

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

Thank you to all who came out to Saturday's MFE gala! We appreciate your support! We hope you have a wonderful, safe, relaxing, and fun-filled April break! Thank you to Ms. Martin, Mr. Good, and Mrs. Miller for a fabulous fourth and fifth grade music performance on Thursday. If you missed it or want to enjoy it again, here is a video of the performance:

<https://animoto.com/play/w1ctS0xE0Gp310xGU0AmCw>

**Earth Day Challenge:** As part of the Student Leadership Green Team, we LOVE to take care of our Earth. There are many ways you can help take care of our Earth in school and at home. In honor of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are challenging all Glover kids and families to go green over April vacation. Color in as many of the squares as possible over break by taking part in one of these earth friendly activities. How many can you do?

Bring in your game board on Monday, April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. In addition, bring in a photograph, illustration, poem, or story about one of the earth friendly activities you took part in over break. We will display these on our bulletin board at school. It can be anything, big or small! Hopefully, it will inspire other Glover Kids to do their part to keep our Earth healthy all year long! Go GREEN!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/116pgwm1vaUoE6x\\_cyLt5eBeBjkkQiBVnjcXpQeBbTbQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/116pgwm1vaUoE6x_cyLt5eBeBjkkQiBVnjcXpQeBbTbQ/edit?usp=sharing). Return your original works or email them to [shammond@miltonps.org](mailto:shammond@miltonps.org) or [swhitten@miltonps.org](mailto:swhitten@miltonps.org).

**Glover Clean Up:** Join the Town of Milton's Town Wide Clean Up Day at Glover on Saturday, April 27 from 8:30-10:30! Bring your own rakes, gloves, and other favorite tools to help us spruce up the Glover grounds. We will supply bags and coffee/munchkins, so come on out to help beautify Glover! To sign up, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aacab23a02-glover1>.

**Teacher of the Year Nominations:** Please take a moment to consider nominating a Glover teacher for the MFE annual Teacher of the Year Celebration. This is an incredible opportunity to recognize our teachers who give so much to our children each and every day. Nominations don't have to be long and fancy. The MFE takes nominations in all forms! They also love quotes from students! Nominations are due by April 29 and the MFE Teacher of the Year Celebration is on May 22. Attached, please find the nomination form which includes the link to the form. It is also linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexEzvsCrFkJ4WXdMEJFUXFHOR9Y7KqtjiERyV8pxf39Mry5A/viewform>

**Glover Leadership Opportunities:** I am thrilled to announce that we already have 6 parents interested in our two Glover Site Council positions open. Thank you! **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 by Friday, April 19.** 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.

We also have leadership positions, including a Co-President position, open on the PTO. **If you are interested in joining the PTO Leadership Board, please email me by Friday, April 19.** The time commitment is one evening meeting a month as well as lots of on-going exciting event coordination.

**Social Emotional Learning:** Our last unit of the year focuses on Friendship Skills. This week, we learned about the skill of "Playing Fairly". We learned that being able to play fairly with others will help us make and keep friends. We learned about respectful ways to agree on rules during a game, and practiced sharing, trading, and taking turns as fun and fair ways to play together. After break, we'll learn about how to make amends.

**First Annual Diverse Reads Book Club:** As you have heard, we are excited to bring author Veera Hiranandani to Glover to speak about her book, The Night Diary. She will be with us on May 9. Glover's Diversity Committee is excited to bring you an opportunity to participate in our

first Diverse Reads Book Club. We encourage you to share the story, *The Night Diary*, with your family (best suited for ages 8 and up) and then join us on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm at the Milton Public Library to participate in small group conversations about the story and skype with Veera! Please RSVP on the Milton Public Library events page. Hope to see you there! All are invited! The Blue Bunny in Dedham is offering signed paperback copies if ordered by May 1 through their website: [www.thedotcentral.com/guest-author-veera/night-diary](http://www.thedotcentral.com/guest-author-veera/night-diary).

**CDM/Diversity Committee Meeting:** Richard Pinderhughes, Psy.D., a Milton parent and VISIONS, Inc. Director of Programs will present an interactive workshop on 'Implicit Bias: Barriers to being Culturally Responsive' in what we do in our school community on May 2nd from 4:30 - 6:30 with dinner in the MHS library.

