

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

Mon., Jan. 28	Gr 2 Enrichment: Plimoth Plantation Classroom Visit PTO Mini-courses begin
Fri., Feb. 1	Math League, 7:45AM "Souper Bowl" Wear Patriots (or other football wear) and bring in an item for food pantry.
Wed., Feb. 6	Student Council 8:00AM Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am.
Thu., Feb. 7	Gr 2 & 5 Enrichment: <u>Discovery Museum - Matter</u> School Committee meeting, 7PM WHS, Small auditorium
Thu., Feb. 14	Gr K Enrichment: Fire Safety Gr 4 Enrichment: MOS Classroom Visit - Geology Jazz Band lunch jam - 2nd & 3rd lunches
Fri., Feb. 15	Math League, 7:45AM SPIRIT DAY - Sports Day
Mon. - Fri., Feb 18 -22	February School Vacation NO SCHOOL
Tue., Feb. 26	All School Share Enrichment: Crabgrass Puppets
Wed., Feb. 27	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am.
Fri., Mar. 1	Math League, 7:45AM

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

Message from the Principal

"Souper" Bowl -

In recognition of the Patriots going to the Super Bowl - Martha Jones School will have its own "Souper Bowl" on Friday, Feb. 1st to benefit the Westwood Food Pantry. All students are invited to wear their favorite football gear and bring in a can of soup or other non-perishable food item for the food pantry (we're hoping to see a lot of Patriots fans, but we are welcoming and inclusive of all!)



Chinese New Year - To all of our families celebrating the upcoming Chinese New Year, may the year of the Pig bring much wealth and happiness. According to the Chinese Zodiac, Pigs have a beautiful personality and are blessed with good fortune in life.



Foundation for Westwood Education - The Foundation for Westwood Education's annual appeal is currently going on. I encourage you to consider supporting the Foundation for Education. The Foundation provides thousands of dollars in grants each year that support the entire Westwood community. Each year, Martha Jones School receives grants for whole school enrichment programs that benefit all of our students. Here are just a few of the things that The Martha Jones School has received grants for:

- Help Me Get Ready To Read
- Robotics and Coding Kits
- Veronica Robes and Mariachi Band (this year)
- Sterns Blocks (a math tool for every classroom)
- Crocodile River Music Program
- Parent Speaker Series - Topics covering Digital Citizenship, Inquiry-based Science, Prevention of Bias-based bullying, Anxious Kids/Anxious Parents, and many more.

MJ & District News



Box tops are back - We are excited to announce our second classroom Box Top competition of the 2018-2019 school year! Please send in your kids' unexpired Box Tops. We will be collecting box tops through February 13th. We earned over \$500 from our fall drive so let's continue driving the box top bus to success!



Birthday Books - Does your child have a spring or summer birthday?

It's not too late to participate in the [Martha Jones Library Birthday Books program](#). The cost to participate is \$15 per student. Your child may choose a brand new book for the library during his or her birthday month. A commemorative bookplate will be placed inside the front cover of the book with your child's name, age and birthday month (specific birthday is not included for privacy purposes). He/she will enjoy being the first to borrow the Birthday Book and students for years to come will enjoy seeing their friend's name inside the book. Mrs. Swinning keeps a list of books children ask for to ensure that the Birthday Book shelves are always full of books students have been requesting. We appreciate your interest and support in the [Birthday Book Program!](#) It is a great way to ensure our library has a wonderful and varied collection. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Amatangelo at amyamatangelo@yahoo.com or Maureen Grealish at momolloy@aol.com.

Mini Courses - Mini Course's will start this coming Monday, January 28th and run through to April 5th (reserving the week of April 9 as a Make Up Week). Thank you for supporting these fun and engaging courses for students. Please be sure to send your child's teacher a note letting him/her know which days your child will be attending a mini course. Mini-course teachers will escort students to the area outside of the front of the school at the end of mini-courses. We ask that parents wait outside for their children. Thank you.

Students got "FANCY" at Martha Jones today. Today was one of the Student Council Spirit Days and students and teachers dressed in their fancy clothes.



Classroom Happenings

M.J. rocked the poster contest again!

