

A message from GLOVER ES

Dear Glover Families,

It is a busy time of year and I know you've received lots of communication from Glover recently! Just trying to keep everyone in the loop! Before we know it, June 17 will be here! Please read on to learn more about joining us for Junior Achievement, nominating a Teacher of the Year, the Glover Art Show, Diversity Committee news, and more! Please be sure to take a moment to vote for our next two Glover Site Council representatives on this form after reviewing my email sent yesterday: <https://forms.gle/djupVUig1d2Z7z6N6>. If you cannot access the google form but would like to vote, please email me directly. Thank you to MaryAnn, Jason, Kelly, Tricia, and Maggie for stepping up in such powerful ways on behalf of all Glover Kids!

Junior Achievement Comes to Glover: We are excited to bring Junior Achievement to Glover for the seventh year in a row! Junior Achievement is a non-profit with a mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in the global economy. The JA programs are high-value enrichment programs provided at no cost to schools that create a great opportunity for parent involvement. We would love your help! Please consider volunteering this year to help lead your child's class. We need 1-2 volunteers per classroom to run the program. Volunteers who did it last year had a great time and we hope to get as many returning parents as possible! This is also a great opportunity for working parents with limited volunteer time to help out!

Each volunteer will get a kit with step-by-step lesson plans, visual aids, and engaging activities. See attached for additional information! To volunteer, please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DXiITXyk4OaKuDQxlObk0ZfETolEni8GsSuTzBsk91M/edit>

For more information, see attached or click the following link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GED5fGdpsSib6uRQVy81mt1qZgVoKk5gl8z_Debgdjg/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs

The time commitment is about 4 hours (9AM to 12:30 / 1PM – depending on lunch timing for that class) in the classroom. We will provide lunch!

Community Dinner Project: This Thursday, we hosted our first Community Dinners with Tucker families. It was awesome! We have another series of dinners on Saturday and we are excited to offer you one more opportunity to participate this spring! **We have another dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 4 and are looking for a few additional Glover families to attend.** Hosts are already in place but if you'd like to participate, please email MaryAnn Dakkak at mdakkak@gmail.com.

Social Emotional Learning: Our last unit of the year focuses on Friendship Skills. This week, we learned about the skill of “Making Amends” and taking responsibility when mistakes happen. We learned about “apologies of action” and concepts of restorative justice.

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>

Bus Registration: Registration to ride the bus for the 2019-2020 school year will open on May 15th and close on June 14th. ALL registration will be done online. Every student who plans to ride the bus must register regardless of distance lived from your assigned school and no students will be rolled over for ridership from the current school year. Please mark your calendars with these important dates. More information and links for registration will be coming in May. Please refer any questions to Rachel Schewe, Transportation Director, at bus@miltonps.org. Thank you.

MECA Parenting With Style Workshop: On Thursday, May 16 from 7-9pm at Cunningham Hall, MECA is hosting Jeanine Fitzgerald who will be presenting for parents and caregivers of children birth to age 8 about love and discipline and the joy of parenting! Please see attached.

Glover Art Show: Our Art Show is coming up on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:00-7:30pm and it’s a bit different this year. As a district, the art department has partnered with a company that will be framing and displaying one piece of art for each child in the school. You are welcome and invited to attend and view all of the masterpieces! You are also invited to purchase your child’s framed original art or purchase a color reproduction of your child’s art. We hope to see you on Tuesday, May 28. Please see attached for more information!

Notes from Nurse LeBlanc:

Grade 4 physicals: A copy of the most recent physical exam is required in grade 4. Please send, scan or fax a copy to the nurse if you haven't done so already.

Grade 5 physicals: 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 have them wash their hands and face after playing outside to decrease the severity of their symptoms.

Injuries: If your child has suffered an injury that impacts their school day please notify the nurse and ask the Health Care Provider for a note documenting activity restrictions for PE, recess or other school activities. A note will also be needed when they are cleared to return to full activities.

Diversity Committee News- Implicit Bias Workshop: 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.

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.

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.

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:

- Monday, June 3 (1:30-3:00) Pongo Hockey
- Wednesday, June 5 (all day) Fifth Grade Graduation (9:15) and Fifth Grade Day (rain date Wednesday, June 12)
- Thursday, June 13: Fifth Grade Tour of Milton Field Trip (during school)

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!

Parent Speaker Series: If you missed our last Parent Speaker Series, Catherine Steiner-Adair, who presented the "Big Disconnect: Protecting Family Relationships in the Digital Age", you might find the attached information helpful.

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.

Upcoming Dates:

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

Saturday, April 27: Community Dinner Project

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

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

Thursday, June 13: Fifth Grade Tour of Milton Field Trip

Monday, June 17: Last Day of School

MCAS Dates:

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:

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

[Steiner-Adair flyer.pdf](#)

[Parenting with Style Flyer Spring 2019.pdf](#)

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