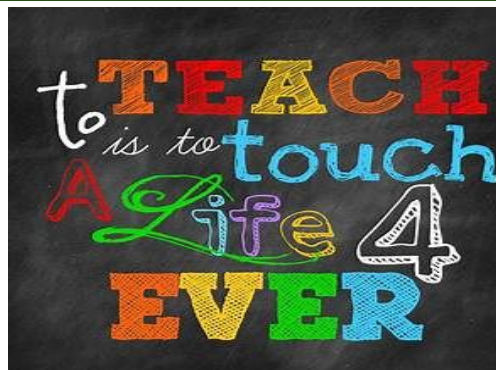


# Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.

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## Important Dates

<b>Mon. &amp; Tue, May 13 &amp; 14</b>	Gr. 4 Math MCAS
<b>Tue., May 14</b>	PTO Meeting, 7PM, MJ Library
<b>Wed., May 15</b>	Gr. 1 - NE Aquarium Visit
<b>Wed. &amp; Thu., May 15 &amp; 16</b>	Gr. 3 Math MCAS
<b>Thu., May 16</b>	K Enrichment - Curious Creatures ----- Gr. 4 & 5 Same & Different ----- School Committee 7:00 PM WHS Small Auditorium
<b>Mon. &amp; Tue., May 20 &amp; 21</b>	Gr. 5 Science MCAS
<b>Tue., May 21</b>	30 Field Trip: Fisher School
<b>Wed., May 22</b>	Early release: 11:50
<b>Wed., May 22</b>	Incoming Kindergarten Open House 1:00-3:00 pm
<b>Thu., May 23</b>	3M Field Trip: Fisher School ----- Gr. 4 - "Sound Waves"
<b>Fri., May 24</b>	3L Field Trip: Fisher School
<b>Mon., May 27</b>	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
<b>Wed., May 29</b>	Fire Safety Trailer ----- Gr. 5 - Visit to Thurston ----- 3L Recorder Concert
<b>Thu., May 30</b>	STEAM Fair 6:30-7:45 pm
<b>Fri., May 31</b>	Field Day

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

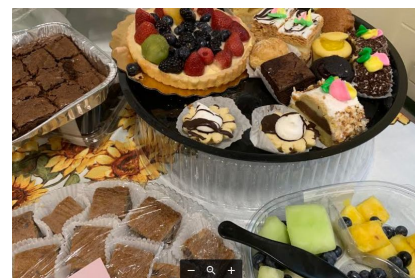
## Message from the Principal



### Teacher Appreciation Week -

A huge thank you to the PTO for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special. It was so nice to have a full week of pampering. From the massages to the gift card, to the breakfast, lunch, and desserts, it has been a wonderful week. We have a terrific staff at Martha Jones and

the support and generosity of our parent community are amazing. We appreciate all that the PTO does for each of us. We recognize that raising funds for all of these special events is not easy and takes the work of many different people, so thank you!



### Band Concert

- The 4th & 5th Grade Band Concert was on Thursday evening. It is always amazing to me how wonderful

the students sound when they come together to play as one. And a special shout of to our Jazz Band - Nice Job.

# MJ & District News



**Congratulations to third-grade teacher, Bethany Ogozaly, and her husband on the birth of their son Noah Wayne, born on April 29th.**

## Message from the MJ Student Council

The student council would like to announce our **last spirit day** of the year. On **June 7th**, we will be having **Spirit Day "Day"**! We will be celebrating all of the spirit days that we had this year. You can show your school spirit by reliving your favorite spirit day.

- You can dress in pajamas for **Pajama Day**.
- You can support your favorite sports team by wearing your favorite team's jersey or hat for **Sports Day**.
- You can wear your favorite color, from head to toe, for **Your Favorite Color Day**.
- You can dress in your fanciest clothes for **Fancy Day**.
- You can dress in your craziest outfit for **Crazy Day**.

The idea is to have fun and show your school spirit. We can't wait to see which spirit day you decide to relive.

