

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

We had an amazing week this week! Our GLEA clubs kicked off and students could be found all over the school rapping and dropping beats, playing scrabble, putting together puzzles, and coding robots. It was incredible to see! Our next BOKS session began and students started their mornings with energy and enthusiasm. We “Lit Glover Up Blue” for World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday and came together as a community in a very special way.

We all cheered on our fourth and fifth graders as they did a remarkable job on the ELA MCAS this week! Next week, our third graders will ROCK the ELA MCAS on Tuesday and Wednesday! Remember, a good night’s sleep, a big healthy breakfast, and a pep talk pay dividends! I’m so proud of all of my Glover Kids who are working so hard! If your child missed a session, we will be scheduling make-up sessions next week. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara at smacneil@miltonps.org.

Congratulations to Thomas Basil, Tommy Hooper, and Mairin Sweeney who participated in the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority’s 38th annual poster contest and made it to the final judging session! We are proud of you!

Glover Leadership Opportunities:

This year, fifth graders Ryan Denny and Tucker Suppelsa are graduating Glover and therefore, unbelievable Glover Site Council representatives Beverly Ross-Denny and Jimmy Suppelsa will be moving on as well. Please join me in thanking these two exceptional individuals for their incredibly hard work and dedication to the Glover School. **If you are interested in being considered as one of four parent/guardian representatives (along with 3 staff representatives) on the Glover Site Council, please email me.** I will share information about potential new representatives and two will be elected for the coming year. The time commitment is one afternoon meeting a month as well as an evening presentation with School Committee.

In addition, fifth graders Lucy and Molly Feloney are graduating and with them, Sarah Kate Feloney, one of our fabulous PTO Co-Presidents, will be moving up to Pierce. Please join me in thanking Sarah Kate for her tireless efforts over the last three years to provide our students and staff with wonderful experiences, resources, and events. **If you are interested in joining the PTO Leadership Board, please email me.** The time commitment is one evening meeting a month as well as lots of on-going exciting event coordination.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Bev, Jimmy, and Sarah Kate from the bottom of my heart for all that they have done on behalf of all Glover Kids. When I arrived here at Glover School three years ago, Bev, Jimmy, and Sarah Kate were instrumental in helping me begin my

work and have been such strong advocates and supporters all along. Thank you, Bev, Jimmy, and Sarah Kate for all that you have done for all of us.

Social Emotional Learning: Our last unit of the year focuses on Friendship Skills. This week, we learned about the skill of “Inviting to Play”. We talked about the importance of noticing and having empathy if someone is left out. We learned that when we invite others to play, we get to know them and we show that we care. This week, we spent time focusing on our Buddy Benches, which we know is a space for students to go if they are looking for someone to play with at recess. Thank you for helping us in our efforts to continue to build our inclusive community!

Community Dinner Project: Thank you to those who have already signed up to either open their homes or participate in a Community Dinner! 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.

The great news is that we are all set for host families! We are now just looking for participants! If you would like to join one of our Community Dinners on either Thursday, April 25, Saturday, April 27, or Saturday, May 4 (*note added date*), please go to the link below. <https://goo.gl/forms/bGSrB0fLkwcuZZAJ3>. Please see attached invitation and FAQ.

Diversity Committee News: We are excited to bring author Veera Hiranandani to Glover and Tucker on May 9 to present to our fourth and fifth grade students! Veera is author of the book, *The Night Diary*, a book about the 1947 partition of India. You have the opportunity to purchase one of Veera’s books and have it signed and dedicated. Anyone in any grade is invited to order and get a book dedicated. Please see attached order form. Thank you to Sara Crowe and the Blue Bunny Bookstore for this amazing opportunity.

In addition to her visit to Glover on the 9th, we are also hosting Veera via Skype on May 23 at the Milton Public Library as part of our Night Diary Book Club. Students are encouraged to read the book and join us on May 23 for an exciting follow-up to Veera’s presentation. Students in any grade are welcome to participate and attend.

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!

