Subject Line: Parent Campaign.

Mass DOT Survey: As you may have noticed recently there is equipment providing a closer examination to Route 138. This is part of a MASS DOT transportation study occurring on Route 138 (Blue Hills Avenue). There is currently a community survey up that will allow you to share your input:

<https://www.mapsonline.net/miltonma/forms/standalone.html.php?id=781625014>.

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. For more information, go to <https://www.littleleague.org/play-little-league/challenger/>. Please see attached.

Upcoming Dates:

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

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