Each February, for Youth Art Month, the Massachusetts Art Education Association sponsors a statewide art exhibit and poster contest. This year, we have one student from each grade level with work in the exhibit at the State Transportation Building in Boston, and four poster contest winners! The exhibit is open to the public February 11 – March 27, 2019, weekdays 9:00 – 5:00 except Presidents' Day. A family celebration will be held Sunday, March 3, 2019, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., with an awards ceremony at 12:30 for the poster contest winners.

For more information please visit

<https://massarted.com/youth-art-month/>

Congratulations to the following students!

Artwork accepted into the exhibit:

KM- Nick G.

1F- Charley S.

2M - Juila B.

3L - Graham B.

4O - Yasmin M.

5R - Brady L.

YOUTH ART MONTH 2019



Nick G



Charley S.



Graham B.



Julia B.



Yasmin M.



Brady L.

Poster contest winners:

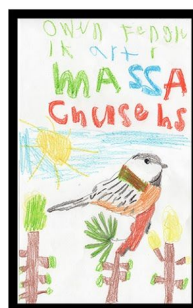
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2H - Colin H.

3M - Alexa E.

5B - Maggie M.

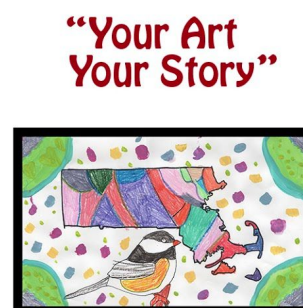
Y.A.M. Poster Contest Winners - 2019



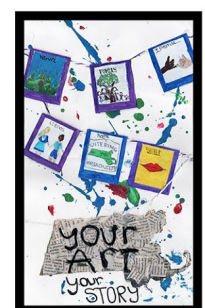
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2nd Grade
Colin H.



3rd Grade
Alexa E.



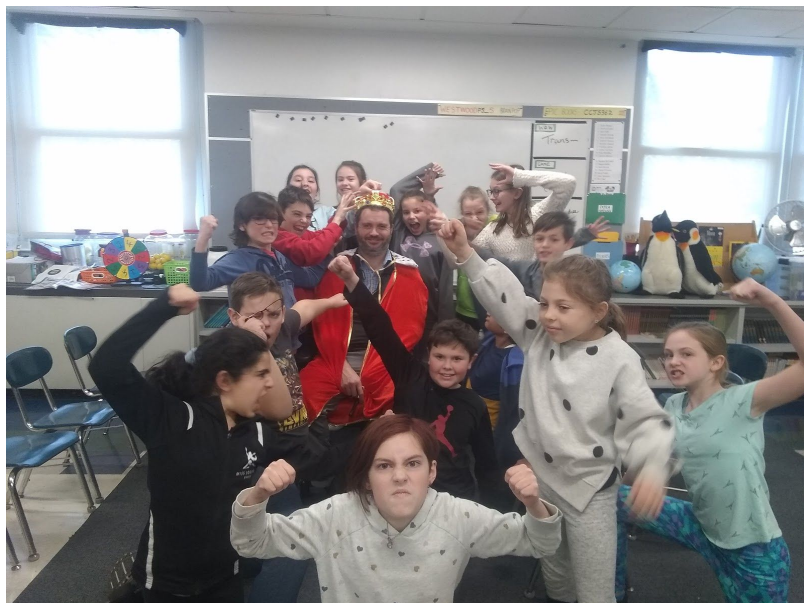
4th Grade
Maggie M.

News from 5B (Mr. Bartlett)

King Robert of England visited 5B last week and reigned down tyranny on his loyal (or not so loyal) colonists from Boston. In order to help pay for the French and Indian Wars, and to keep the peace with the natives, King Robert decided to raise taxes and enact a series of Proclamations and Acts in the classroom.