PTO News: At our PTO meeting last night, we discussed the new installation on the back playground which is funded by half of the proceeds from our recent Glow Run. We are excited to announce that we will be installing a “wall ball” and 12 swings, including an accessible swing. When we asked the students, these were overwhelmingly the most popular votes. We are hopeful to have these installed before the end of the year so our fifth graders can enjoy them before graduating. Thank you to Erika Doherty for expertly planning this! The other half of the proceeds from this year’s Glow Run is going directly back into the classrooms. Teachers are applying for grants now and we are also installing sensory pathways in all four hallways at Glover. Exciting things are happening and we couldn’t do it without your support! Thank you!

Family Fun Night at Carousel Skating Center: Join us on Saturday, April 27 from 5-7 as Glover has rented out Carousel Family Fun Center in Whitman for a private skating party! This **free** family event is sponsored by the Glover PTO and 5th Grade Committee and will be super fun! Grab a few of your friends, bring your own roller skates or roller blades (or you can rent there), and join us for a good old-fashioned skating event! To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4AABAE23A3FD0-roller>. All are welcome to join (no drop off’s please) but space is limited to 150 people so be sure to sign up!

The Glover Ducks are running the New England Kids Triathlon! Please join team ‘Glover Ducks’ for the 2019 New England Kids Triathlon! This expertly run event will be held at the MIT campus July 14. Two Glover families will be coordinating and have prior race experience. It’s great fun! The kids will get a t-shirt and a keepsake medal at the event and even a free ice cream. Register at <https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/#new-england>. Please be sure to add “Glover Ducks” for the team name. This event will sell out so be sure to register in April to secure a spot! Contact Maggie maggieodonnell@gmail.com or Maryanne spillama@gmail.com for more information.

What are the actual race distances? For Juniors (ages 6-10): Swim is 100 yards; Bike is 3 miles; Run is 1/2 mile, For Seniors (ages 11-15): Swim is 200 yards; Bike is 6 miles; Run is 1 mile.

Challenger League Baseball: The Challenger Division of Little League enables boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 5-18 (or up to 22 if still enrolled in high school) to enjoy the game of baseball alongside millions of other children who participate in the sport worldwide. The deadline to register is April 12, 2019 and it is open to all Milton residents. To register, go to <https://leagueathletics.com/Registration>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Challenger Division Coordinators JP Plunkett (plunkettjp4@gmail.com) or Jerry Vitti (gvitti@hfihealthcare.com).

Parent Speaker Series: The Big Disconnect, Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8pm at MHS: Dr. Steiner-Adair will address topics such as developing a thoughtful approach to technology in school and life, insights and advice that help parents achieve greater understanding, authority, and confidence as they engage with the tech revolution unfolding in their homes, how to strengthen children’s social and emotional development to help them grow to be responsible,

resilient, confident, and capable young adults, and skills to deconstruct unhealthy messages from online culture and create space for nourishing deep attention, creativity, empathy, and healthy relationships.

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 atmcarels@townofmilton.org.

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

Stomach Virus: The number of cases of the stomach virus is increasing in all grades. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, headaches and/or fever. Please keep your child home from school if they are experiencing any of these symptoms. Children should be without symptoms for a full 24 hours before returning to school. Please reinforce proper hand hygiene especially after using the bathroom and before eating, preparing or handling food.

Grade 4 physicals: A copy of the most recent physical exam is required in grade 4. Please send or email a copy to the nurse if you haven't done so already. Grade 5 families will be receiving an email request from the nurse's office if we didn't receive an updated copy last year (mleblanc@miltonps.org).

Seasonal allergies: The season has arrived! If your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please consider starting their daily allergy medication. Also, please have them wash their hands and face after playing outside to decrease the severity of their symptoms.

Upcoming Dates:

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

Wednesday, April 24: Grade Three Owl Talks

Thursday, April 25: Community Dinner Project (see above)

Saturday, April 27: Family Fun Night at Carousel Skating (see above)

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

Saturday, May 4: Community Dinner Project (see above)

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 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:

[Veera Hiranandani book order form.pdf](#)

[Community Dinner Project FAQ.docx](#)

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

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