

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

What fun we had this week! So many exciting things happened! For a peek inside, be sure to check out our Twitter feed @GloverSchool. This is a reminder that there is no school on Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please see below for more information about how Glover has honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and opportunities to get involved in celebrating his life on Monday! There is an incredible piece of art completed by our very own Mr. Reynolds that is featured on our Twitter page. It is a portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all 610 Glover Kids watched it evolve during their art classes. It is breathtaking. Other student artwork and poetry created in Dr. King's honor is featured. Be sure to check it out!

This is just a reminder that as we enter into some wintry weather, we will try to get children outside to play whenever possible. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the forecast and if there's snow, please make sure your child is dressed for play in the snow. At the discretion of the lunch/recess staff, children may be permitted to play in the snow if they are dressed appropriately. If you need winter gear, please contact me directly.

Social Emotional Learning: This month, we are focusing on Emotion Management. This week, we learned about how to stop and name our feelings and we learned that when we recognize our feelings, the thinking part of our brains can start to manage them.

Glover Fun Run! We are almost ready for our Fun Run! Next Friday, we'll kick everything off with a Pep Rally. Students will begin to come home with information, pledgebooks, and ways for you to support our efforts here at Glover. If you'd like to cheer us on, the day of the run is Tuesday, February 5. Individual grade level times have been communicated.

PTO Meeting- Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm- Glover Library: At the next PTO meeting, we will be discussing many important things. We have the privilege of being joined by Deborah Milbauer of MSAPC who will present about the new MSAPC campaign to reduce underage drinking. Join this special presentation targeted specifically to elementary aged parents to start developmentally appropriate prevention messages and practices EARLY before the middle and high school years kick in. Lee Toma will also join us to discuss safe routes to school and an innovative new idea: a walking school bus! We will also be brainstorming about best practices in welcoming new families to Glover.

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

Current Illnesses: The flu season continues. The CDC continues to recommend flu vaccination and prompt antiviral treatment of severely ill and high-risk persons. strep throat, pneumonia, sinus infections and the GI virus (nausea/vomiting/diarrhea) are also present. Please continue to keep sick children home and to encourage proper hand washing and coughing/sneezing into arms.

Gr 4 physical needed: Please send the most recent copy of your child's physical into the school nurse to update the student health records.

Gr 5 Puberty Program: We are in the process of scheduling a parent/guardian information evening hopefully in February. Please keep an eye out for the date.

Supplies: Donations of band-aids and snack size baggies for ice packs would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Diversity Committee Update: Thank you to those who came to Tuesday night's Diversity Committee meeting. As always, we had powerful and productive conversations about many things! I did a presentation on Glover's demographic landscape and specific MCAS subgroup data. We discussed the People's Supper initiative and Beth Murphy and MaryAnn Dakkak have been spearheading this effort. Look for some exciting opportunities in the spring! We also heard from Sara Crowe who is looking at adding new titles and lessons to our Reading About Diversity program. We are looking for someone who might be willing to do the same for our Meet the Artist program and find relevant artists and lessons to add to the existing curriculum. We continued to discuss the idea of having mentor families for new families and if you are interested in being a part of this meaningful initiative, please email me directly. Our next meeting will be a joint Glover/Tucker meeting. Stay tuned for a date and time!

Town-Wide Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Once again on Monday, January 21st, members of the Milton community will join to celebrate the life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights leader who fought daily to bring equality to all Americans. It is fitting that this annual event is sponsored by the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association (MICA) because Dr. King would have appreciated the effort to bring all members of the community together.

The celebration is held at the Concord Baptist Church at 180 Blue Hill Ave, and will run from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

There are several MLK Day Service Projects taking place in Milton on January 21st. It would be wonderful to see many MPS families at these volunteer events.

For the indoor service project, you are invited to donate, assemble, and distribute Blessing Bags to homeless individuals. [For time, location, and sign-up, Click Here.](#)

For the outdoor service project, you are invited to help clean up litter from the trails of the Boston Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. [For time, location, and sign-up, Click Here.](#)

Kindergarten Information Night: On January 24th, at 6:30 pm, we hope to see many kindergarten parents and guardians at Milton High School for Kindergarten Information Night. As we prepare to welcome our new kindergarteners next September, the first step for families is to pre-register your new student. Pre-registration is [live on our website](#). Please note that your child must be five years old on or before August 31, 2019 to start kindergarten in September 2019.

The information session will take place in the Charles Winchester Auditorium located at Milton High School, 25 Gile Rd. Please email Laurie Dunn with questions about kindergarten.

MFE News: For over 20 years the Milton Foundation for Education (MFE) has been funding initiatives that have positively altered the educational landscape of our community. As we look ahead to the next 20 years, we ask ourselves: Where will it take the children of Milton? With your continued help, the possibilities are endless.

Ask Kindergarteners what they want to be when they grow up, and the responses are adorably familiar. Ask students on the cusp of graduation that same question, and the answers get more complex. The career opportunities of the future are changing rapidly. What exciting possibilities await!

We owe it to them to keep pace: to offer opportunities which inspire curiosities and engage minds; to help our children prepare for whatever tomorrow brings; to support Milton's incredible teachers as they suggest meaningful, forward-thinking programs and initiatives. The MFE supports all 6 of our schools with teacher grants, major initiatives, support of science in all schools and more. I hope you will consider a gift to the MFE today. Thank you!

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The MFE has distributed over 3 million dollars to the Milton Public Schools, impacting 3,400 students every year. Please consider a tax-deductible gift. Every dollar changes lives!

Town-Wide Athletics and Activities Fair: On Thursday, February 28 from 5:45-7pm in the Tucker Gymnasium, there will be an Athletics and Activities fair. Come to learn more about ways that your children can get involved in various sports and activities around town! Representatives from various Milton sports teams, town organizations, and MHS will be on hand to answer questions and help families connect to opportunities around town.

Milton School Committee Space and Enrollment Presentation:

On Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm, there will be an **Open Forum on Space** during the School Committee meeting. All are invited to attend and participate. The January 23rd School Committee meeting will be held in the Cunningham School Library. Please note that unlike Citizens Speak, the Open Forum will allow the opportunity for an exchange between citizens and Milton School Committee members.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 21, 2019: No School: Martin Luther King Jr Day

Tuesday, January 22: "Drug Story Theater" and Dr. Joseph Shrand 6:30pm at MHS (Multi-community event)

Wednesday, January 23: Open Forum on MPS Space/Enrollment- 7pm at Cunningham

Friday, January 25: Fun Run Pep Rally (in school)

Tuesday, February 5: BOKS begins- 8:00am in Glover Gym

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Wednesday, February 6: Half-Day- professional development

Tuesday, February 12: "The Connected Family: Finding Balance " Catherine Stein-Adair 6:30pm at MHS

Wednesday, February 13: Glover PTO Meeting- 7pm in Glover Library (see above)

Tuesday, March 5: "Romaine Calm - Healthy Eating for Families" with Tara McCarthy and Jackie Morgan 6:30pm at MHS

Friday, March 22: Kindergarten and First Grade Music Showcase- 2:00pm in the Glover Gym

Tuesday, March 26: "The Gift of Failure" with Jessica Lahey 6:30pm at MHS

Friday, March 29: Grade Four Boston Symphony Orchestra Field Trip

Friday, May 17: Second and Third Grade Music Showcase- 2pm Glover Gym

In Partnership,

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