Some of these included:

- **Proclamation of 1763** - All 5th grade royal subjects must stay off the field at recess and sit at the front of the bus on the way home.
- **Sugar Act of 1764** - Any item being consumed by royal subjects in the classroom that contains added sugar is subject to a five cent tax per item.
- **Stamp Act of 1765** - All paper goods used in class will be taxed at two cents a sheet. All paper including homework, scrap paper and journal sheets will be subject to a five cent tax.
- **Quartering Act of 1765** - Subjects of the king must provide housing, shelter, seating, and food to any teacher that enters the classroom. Your space is now their space! Your food is their food!
- **The Tea Act of 1773** - All drinks consumed in class are only to be purchased from the King. No tea, water, juice may be consumed that is not sold by the king.



This simulation lasted less than one hour before the students were ready to revolt! Notes were secretly passed around with plans to overthrow of the king, and smuggling of goods was rampant!

Overall, this simulation was a lot of fun but it also helped students better understand the feelings of many colonists in the lead up to the Revolutionary War.

News from Drama (Mrs. Goldman)

We have begun our Drama curriculum in the 5th grade. Grade 5 Drama is designed to educate students about theatre. Students will learn basic acting techniques and theatre terminology. Drama will teach students how to work together as a group, think critically, use their imagination, discover new ideas, and problem solve. Students will learn how to improve their focus, self-confidence, and social skills. Everyone is expected to work to the best of their ability to achieve great success.



Our first Drama unit focused on team building and improvisation. We discussed the importance of being a great team member on and off stage and participated in several trust building activities. We learned that by building trust, we were able to take healthy risks when improvising.



News from 1D (Mrs. Dunn)

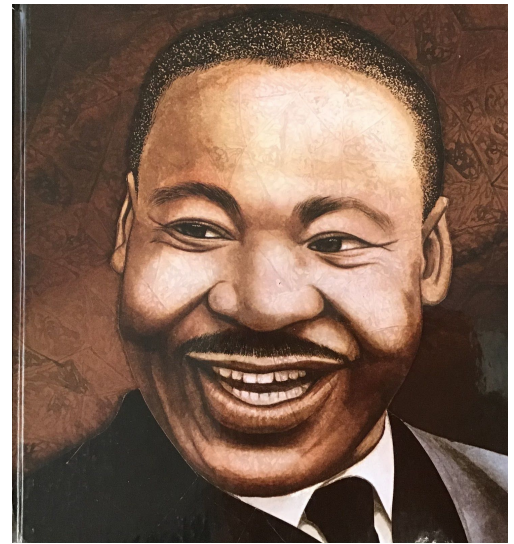
Students in 1D are learning about important Americans in history and discussing how their accomplishments in the past impact our lives and our country today. We have read several books about Martin Luther King, Jr. during read alouds and guided reading groups. After reading the book Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport, student wrote about what the following quotations from Dr. King made them think or feel.

"Everyone can be great."

"Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

"Love is the key to the problems of the world."

"You are as good as anyone."



Students' responses showed that they were thinking carefully about the importance of Dr. King's words, trying to understand what our country was like at that time, and thinking about ways to apply Dr. King's words to their own lives. Here are a few of their responses:

When I heard these words, it made me feel included and happy and grateful for Dr. King. I can change the world and I am going to be kind and grateful for people.

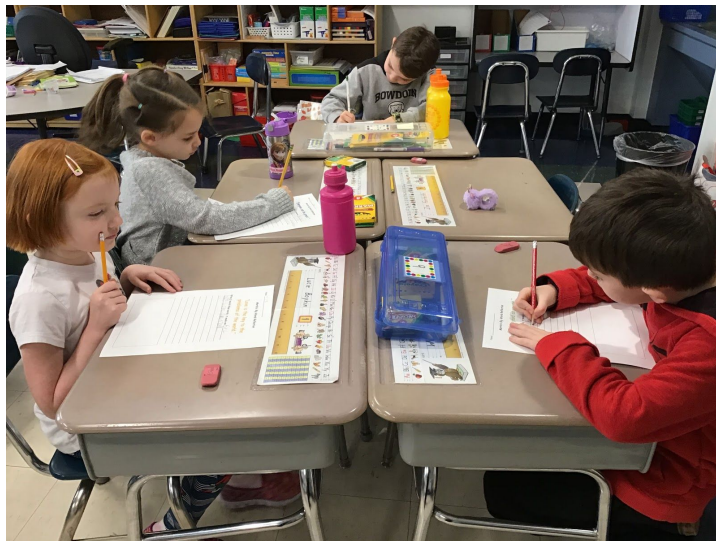
-Becca

When I heard these words, it made me think that it does not matter what you look like. It matters what you feel like. You should treat people the way you want to be treated.

