

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had an amazing week! We welcomed the first day of spring with a successful walk/bike to school day. Our fifth grade band and strings students performed beautifully in their Music In Our Schools Concerts. Our Kindergarten and First Grade students knocked our socks off today with their musical showcase. Judge Maldonado enthralled our fifth graders with her presentation on the Judicial Branch of Government. Meena Tondravi and her certified therapy dog Marley enjoyed a special story hour with some of our amazing Glover Kid readers. We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day with amazing crazy socks and had so much fun! Mrs. Bodkin's lit up socks won the staff contest, although Madame Brown, Nurse LeBlanc, Mrs. Kates, and Ms. Praught came in a close second. Our amazing Glover Kids never disappoint. Their socks were spectacular.

We also had a very special Inclusion Challenge. Staff were invited to nominate students who consistently demonstrate empathy, compassion, kindness, and respect for individual differences. Each winner received a limited edition "Inclusion Man" t-shirt, designed by our own Bill Resnick and inspired by Josh Ricciardi's story of a superhero named "Inclusion Man" who swoops in when children are being mistreated and reminds us all how to demonstrate empathy and compassion. Congratulations to our Inclusion Champions: Zoe Rodriguez, Nicholas DeBarros, Patrick O'Leary, Molly Sutphin, Lexi Donovan, Elle Ryan, and Lucas Ilzarbe! For pictures of all of the fun, go to Twitter @GloverSchool. The videos and pictures are sure to make you smile!

**Social Emotional Learning:** We continue to work through our problem-solving unit, following these steps:

S- Say the Problem

T- Think of Solutions

E- Explore Consequences

P- Pick the Best Solution

**Community Dinner Project: *Building community through food and conversation***

Thank you to those who have already signed up to either open their homes or participate in a Community Dinner! This is an amazing opportunity and one that I encourage you to consider. The Community Dinner Project hopes to invite Tucker & Glover parents/guardians to have a conversation, share meaningful stories, good food, and a sense of community. The Community Dinner Project provides an opportunity to **meet others** from the Tucker and Glover school communities, **connect** to learn more about each other, and share ideas for how to **strengthen our community for our kids** to thrive. This project is sponsored by our joint Diversity Committees and is adapted from a nation-wide model, The People's Supper. We hope to use this opportunity to grow and build our community while celebrating our diversity.

As a kick-off event, we hope to have as many volunteers as possible to host a Community Dinner in their home. Dinners will be held on 4/25/19 and 4/27/19. Each dinner will have families from both schools. To sign up to be a host and/or to sign up to be a guest at one of the dinners, please log on to <https://goo.gl/forms/bGSrB0fLkwcuZZAJ3>. Please see attached invitation and FAQ.

**PTO News:** Our next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, April 4 at 7pm in the Glover Library. At this meeting, we will be discussing plans for the outdoor space and use of funds raised during the Glow Run. Please consider joining us!

**BOKS Sign Up:** Thank you to all who have helped make our first round of BOKS a success! We are thrilled to announce that we will be opening a second session which will run for 6 weeks from April 2-May 16. Registration will be offered first to those who signed up but did not get into the first session. After that, we will be opening registration for all families. To register, please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/WnEDCYLG PAN8Ua2j2>

**Diversity Committee News:** In addition to our Community Dinner Project (see above), we are also excited to bring author Veera Hiranandani to Glover and Tucker! Veera is author of the book, The Night Diary, a book about the 1947 partition of India. She will be presenting to all

fourth and fifth grade students. We are currently forming a “book club” to read and discuss her book. The book club will have the opportunity to interface with Veera privately after she presents to the whole grade. If you think your child might be interested, please email me! Veera will also be skyping with a large audience at Milton Public Library on May 23.

On May 2, Citizens for Diverse Milton will be joining with the Diversity Committees from all six schools for a special district-wide meeting from 4:30-6:30 at MHS. Following that meeting, members of Glover and Tucker’s Diversity Committees will be meeting at Glover at 7pm to plan for Veera’s visit and also review success stories from the Community Dinner Project. You are welcome, invited, and encouraged to join us!

**PARENT Speaker Series: Jessica Lahey presents “The Gift Of Failure”- Tuesday March 26 at 6:30pm at MHS.** Over her twenty years as a middle and high school teacher, Lahey began to suspect that the way we parent children has a direct impact on their motivation, learning, resilience, and the development of obsessive perfectionism and performance anxiety. A deep dive into the research bore this hypothesis out, and resulted in the New York Times bestselling book, *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* and over five years helping students, teachers, and parents understand that directive parenting and teaching undermines kids' motivation, makes them more likely to give up when tasks get difficult, and ultimately, renders them less able to learn and become more intelligent. Jessica offers practical advice for fostering deep, meaningful learning by offering kids more autonomy at home and in school, helping them feel more competent, and strengthening parent-child and teacher-student relationships.

**SEPAC News:** The Milton SEPAC invites you to join us, in partnership with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, for our annual Basic Rights Workshop on March 27 at 7pm in the library at Glover. This workshop will help you better participate in the team process, collaborate with the team, and advocate for your child. For more information, please see attached.

**Project 351 and Cradles to Crayons:** This spring, Glover will be joining Project 351 and Cradles to Crayons in a statewide effort to collect clothing for children living in extreme poverty. This clothing drive will take place from March 25th to April 5th. During this time, students are

encouraged to bring in gently used or new clothing to donate. These clothes may include (but are not limited to) pants, shirts, coats, socks, shoes, pajamas, and undergarments. Clothing sizes should be youth sizes 0-20, adult sizes small and medium (1-10) and infant sizes 0-13. We do ask that all pajamas, socks, and undergarments be brand new for sanitary reasons. These clothes are going straight to Cradles to Crayons to be distributed out to children living right here in Massachusetts. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1 in every 7 children in Massachusetts live in households with very low income. Any donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated. Acts of kindness like these donations really make the lives of these children much easier and less stressful. Thank you!

**Milton Boosters:** The Boosters and MHS student athletes are selling calendars through the end of March for daily prizes picked throughout the month of April. To learn more or purchase a calendar, go to [MiltonBoosters.com](http://MiltonBoosters.com). All proceeds benefit the Milton Boosters Scholarship Fund.

**Attachments:**

**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](mailto:liddievs@gmail.com) or stop into the Glover main office! Please see attached for additional information.

**Community Dinner Project** (see above)

**Special Education Basic Rights Workshop** (see above)

**Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday, March 26: "The Gift of Failure" Parent Speaker Series- 6:30pm at MHS

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

Wednesday, March 27: Special Education Basic Rights Workshop- 7pm at Glover

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

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

Thursday, April 4: PTO Meeting- 7:00 in Glover Library

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

Thursday, April 11: Fourth and Fifth Grade Music Showcase- 9:15am Glover Gym

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)

Monday, June 17: 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:**

[Tucker Glover Comm Dinners flyer.pptx](#)

[Basic Rights Flyer 327.pdf](#)

[MFE Jeep Raffle.pdf](#)

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