## **NOTE: CHANGE IN PTO MEETING DATE - New Date - May 14th HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

**The PTO will meet on May 14th at 7PM.** The meeting was changed due to the Grade 5 parent night at Thurston Middle School that was held on Tuesday, May 7th.

**STEM Fair - Thursday, May 30th 6:30** We have over 30 projects registered for the science fair (close to 80 students)! It is always great fun to see what the students come up with. It is not too late to register. **More information:** <https://sites.google.com/site/mjsstemfair/home>

**Registration:** [Registration link here](#)

This is also the night of our amazing ART SHOW, so please be sure to save the date.

**Lost and Found** - As the end of the year draws near and the mornings are chilly and the days warm, our Lost and Found fills up. Please, Please, Please stop by and check it out. There are many nice items in our Lost and Found. All unclaimed unlabeled items will be donated to charity.

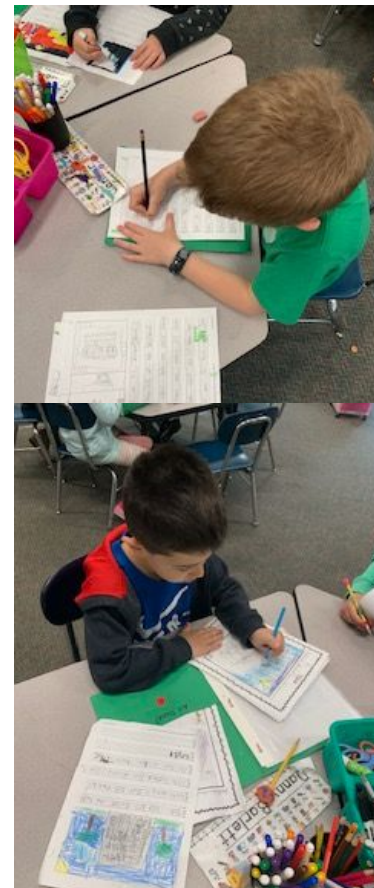
**It's A Play Day** - On Wednesday, May 22nd (½ day) Martha Jones School will celebrate play day. This will be a time for students to turn off their computers and other electronics and spend the day engaging in interactive play with each other. Students will play board games, do arts & crafts, engage in conversations, play outside, and/or share special talents with classmates. While we try to normalize this time of year, it is just as busy for kids as for parents and teachers. Between MCAS, school-based assessments, concerts and performances, and preparing for next year, students sometimes feel stress. We hope a play day will not only feel good for everyone but allow students to interact with each other in a fun and authentic way. Check out this link to find out more about [Children's Play](#)





## News from 1F (Mrs. Fader)

The students of 1F are getting ready to publish their very own realistic fiction series! Students have worked hard over the last few weeks to make up characters and imagine adventures and/or trouble for their characters to face. Throughout this unit we have used mentor texts to help us become better writers. Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant, has taught us to describe the setting in our books and describe our characters feelings. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, has taught us to include important detail through our illustrations. Students have been taking charge of their own writing by using a checklist and setting goals for themselves. Students have been most excited about wrapping up the unit by writing their own *About the Author* page. As a final project, students will be creating their own boxed sets out of cereal boxes to put their published series books in.



## News from Mrs. Tucceri

This year, one of the tools that has been introduced to students who are working on improving their expressive language skills is called the *Expanding Expression Tool (EET)*, a multi-sensory approach for improving oral language and writing by Sara L. Smith, M.S., CCC-SLP, speech-language pathologist. It provides a way to teach students how to give informative descriptions and definitions. It is perfect for children who have difficulty organizing their thoughts and knowing what information is pertinent to their audience. The EET provides visual and tactile cues to facilitate learning and it can easily be adapted to curriculum assignments involving oral language and written expression. The tool can also be used to help students with word retrieval difficulties by providing a structure to describe the word to their communication partners. The EET strand has five parts, the first green bead stands for "group" or the category the item belongs to, the blue one stands for "blue do" or what you do with it, the bead with the eye stands for "What does it look like?", the tan one is "What is it made of?", the pink one stands