In order for any school system or organization to be most effective in working with students, staff, families and community, we need to be able to work with each other around the very real phenomenon of implicit or unconscious bias. This aspect of working effectively involves being open to the biases that we all carry into what we do and a conscious effort to create alternative options for more equitable interactions, practices and outcomes, particularly across differences, including those that include the difference of instrumental power (as in supervision, teaching, coaching).

This brief learning will introduce to participants how to identify and understand implicit bias, which is a barrier to the kind of cultural responsiveness that includes genuinely embracing, working with and continually learning about cultural differences. In examining the challenges impacting us all, we will identify and discuss the behavioral traps and barriers that can impede working effectively across difference. This will only scratch the surface on exploring and understanding Implicit Bias - we hope interest in the topic may lead to more offerings. Please join us.

**LifeSkills® Training for Parents & Caregivers workshops:** The LifeSkills® Training Program is an interactive, skills-based program that teaches parents how to promote positive health and personal development in their children. In one session, the LifeSkills® curriculum covers collaborative techniques that parents can use to reinforce their children's competencies in

skills that have been found to reduce and prevent substance abuse and violence. Session is 90+ minutes. Sessions will be held on Monday, May 6 and Monday, June 3 at Pierce Middle School at 6:30pm.

**Bus Registration:** If you have a bus rider in your home or are thinking about registering for the bus, registration opens on May 15 and runs until June 14. Full registration details can be found in the Superintendent's Blog on May 4 and May 11.

**Car Line Etiquette:** At the risk of sounding like a broken record, please remember to be safe and respectful in the drop off/pick up line. If children are exiting the vehicle, please make sure that they *only* exit on the passenger side (the side closest to the sidewalk). If you absolutely need to pass a car on the left when exiting, please do so very slowly and with care as you never know who might be hopping out of a car. The best and safest thing to do is to wait for the car in front of you to finish unloading rather than passing on the left. Thank you for partnering with us to keep all children safe!

**National Walk/Bike to School Day:** Our next walk/bike to school day will be Wednesday, May 8. Be sure to mark your calendars!

**Fifth Grade Dates:** On Monday, June 3 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Glover Gym, we will be holding our annual Fifth Grade vs. Staff Pongo Hockey game. Spectators are welcome! Also, mark your calendars for Fifth Grade Day on Wednesday, June 5 (rain date- June 12). Fifth Grade Day will begin with our annual Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony at 9:15 in the cafeteria followed by a breakfast for families and a day of fun dedicated to our special graduating class. All fifth grade families are welcome and invited to join us.

**Staff Appreciation Week:** Stay tuned for ways to help make our incredible staff feel appreciated from the PTO! Staff Appreciation Week is the week of Monday, May 6. We feel appreciated all year long so thank you!

**Community Dinner Project:** Thank you to those who have already signed up to either open their homes or participate in a Community Dinner! You will receive an email soon with details! We look forward to this exciting opportunity to build community!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 offs 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. Contact Maggie [maggielodonnell@gmail.com](mailto:maggielodonnell@gmail.com) or MaryAnne [spillama@gmail.com](mailto:spillama@gmail.com) for more information. Register at <https://www.kidstriathloninc.org/#new-england>.

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.

**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:**

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

Monday/Tuesday, April 22, 23: Fifth Grade Gaelic Sports Presentations in school

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: Citizens for Diverse Milton Diversity Committee Meeting- 4:30-6:30 at MHS

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

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

Monday, May 6-Friday, May 10: Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 7: Grade One Field Trip to the Zoo

Wednesday, May 8: Walk/Bike to School Day

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)

Thursday, May 23: Diverse Reads Family Book Club- 6:30pm at MPL (see above)

Monday, May 27: No School- Memorial Day

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

Monday, June 3: Fifth Grade Pongo Hockey Game- 1:30-3:00pm in Glover gym

Wednesday, June 5: Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony (9:15) and Fifth Grade Day

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

Wednesday, June 12: Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony and Fifth Grade Day rain date

Monday, June 17: Last Day of School

**MCAS Dates:**

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,

Karen McDavitt

Principal, Glover Elementary School

**File attachments:**

[Night Diary Diverse Reads Book Club.pdf](#)

[Teacher of the Year Nomination Form 2019.pdf](#)

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

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