

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

It was a great first week back from break! We all loved getting back into the swing of things! Yesterday, we celebrated Digital Learning Day school-wide. This was part of a state-wide celebration of Digital Learning. In Grades 3-5, students learned about digital citizenship skills that helped them learn to use technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate through Common Sense Media's Digital Passport. Students in Grades K-2 used their iPads to engage and interact with the Reach for Reading program, Study Island, and Seesaw. This is just one way that we continue to meaningfully integrate technology into your child's instructional day. Instructional technology is important but equally important is instruction about safe and ethical use of technology, digital citizenship, and understanding the online world.

This week, I sent a communication to all fifth grade families about a disturbing new online trend called the "Momo Challenge". You may have heard about it on the news or through social media. It is incredibly scary for children and the fear of the unknown leads them to question and wonder. Some of our older students have shared with me that this "Momo" character is referenced in many different apps/social media tools that they frequently use, that it can be referenced in online gaming like Fortnite, and they are definitely buzzing. We are addressing this in school by continuing to instruct the students about how to safely and appropriately navigate the internet, how to discern a trusted site, be a digital citizen, and more.

To that end, technology usage during school is very closely monitored. If you are interested in learning more, our Technology Director AJ Melanson has put the following together to support our efforts here in school and the transfer to home: Do you wonder what your students are doing online, or who they are communicating with? The best and most effective way to monitor your student's online activity is to speak with them. However, there are several alternative ways you can monitor your student's online activity.

One of the easiest methods for checking where your student has been online is to check the browser history. In most browsers hold down the control key and press "H" to open the browser history. Here is a [link](#) that provides instruction on how to view the history of a browser in the most popular web browsers (desktop & mobile).

If you have a savvy student who knows how to clear the browser's history or uses incognito windows (cannot track the history), PC Mag ranked the best [Parental Control Software for 2019](#).

This coming week is a busy week! Here are two evening events that you might be interested in:

Monday Night- Grade One Information Night: For Kindergarten families, please make sure you mark your calendars for Monday, March 4: Grade One Information Night. During this important presentation, you'll hear about the two pathways you might choose for your first grader: English Innovation or French Immersion. This informative session will be held at Milton High School at 6:30pm and we look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Tuesday Night- "Romaine Calm: Tips for Feeding Your Family for Health" with Tara McCarthy, MS, RDN, LDN. 6:30pm at MHS auditorium. Come hear our own Glover parent, Tara McCarthy, provide tried and true strategies to feed your family. We all want what is best for our kids and give them the nutrition they need to grow and thrive! Whether your child is a toddler, or in high school and all the grades in between, Tara's tips will take the stress out of meal times! She'll also discuss the division of responsibility between the

child and the parent when it comes to eating and making healthy choices. There will be food tasting in the lobby after the event. This event is free and open to the public. Please see attached for additional information.

In addition, we have many exciting events for students planned for this coming week! On **Sunday**, please consider joining us from 1-2:20 at Milton Academy for our annual PTO sponsored skating party!

Next week, we'll be celebrating **World Languages Week** with some fun trivia and will be integrating **Read Across America Week and National School Breakfast Week** by hosting a **Surprise Celebrity Chef** each morning during breakfast!

Your children are welcome to join us any morning next week at 8:15 (drop-off only) to enjoy a delicious, healthy breakfast and meet a celebrity chef! No pre-registration required. If your child is already enrolled in our before-school program, they will get to meet our celebrity chefs each morning! Breakfast is just \$1.25 and can be debited right out of your child's existing food services account. It is sure to be a fun week at Glover!

Social Emotional Learning: After break, we'll begin to work through our Problem Solving Unit. We'll learn and practice the 4 STEPS of Problem Solving:

S- Say the Problem

T- Think of Solutions

E- Explore Consequences

P- Pick the Best Solution

Diversity Committee News: We enjoy a wonderful partnership with Tucker's Diversity Committee and they have invited us to join them on Thursday, March 7 at 7:45 at Tucker to begin discussions about our joint Community Supper Initiative as well as a Book Club Initiative that is coming! Please consider joining us and if you cannot, please email me if you are interested in learning more.