-Will

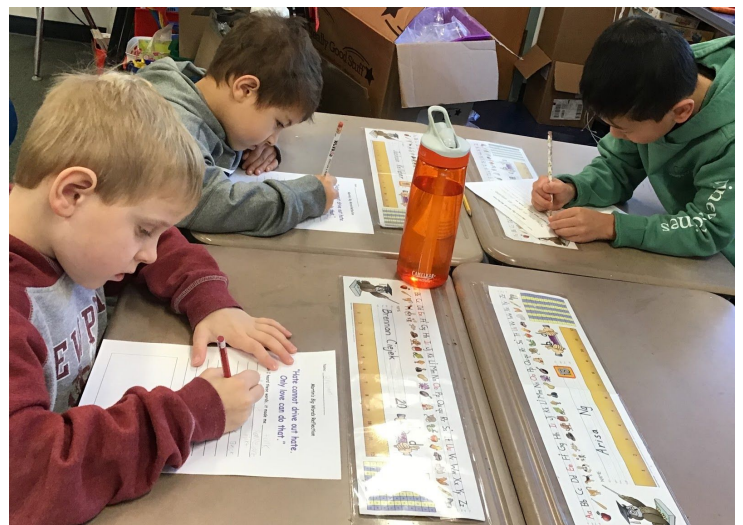
When I heard these words, it made me proud. MLK, Jr. made a big difference. Instead of using hate, he used love. By using love, he changed the laws.

-Charlotte S.



When I heard these words, it made me feel inspired. Be kind. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a hero. He was making the world a better place.

-Anthony



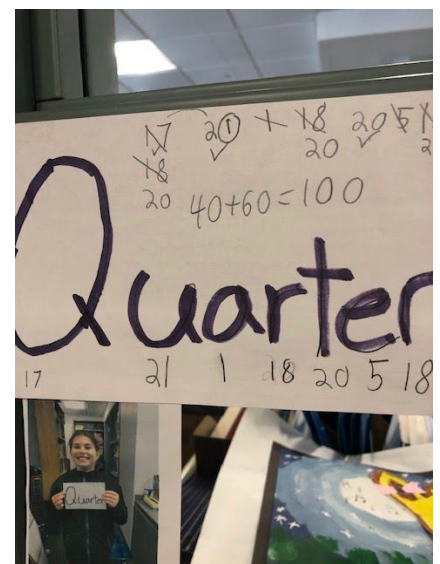
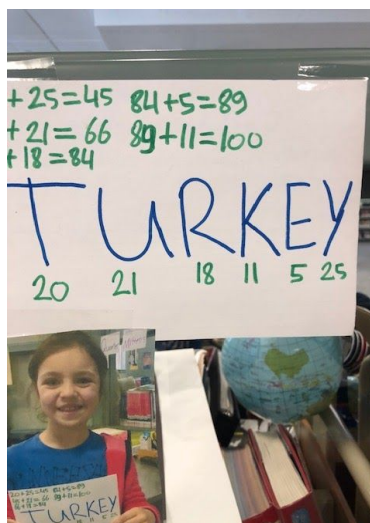
News from Mathematics Specialist (Mrs. Aaron)

Third graders in math group have been working on the challenge of finding \$100 words!

Hundred Dollar Words				
A \$1	G \$7	M \$13	S \$19	Y \$25
B \$2	H \$8	N \$14	T \$20	Z \$26
C \$3	I \$9	O \$15	U \$21	
D \$4	J \$10	P \$16	V \$22	
E \$5	K \$11	Q \$17	W \$23	
F \$6	L \$12	R \$18	X \$24	

Can you make a word worth a hundred dollars?

Here are some of their successful words!



You can try this challenge at home, or just find the value of your name, or your pet's name, or your science vocabulary or any words at all!

