

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
Issue 1 - Sept. 14, 2018

We are ready to have a great year!



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Important Dates

Tues., Sept. 18	Mini-course registration opens at 7:00AM
Wed., Sept. 19	Yom Kippur -NO SCHOOL
Thur., Sept. 20	Grade 4 Band Rental & Petting Zoo / 5pm - 7pm / at DOWNEY School for all schools
Wed., Sept. 26	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
Thurs., Sept. 27	School Picture Day K-5 ----- Curriculum Night 6pm: Grades 3 - 5 7pm: General meeting 7:30pm: Grades K - 2
Tues. Oct. 2	PTO Meeting 7pm
Mon., Oct. 8	Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
Tues., Oct. 9	School Committee, WHS 7pm
Wed., Oct. 10	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
Wed., Oct. 24	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
Fri., Oct. 26	PTO Halloween Event (6:30 - 8:00) and Haunted Hallway (6:45 to 7:45)

A complete list of upcoming dates is available [online](#).

Martha Jones School Telephone Extensions:
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ext. 6261: Diane Santangelo
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Message from the Principal

The year is off to a terrific start. I've heard lots of great stories about summer fun and I'm always impressed with the variety of experiences our students have each summer. From traveling across the world to riding bikes around the neighborhood, summer is meant to enjoy time with family and friends and it is nice to hear that is what happened for so many of our students.

Please welcome new faces - This year we have 37 new kindergarten students at Martha Jones and 8 new families with students in grades 1 through 5. If you see a family you don't recognize, please be sure to reach out and say, "Hello" and "Welcome." It is very important to me and part of our school culture at Martha Jones School to have a warm, friendly, welcoming environment where everyone feels included. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support you in this area.

Aspen Portal - If you haven't already done so, please be certain to go into the Aspen portal to review and update all information. This includes renewing permissions each year. I encourage all of you to select "yes" for media permissions. This allows your child to be in school photographs on our website and participate in photos during special events. In addition to media permission, permission to release directory info to the PTO/PTA is included in the contact verification and permissions. The Martha Jones student directory is available to all members of the PTO. I encourage you to allow your information to be put into the student directory. It is a great resource for arranging playdates, birthday parties, and classroom get togethers. If you have any questions about the media or directory permissions, please see me. Changes may be made by [updating your Aspen account online](#).

MJ News



All parents are welcome to meet the District Administrative Team members Emily Parks, Superintendent; Allison Borchers, Asst. Superintendent; Steve Ouellette, Director of Technology, Learning & Innovation; Abby Hanscom, Director of Student Services, and Heath Petracca, Director of Business and Finance for a **coffee on Mon., Sept. 24 at 9am at the Downey School**. The coffee is open to all Westwood Schools' families to discuss perspectives, hopes, and expectations for children's experiences in school.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING - SEPTEMBER 27TH - Lifetouch pictures has been our school picture vendor for the past few years. They take time with each student and offer a variety of different packages and on-line registration and purchases. More information will be coming soon. Lifetouch gives a generous donation back to the school for every photo purchased.

Curriculum Night

Please save the evening of **Thurs., Sept. 27th** for **Curriculum Night**. Teachers will provide an overview of the content at their grade-level and their plans for the year ahead. Classroom presentations for parents of students in grades 3 through 5 begin at 6pm; the principal welcome and PTO meeting for all parents is at 7pm; followed by classroom presentations for parents of students in kindergarten through grade 2 at 7:30pm. Please remember that this is an evening for parents only. **If childcare is prohibiting you from attending, please contact Mrs. Tobin at dtobin@westwood.k12.ma.us for assistance.**



Reporting an Absence: If your child will be absent or tardy, please call the school office at 781-326-7500, ext. 6321 or send an email to: dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Same and Different Like Me Program - Over the next few months we will be implementing our Same and Different Like Me, Understanding Our Differences program. This program introduces our students to a range of disabilities. The program incorporates lessons at each grade level as part of our Open Circle time and are team-taught by special education and classroom teachers. The program is made up of six units, one taught each year K-5. Students will learn about: Including One Another (K), Physical Disabilities (grade 1), Sensory Disabilities (grade 2), Learning Disabilities (grades 3 and 4), Autism Spectrum Disorders, and topics in Mental Health specific to Depression and Anxiety (grade 5). The program aims to give children an accurate, current perspective on disability-related issues which are appropriate to their development level. The goal is to begin and maintain a conversation in classrooms about how we are all the "same and different." If you have questions about the program, please feel free to contact me.