Expanding Expression Tool (EET) General Descriptions		
	GREEN - GROUP	What group does it belong to?
	BLUE - DO	What do you do with it? What does it do?
	WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?	What size, shape, and color is it?
	WHAT IS IT MADE OF?	What is it made of or come from?
	PINK - PARTS	What are its parts? What parts?
	WHITE - WHERE	Where do you find it? Where would you use/see it?
	WHAT ELSE DO I KNOW?	Prior knowledge Fun facts



for "parts", the white is "Where do you find/use/see it?" and the orange bead with the question mark stands for "What else do I know?". The sequence of lessons begins with describing simple objects and then ultimately moving to curriculum content and writing.



# PTO News

## May PTO Meeting-DATE CHANGE

*Our May PTO meeting will be held on May 14 at 7 pm, instead of May 7.*

We made the change so the PTO meeting does not conflict with Thurston Middle School's incoming student information night.

## Field Day Volunteer Opportunities — **WE NEED YOU!!**

It's BAAAAAACCCK! Field Day 2019 coming soon.....This year it is scheduled for Friday, May 31st (rain date June 7<sup>th</sup>). The success of the day depends largely on our volunteers. This is the most fun day of the entire school year!! You are guaranteed to be surrounded by smiling faces and loads of laughter and fun. We need your help to man the game stations and to assist in serving lunch and clean-up.

Please [Click here](#) to volunteer.

Any questions, please email Tina Collins at [teemarie\\_collins@yahoo.com](mailto:teemarie_collins@yahoo.com) or Stacy Kaplan at [ssiegle@hotmail.com](mailto:ssiegle@hotmail.com).

## ATTENTION PTO COMMITTEE MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS

If you are requesting a reimbursement for an expense incurred during a PTO event or fundraiser, you will need to fill out a form for the PTO board, and it must include your receipt. All requests MUST be received by June 15th.

[Click here for the reimbursement form](#)

## MJ PTO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

We will be electing an incoming treasurer to shadow for the 2019/2020 school year and take over for the following year. If you'd like to run for the MJ PTO treasurer, please let us know!

## 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](mailto:erica.gregg.howe@gmail.com).

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# WHO WILL YOU RIDE FOR?

## Westwood's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual PMC Kid's Ride

REGISTER TO  
RIDE OR  
VOLUNTEER!

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Martha Jones School

8:30-11 am; Ages 3-15

Register @ [kids.pmc.org/westwood](http://kids.pmc.org/westwood)

Join us in the fight against cancer. The PMC Kids Rides give children the opportunity to make a difference one mile at a time. Every rider-raised dollar supports Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

### Courses for all Ages!

- Allisa's 1-mile Kids Loop
- Five for Fighting 5-mile
- Westwood Strong 10-mile

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Westwood's Bring Your Own Bag Month



All ages are welcome to join us for this fun family project that raises awareness about pollution from plastic bags and the harm they can cause to wildlife, like sea turtles, when they end up in our oceans.

We will hear a short presentation by Claudia Paraschiv, a Salem-based artist who created Tidal Shift, and then we will turn discarded plastic bags into "jellyfish" that will be hung in a display at the library. Please bring any plastic bags that you have at home.

**May 11 @ 2:00-4:00 PM**  
**Westwood Public Library**



TidalShift illustrates marine wildlife mistaking plastic bags for food, especially sea turtles hunting jellyfish.

WEAC and the Westwood Select Board have designated May as Westwood's official "Bring Your Own Bag Month. Say "no" to single-use plastic and paper bags, bring reusable bags instead when you shop. It's a simple way to save trees and keep plastics out of the oceans!





WITNESS THE STUDENTS OF MARTHA  
JONES SHINE!

# S.T.E.M. Fair/ Art Show

Please join us as students present projects that explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to the Martha Jones community. The evening will be accompanied by artwork by all students from their Art classes, as well as music from the Jazz band.

S.T.E.M. Fair will be held in the Gym from 6:30-7:15  
Art Show will be throughout the school from 6:30-7:45

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**THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT  
6:30-7:45PM**