PTO News

5th GRADE PARENTS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Yearbook committee is collecting photos and needs your help:

- If you haven't already submitted your child's baby picture, please email your child's high resolution baby photo to 2019mjyearbook@gmail.com by **March 1**. Please have just your child in the picture. Please include your child's name and teacher in the subject line. If you are unable to email it, please send an original photo in your child's backpack with their name and teacher written on the back to be turned into the teacher. Originals will be returned to you.
- We are also collecting your highest quality pictures of your child and his/her classmates from grades K-5. *Only photos taken at MJS or photos taken at a school function will be accepted.* Group photos are encouraged!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me Kathy Hannon at kchop67@gmail.com or Lucy Maroun at marounFamily42@gmail.com

2019 MARTHA JONES PARENT SOCIAL: *Tickets on sale now*

Have cabin fever?? The Martha Jones Apres Ski Party is the remedy!! The party will be held Saturday, March 2 from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. at The German Club on Route 109. There will be a DJ, cash-bar, silent auction and teacher experience auction. This is a kid-free event, so book your sitters now!

Please make sure to have your donated basket items to your room parents no later than Feb. 1.

Here is the [link to buy tickets](#)

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:

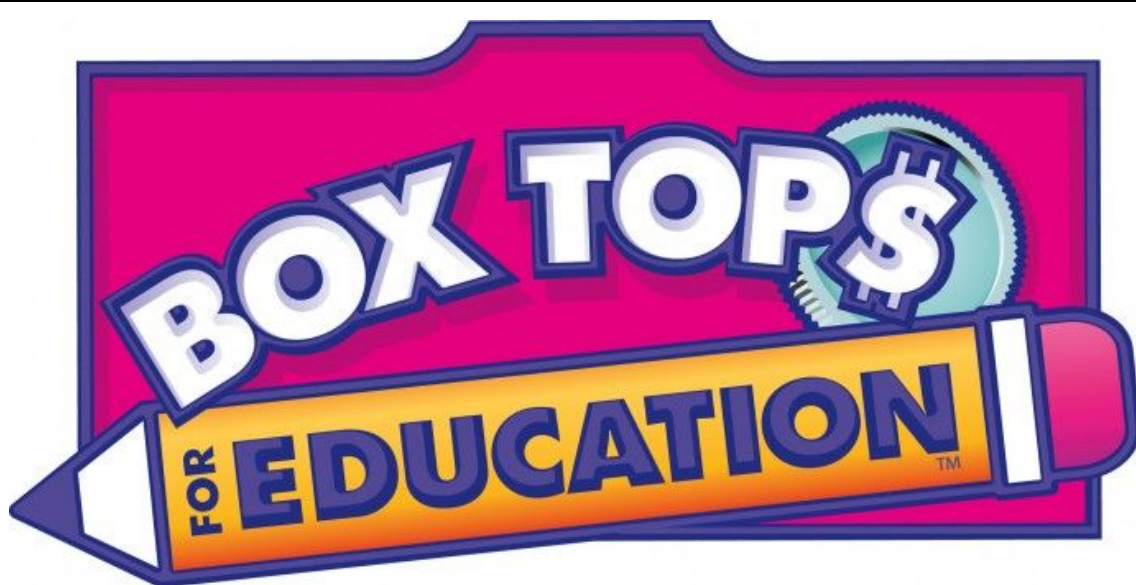
If you have an event or notice for our PTO update, please email it to PTO Co-Secretary Erica Howe at erica.gregg.howe@gmail.com.

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Winter Box Tops Competition:
Send in Your Box Tops!

We are excited to announce our second classroom Box Top competition of the 2018-2019 school year! Please send in your kids' unexpired Box Tops; you can click on [the attached collection sheet](#) if you'd like but sticking them in a baggie with your child's **class name and number** is great too! Box Tops will be collected in homeroom classes.

The homeroom with the most Box Tops collected through **February 13** will win a popsicle or hot chocolate party (depending on the weather)

Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school; Martha Jones can use this money to help pay for school supplies, fund field trip expenses and other fun events! (We earned over \$500. for our fall drive so let's continue driving the box top bus to success!