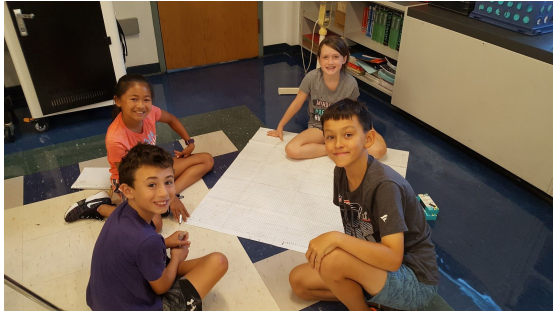
Arrival and Dismissal - Children should be in school by 8:45 and Dismissal is at 3:10 -

Carpool - If you are picking up in carpool, PLEASE **have a sign in the front passenger window with your child's last name on it**. While we know many of you, it is difficult to see through most of the tinted windows when we are going down the line quickly and having your child's name clearly displayed in the window is very helpful!!! This helps to keep the carpool lane moving. Thank you!

Classroom Happenings

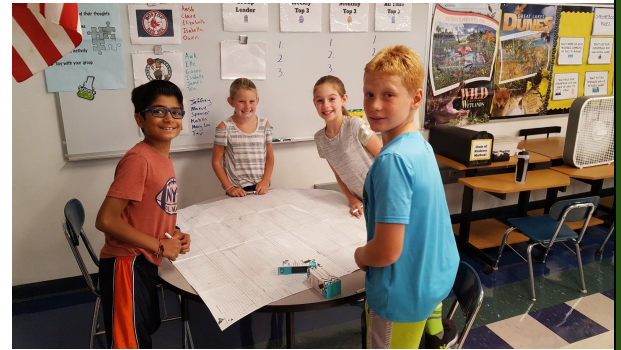
Classroom Happenings - For those of you who are new to Martha Jones School, each *Leaps and Bounds* features a few "Classroom Happenings." I hope you enjoy this quick peek into some of the wonderful things that are going on in classrooms each day.

News from 5P (Mr. Parkhurst) Students in Mr. Parkhurst's class have had a fantastic transition to the 5th grade. They came into the class filled with enthusiasm and curiosity. On



the second day of school, we began diving into our Investigations math curriculum. The first unit taught is titled, "Thousands of Miles, Thousands of Seats". In this math unit, students

will be extending their knowledge of the number system to 100,000 and beyond. They will be using a variety of strategies to add and

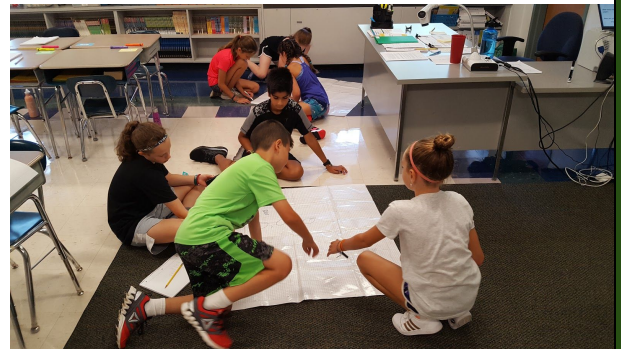


subtract larger

numbers and will be building up their computational fluency. In one of the first lessons within this unit, students worked with a 10,000 chart. The purpose of this chart is to help



students understand the place-value relationships between 10, 100, 1,000, and 10,000. The chart is also helpful with adding and subtracting multiples. The students did an amazing job working collaboratively in their math groups to complete all of their given tasks.



News from the Library (Mrs. Swinning)

We had a great first week in the Martha Jones Library! We read books, sang songs, made bookmarks and checked out books to take home! It's going to be a great year full of amazing books, exciting explorations, good friends and lots of fun!