Science Fair: Mark Your Calendars! Our Annual Glover Science Fair will be on Wednesday, March 13 (Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade) and Thursday, March 14 (Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade). The information packet is attached here. **DEADLINE EXTENDED:** If you haven't handed in your application but are still interested, feel free to send it in early next week! <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ue42wpeR7Z0DLIV6OUjHkjDklMwlwcXj-CdJxUuWQQo/edit?usp=sharing>

STEM Information Night: For families of incoming first graders, STEM information night is an opportunity to learn a bit more about what the English Innovation Pathway with the STEM enrichment component has to offer. Come enjoy some fun, hands-on activities with your family from 6-7pm in the Collicot/Cunningham cafeteria on Monday, March 11.

Minority Educator Recruitment Fair: For the first time in history, the number of Latino, African-American, and Asian students in K-12 public school classrooms is expected to exceed the number of non-Hispanic, white students, but the racial and ethnic makeup of our country's teaching staff does not reflect this shift. There is a shortage of African American, Hispanic and Latino, Native American, and Asian educators, and the South Shore Minority Educator Recruitment Fair helps to encourage those individuals to pursue a career in education. During the event, hosted by MPS at The Copeland Field House at MHS on Saturday, March 9 from 8:00am-12:00pm, representatives from area public school districts will meet with potential employees in an

effort to find the most qualified minority candidates. Resumes will be accepted at the event, applications will be distributed, and interviews will be held.

Box Tops: Thank you, always, to Jennifer Queally for managing our Box Tops collections. Thank you to all who contributed! Our total for this collection was \$319.40. Combined with our previous collections for this school year, we have raised \$729.90! Wow! Thank you! Congratulations to Ms. Grant-Heal's class for collecting the most box tops during this last collection!

MFE News: MFE's annual Celebration For Education is coming! It is April 6 at Lombardos. The MFE is raffling off a Jeep! For \$100 a ticket (with only 500 tickets sold), you can be entered into a raffle to win a 2019 Jeep or \$25,000 cash. To learn more or to purchase raffle tickets, email Liddie Sutter at liddievs@gmail.com or stop into the Glover main office!

Attachments:

2019 South Shore Regional Minority Recruitment Fair

Tuesday March 5th "Romaine Calm: Tips for Feeding Your Family for Health" with Tara McCarthy, MS, RDN, LDN. 6:30pm at MHS auditorium.

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, March 3: Glover Skating Party, 1-2:20 at Milton Academy (see above)

March 4-8: World Languages Week Trivia Contest (see above)

March 4-8: School Breakfast Week

Monday, March 4: Grade One Information Night (see above)

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

Thursday, March 7: Glover/Tucker Diversity Committee Meeting- 7:45am at Tucker

Saturday, March 9: Minority Recruitment Fair- 8-12 at MHS

Monday, March 11: STEM Information Night- Incoming First Grade (see above)

Wednesday, March 13: K-2 Science Fair

Thursday, March 14: 3-5 Science Fair

Monday, March 18: Music in our Schools Month String Rehearsal (grade 5)

Monday, March 18: Report Cards go home

Tuesday, March 19: Judge Diana Maldonado visits Grade 5 (in school)

Tuesday, March 19: Music in our Schools Month String Concert- 7:00pm MHS

Wednesday, March 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences (after school and evening)

Thursday, March 21: Administration Rap Battle (students only event)- 2:30pm

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

March 25-April 7: Cradles to Crayons Clothing and Shoes Drive

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

Sunday, March 31: Young Musicians Festival, East Congregational Church

Saturday, April 6: MFE Celebration for Education at Lombardo's

Thursday, April 11: The Big Disconnect Parent Speaker Event- 6:30pm at MHS

Monday, April 15-Friday, April 19: April Vacation

Thursday, May 2: Glover/Tucker Diversity Committee Meeting: Book Club- 7pm Glover Library

Thursday, May 9: Glover School Author Visit (during school)

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

Friday, May 17: Fifth Grade Social (not a school-sanctioned event)

Wednesday, May 22: Lyme Disease Prevention Presentation- Grade Four (in school)

Monday, May 27: No School- Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28: Glover Art Show- 6:30pm at Glover

Friday, June 7: Junior Achievement in a Day (in school)

Friday, June 14: Tentative Last Day of School

MCAS Dates:

Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3: Grade 5 ELA MCAS

Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5: Grade 4 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10: Grade 3 ELA MCAS

Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24: Grade 5 Math MCAS

Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26: Grade 4 Math MCAS

Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1: Grade 3 Math MCAS

Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3: Grade 5 STE MCAS

In Partnership,

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File attachments:

[Romaine Calm.pdf](#)

[2019 South Shore Regional Minority Educator Recruitment Fair.docx](#)

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