

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you to all who signed up for our amazing GLEA Clubs! We look forward to starting our adventures in coding, puzzling, STEM, and more next week! If you have any questions about a GLEA club, please email Mary Bodkin at [mbodkin@miltonps.org](mailto:mbodkin@miltonps.org). We will be offering an additional robotics club in a few weeks for students in grades 4 and 5. Stay tuned! Clubs begin next week!

If you missed my email yesterday, please consider joining us on Saturday, April 6 for the annual MFE Celebration for Education. This year's funds will go directly towards reinvigorating our school libraries and bringing them into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Think MakerSpaces and Innovation! If you are interested in joining us for this very fun and very important event, please go to <http://www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org>. Tickets are available online until April 2.

MPS Technology Director, AJ Melanson, says the following about this year's MFE Celebration Goal: "I could not be more excited about this year's event. All of the proceeds from the celebration will impact every student in Milton Public Schools. Our goal is to transform all of the libraries into dynamic learning environments, and the libraries support the learning and growth of every student and staff member in the district."

**MCAS season is upon us!** If you have a third, fourth, or fifth grader, please make sure you note the days your child is taking the MCAS. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a great pep talk are three keys to success that you can help us with! Your children are brilliant and their teachers have prepared them well. Our School Spirit Student Leadership Team and all classrooms have joined together to continue our "positive vibes" message around the school by creating posters that will cheer students on and encourage them to do their best. Looking forward to another successful MCAS administration! Please email me or Sara MacNeil [atsmacneil@miltonps.org](mailto:atsmacneil@miltonps.org) if you have any questions.

**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:** We have a few additional spots open for this spring session of BOKS! To register, please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/WnEDCYLGpAN8Ua2j2>

**Parent Speaker Series:** If you have not had the chance to read the article *Middle School Misfortunes Then and Now, One Teacher's Take* by Benjamin Conlon, I strongly recommend you do. It brilliantly captures the role smartphones play in the day to day lives of our students.

I am also excited to tell you that on **April 11th**, MPS will be hosting internationally recognized clinical psychologist, school consultant and award-winning author Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair at **6:30 PM** in the MHS auditorium. This session will resonate with adults with children of ALL AGES who want to learn more about how to navigate the **social and emotional impact technology has on families**. For more information regarding Dr. Steiner-Adair please click [here](#).

**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!

**Donate Life Information Night:** Tuesday, April 2nd: Understanding Organ Donation: The Impact on our Community and Beyond. April is National Donate Life Month and The Milton Public Schools is partnering with MPS parent and pediatric nurse practitioner/nursing director specializing in transplant, Laura O'Melia to help spread the word about organ donation. Laura is organizing a Donate Life Information Night for the entire Milton community at Pierce on April 2nd from 6:30-7:30pm. Will you join us for just 60 minutes to hear compelling stories from: a mom of a Collicot student who received a living donor kidney transplant, a man who lives in Milton who had a heart transplant, and a woman who donated her husband's organs. Please join us on April 2nd in the Pierce Auditorium to learn how you might be able to help save a life someday. All are invited to attend!

**MSAPC News:** Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition: Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30pm in the Keys Community Room at Milton Public Library. Come interact with a panel of Milton leaders from Milton Hospital, Milton Health Department, Milton Police Department, Milton Public Schools, and the Youth Task Force at the upcoming Coalition meeting. For additional information, contact Project Coordinator Margaret Carels at [mcarels@townofmilton.org](mailto:mcarels@townofmilton.org).

### **Upcoming Dates:**

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)

Tuesday, May 14: Grade Five Safety Patrol Field Trip to MPD (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](#)

[Community Dinner Project FAQ.docx](#)

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