If you would like to keep up on library happenings, be sure to follow us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/marthajoneslibrary/>

I love having family volunteers for library classes! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, as long as you have an up to date CORI, I would be thrilled to have you join us in the library. Sign up coming soon!

For more information about the curriculum, class schedules or other Library related business, visit our website.

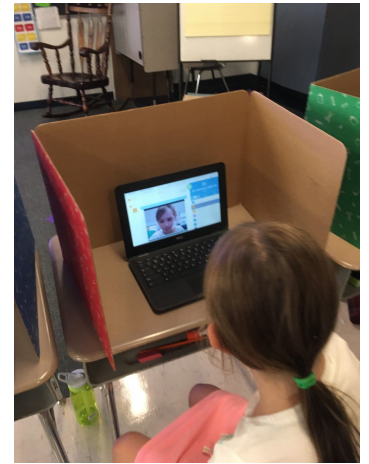
<https://sites.google.com/a/westwood.k12.ma.us/marthajoneslibrary/>



News from 3L (Mrs. Luskin)

Now that third graders are upper classroom at the MJ, they get to add chromebooks and Google Drive accounts to their technology toolbox! Students in Mrs. Luskin's class received their account usernames and passwords and began learning how to use their Google Drive accounts.

First, the students reviewed the expectations with our technology coach, Mark Goguen. It is based on the acronym C.L.E.A.R. (Considerate, Legal, Ethical, Appropriate and Responsible). Next, students practiced signing into their accounts and also practiced navigating Google Classroom. Finally, each student made a short video about three unique things about his/herself using a link to SeeSaw. Not only did students learn about technology and each other, but they also felt empowered.



News from 1K (Mrs. Kyvelos)

First Graders in 1K have been learning all about their new classmates, routines, and learning tools! They have shared summer stories, played name games, and read books about friendship, school rules, and individuality. 1K has also been working hard to learn all about math stations, which is a time for students to review previously learned math skills, engage in games that allow for reciprocal learning, and to work in small teacher-led groups to acquire new strategies for adding and subtracting. During reader's and writer's workshops, the students are learning how to choose good fit books, engage in

increasingly sustained quiet reading, generate stories for writing, stretch ideas across pages, sketch and write, and share with peers. Their

five classroom rules have guided the expectation to enjoy learning in an environment that is joyful, rigorous, and welcoming. Wow, have they been busy!



PTO News

PTO MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019 - Registration is open for the 2018-2019 Martha Jones PTO. Dues are \$45 for a family with one child and \$55 for a family with more than one child. The school directory and a Martha Jones car magnet are given to all the families who have joined the PTO. They are sent home with your child.

Please join by September 21 to ensure receipt of the Directory. [Click here to join the PTO.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Room Parents - Room parents assist with in-class activities and/or special celebrations and organize holiday and year end gifts for the teacher. Depending upon the needs of the teacher, room parents may coordinate special volunteer efforts and provide an important link for communication with other parents. **One room parent from each class will be required to attend the 4 PTO General meetings over the course of the year to help the class stay informed.**

If you are interested, please [click here](#) and scroll to your child(ren)'s teacher. Please note only 2 parents will be chosen per class.

Library Volunteers - Duties consist of helping children find books, check out, reshelv and organize books. The library volunteer coordinator will be in touch with the class schedules for the library. [Click here](#) if you can help in the library.

PTO Committees - We are in need of volunteers on several PTO committees, including the committee that plans the VERY popular Martha Jones Halloween Party. [Click here if you'd like to join one of our MANY committees!](#) We need your help to ensure a successful school year!

CURRICULUM NIGHT: THURSDAY SEPT. 27

Martha Jones Apparel: Items such sweatshirts, pajama bottoms, shirts and umbrellas will be on display and order forms will be available. **Checks will be accepted for payment.**

MARTHA JONES FALL FUNDRAISER - The PTO is changing our Fall Fundraiser this year. We are partnering with Savers to collect gently-used clothing and soft goods to raise money for our school. You get to clean out your closets and MJ gets money for enrichment programs and field trips.

