

Dear Glover Families,

This week, in addition to the many incredible things that happen in classrooms throughout the day, we embarked on two new adventures in learning before and after school: Lego Boost Robotics and our TEDEd club! Be sure to follow us on Twitter @GloverSchool to see pictures! Our first and second graders began learning about coding and robotics as they ventured into the initial phase of building Vernie the Robot. Our third-fifth graders explored topics of interest as they began brainstorming the beginnings of their own TED Talks! Exciting things are happening at Glover! We also had a spectacular fourth and fifth grade music performance today. To see our musicians in action, please take a peek at this video:

<https://animoto.com/play/k0VVBzKlFhh2Gtn0sGhMZg?autostart=1>

Thank you to Ms. Martin, Mr. Ragusa, and Mrs. Miller for an incredible concert and more importantly, for inspiring our Glover musicians each and every day!

Social Emotional Learning: Throughout the months of May and June, we will be focusing on Friendship Skills. We will begin with learning skills for inviting students to play, playing fairly, making amends, and handling name-calling. Next week, we'll remember that it is important to notice and have empathy when other kids are being left out. We'll learn that inviting other students to play is a caring thing to do.

Playground Update: The Glover PTO, Outdoor Space Committee and Milton Public Schools would once again like to thank the Glover community for their generosity last March at the Glover Fun Run. The fundraiser proceeds were used to install a ropes climbing structure and balance beams over April break - come check it out! We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Towne Tree Landscaping for all their help from design to install. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, design and install including Erika Doherty, Alex Fernandez, Jenn Queally, Melanie Robinson, Maggie ODonnell, and Emily Duffy. The Glover kids are thrilled!

MFE Celebration 2018 is tomorrow night! The money raised at Celebration goes directly to our 6 schools. This year, the target is fine arts - think ukuleles, convection ovens, darkroom equipment, cellos, hi-tech sewing machines and so much more. Tickets available now! Go to <http://www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org/>.

MFE Teacher of the Year: The Milton Foundation for Education invites you to nominate that special teacher for our OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD PROGRAM, also known as TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Since 2001, the MFE has recognized the extraordinary contributions made by our teachers in the Milton Public Schools by celebrating a teacher from each school for their dedication and determination to bring quality educational experiences to our students. To date, over 100 teachers have received this honor. Our teachers are second to none, which is what makes this event so special to us. We are currently seeking nominations for teachers who promote achievement in our children and garner the respect of colleagues, students and parents alike. We look forward to hearing from you, and learning more

about the amazing teachers who inspire Milton students every day. Nominate that special teacher today. We look forward to seeing you at the big celebration on May 23! Nominations are due this Friday, April 27.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAtq_wXOB_ZR4QtKu2Dm2iRIMTbHLh_ppomWAMmzKSyrqtGiQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

MSE Update: Please note that the LIVE REGISTRATION date has been pushed back a week to May 1 at 12:00 noon. Please find the link below for the MSE 2018 Brochure with At a Glance Course Offerings. It is a link that will automatically update with any edits or changes to the schedule.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ya6S2HltzeHPjpKIrTSKA1yUw5LZtL3GFHS6bS2kbho/edit?usp=sharing> . You are also welcome to visit our website to learn more about the program: <https://www.miltonps.org/departments/summer-enrichment>

Junior Achievement: To volunteer to help out with our upcoming Junior Achievement Day on June 7, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-TYknj_q7xX6UFzCbqSu334-LQEZOfv3gMQbvWPLVI/edit

Community Dinner Project: Thank you to all who have signed up to participate in our community dinners. We are looking forward to our upcoming dinners and I will certainly share photos @GloverSchool on Twitter.

Parent Speaker Series: As the final speaker for the 2017-2018 PARENT Speaker Series, Milton Public Schools is pleased to welcome Katie Greer to Milton High School on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm. It's often overwhelming being a parent today in our technology-driven society. Keeping up with the latest trends and dangers can often seem like an impossible task. Ms. Greer will help parents/guardians navigate the digital waters and let you know what's new, what's now, and what's next when it comes to your children and technology, and will provide parents with proactive initiatives to keep kids safe. Topics highlights will include: cell phones, apps, social media, group chats, interactive gaming, cyberbullying and sexting.

Parents are encouraged to ask questions throughout, and the program will end with an open forum allowing parents more time to ask specific questions. Ms. Greer is an Advisory Board Member for Internet Keep Safe Coalition, a former Intelligence Analyst with Mass State Police, and the former Director of Internet Safety for the Attorney General's Office.

The PARENT Speaker Series is made possible with financial support from Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton, Milton Public Schools, Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, The Isabel Joyce Piliavin Charitable Trust, Parent Teacher Organizations, the Milton Cultural Council and Special Education Parent Advisory Council. This event is free. Parents, teachers and community members are welcome to attend.

Challenger Little League Schedule: Please see attached!

Play FORE Pierce Golf Tournament: Please consider registering for the upcoming Play FORE Pierce golf tournament in support of expanding athletics at Pierce. Join us at

Granite Links on April 30th and enjoy a great day with friends and family, while raising much needed funds to expand athletics at Pierce Middle School. Register as an individual or with three of your friends or colleagues. We hope to see you there!

<http://playforepierce.org>

Upcoming Dates:

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 (afternoon for fifth grade)

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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