To reach our fundraising goal, we are asking each family to fill 3 bags that will be provided by the PTO. [Click here for more information.](#) We are also in need of volunteers to man the collection location at the school. [Click here to volunteer for a 1-hour shift.](#)

Fall Mini-Course Sign ups – STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th at 7:00 AM

The Martha Jones PTO is pleased to announce that registration will open Tuesday, September 18th for the Fall session of the after school Mini-Course Program! Mrs. Tobin will send out an email with a link to the registration site at 7:00am and a link will also be posted on the PTO Facebook page.

Mini-Courses will begin October 1st and run through December 7th, with the week of December 10th reserved for make-ups.

See the following link to find out more about the mini courses on offer this session [Fall 2018 Mini Course Descriptions](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5:00 PM – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 2018. We apologize in advance, but late registrations are not accepted. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Picture Day for all Martha Jones students is Thursday, September 27. We are looking for 4 volunteers to help –2 for the morning, and 2 for the afternoon. [Click here to volunteer!](#)

MARTHA JONES PTO FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know Martha Jones PTO has its own Facebook group page? Join the Facebook group to get the latest PTO news and updates delivered right to your news feed! [Click here to join!](#)

PTO CONTACT FOR EVENTS, NOTICES:

If you have an event or notice for our PTO update, please email it to PTO Co-Secretary Erika Howe at erica.gregg.howe@gmail.com.

Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Meet your special education administrators! Enjoy an overview of special education programming and services in the district and a chance to hear directly from the people that work at each school/level.

Date: September 24th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Westwood High School, 220 Nahatan Street

Park in the front horseshoe parking lot off Nahatan Street. Go through the doors marked "District Administration". Once inside follow signage to Professional Development Room.

Presenters:

- Aprile Albertelli, Preschool Director
- Glen Atkinson, Hanlon, MJ and Deerfield Special Ed administrator
- Lisa Freedman, Sheehan and Downey Special Ed administrator
- Edith "Dee" Graichen - TMS Dept. Head for Student Services
- Robin Fabiano - WHS Dept. Head of Special Education
- Abigail Hanscom-District Director of Student Services

Hear about programs across the district and have an opportunity to ask questions about services available to your children

This meeting is also an opportunity to meet/network with other parents and help plan SEPAC programming for the year.

Join our closed Facebook Group: [Westwood SEPAC-Special Education Parent Advisory Council](#)

To volunteer, questions, or submit ideas on forum topics email: westwoodsepac@gmail.com

SEPAC Board: Megan Brenk & Meggan Flaherty, Co-chairs • Angela Pomarole & Aravind Mowla, Co-Secretaries • Kelly Anderson & Jennifer Ellis, Co-Treasurers

Community News You Can Use



WESTWOOD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES – UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FRIENDS NETWORK

Who: Westwood residents in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades

When: November 2018 – April 2019, Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 PM or 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Where: Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

What: The Friends Network program matches young Westwood residents with high school aged residents in 1:1 pairs that meet weekly to engage in games and activities in a relaxed setting. This is a great way for children to engage with a positive role model while forming a special friendship and having fun!

Contact: Mary Ellen LaRose at (781) 320-1006 or mlarose@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register

at:

http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs/programs_for_youth/programs_for_elementary_aged_residents/friends_network.htm

GIRLS GROUP

Who: Westwood girls in 4th – 6th grade

When: Fall 2018, Wednesdays from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center

What: These 12-week groups will focus on navigating friendships and cliques, avoiding peer pressure, managing bullying situations, and exploring topics such as body image, confidence and self-esteem. We utilize art projects, videos and games to help reinforce these important topics in fun and creative ways!

Contact: Nina Banozic, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or nbanozic@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register

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STRUCTURED PLAY GROUPS

Who: Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5th grade

When: Fall 2018 – Spring 2019, one afternoon per week from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center; Hanlon, Martha Jones, and Sheehan Extended Day programs

What: These 8-week groups are designed to emphasize the continued development of adaptive social and conflict-resolution skills as well as self-esteem and social confidence. Organized play and drawing activities are used to reinforce weekly topics such as initiating & developing friendships, working cooperatively as a team, appropriate communication, decision-making, as well as appreciating one's own strengths and the differences of others, etc.

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