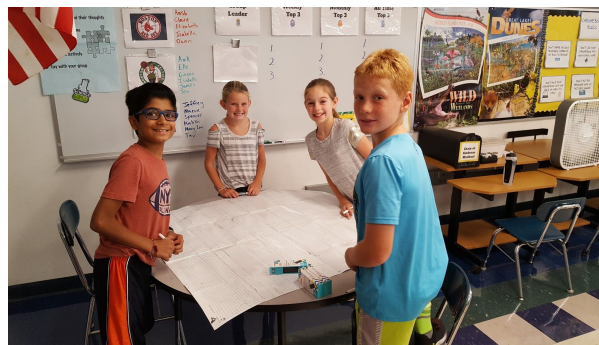


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Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

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| Mon., Oct. 1 | Mini Courses Start |
| 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) |
| Mon., Oct 29 | Picture Retake day |
| Wed., Oct. 31 | Kindergarten Field Trip - Fox Hill Village Magic Show |
| Thu., Nov. 1 | Gr. 2 Enrichment: Dental Visit |
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A complete list of upcoming dates is available [online](#).

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ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

Message from the Principal



Thank you - It was wonderful to see so many parents interested in their child(ren)'s school day and we are very appreciative of your support. If you were unable to attend the Principal and PTO Welcome portion of Curriculum Night, a copy of

the slides are [linked here](#). Please take a minute to read through the slides and let me know if you any questions, comments, or ideas.

Yay for Us - Each year, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recognizes a handful of school for a variety of reasons related to academic success. This year the state recognized 52 schools for strong MCAS achievement and/or exceeding their performance targets. Our very own Martha Jones was one of the school recognized for exceeding our targets. [Check out the Boston Globe list here.](#)



PTO Meeting this Week - The year is off to a great start and I want to thank each of your for continuing to support our school community. Our 1st PTO meeting with be held on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in the Martha Jones Library. We hope that all parents feel welcome and connected to our school community. Please feel free to join us. Whether this is your 1st PTO meeting or your 100th, we are always happy to see you!

MJ News

Picture Day - The weather held out for picture day. We hope that you are satisfied with your pictures when they arrive. If you are not satisfied, there will be a make out day and refunds are also available. We have had excellent feedback from most families, but every year there are a few pictures that are not the best and the Lifetouch is always willing to be accommodating.

Drop Off/Pick Up and Traffic Patterns - When arriving or leaving school, please enter via Martha Jones Road and exit via Spruce Drive. Parents should only park in front of the school in marked parking spots. All students who attend extended day should be picked up at the extended day entrance. You can enter this parking area from the driveway that runs along the side of the gym. Please enter from Martha Jones Road and take a right immediately before the school building. When exiting this parking area, all traffic should turn right along the school and exit via Spruce Drive. **Keeping the school traffic flowing in one direction, entering from Martha Jones Road and exiting via Spruce Drive is very helpful at all times.**

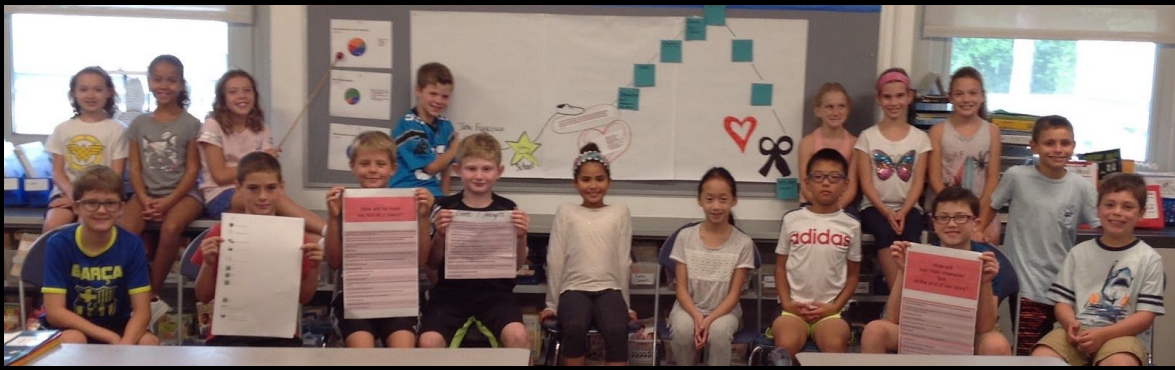
Mini Courses Start On Monday - Don't forget that mini courses start on Monday. Please be sure to send a note to your child's teacher letting him/her know which day your child should stay for mini course and which course he/she is taking.

PTO Back To School Picnic - Thanks for attending the school picnic. The weather finally cooperated and everyone had a great time. Thanks to the PTO for providing the much needed popsicles.



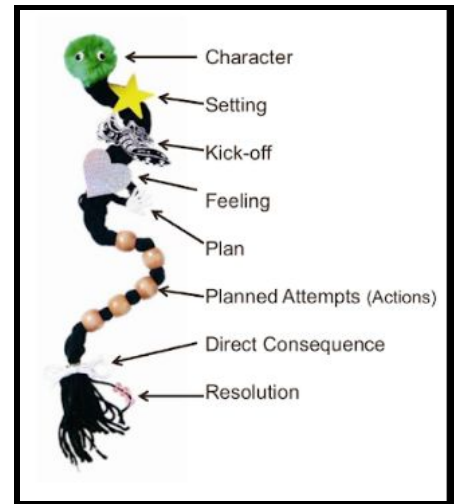
Classroom Happenings

News from 40 (Ms. O'Toole)



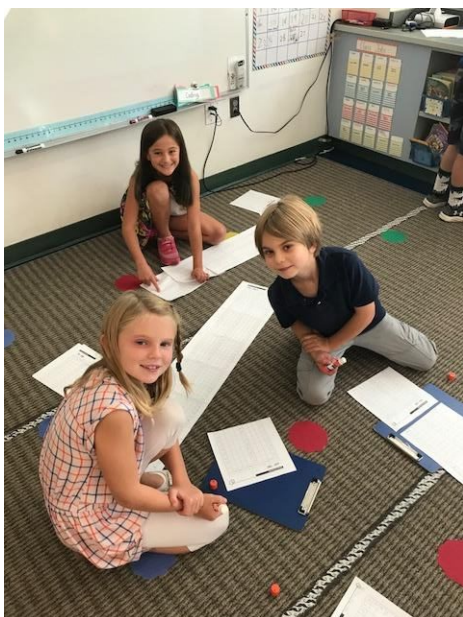
In 4-0, we have read a number of realistic fiction stories. As we read, we pay close attention to the key elements of this genre: the main character, setting, kick-off (the main character's problem or goal), rising action, climax and

resolution. Two helpful tools: a Story Grammar Marker and a Story Arc help us name these important elements. A Story Grammar Marker (also known as Braidly) is a hands-on reminder of the elements that make up a great story. Each 4-0 student has his/her own personal Braidly. Our Braidly icons have been added onto a story arc to serve as a visual organizer. As writers of realistic fiction, we are discovering the many decisions an author makes regarding these story elements. Who is my main character - inside and out? What is the character's kick-off? How many places will my character travel to? How much time will pass till there is a resolution? How will the main character change by the end of the story? As a class, 4-0 gave valuable input into the main character of our class story: [4-0's Ideas for our Main Character](#). 4-0 writers are also very excited about the realistic fiction stories they are creating, eager to develop the necessary story elements with peer collaboration.



News from 30 (Mrs. Ogozaly)

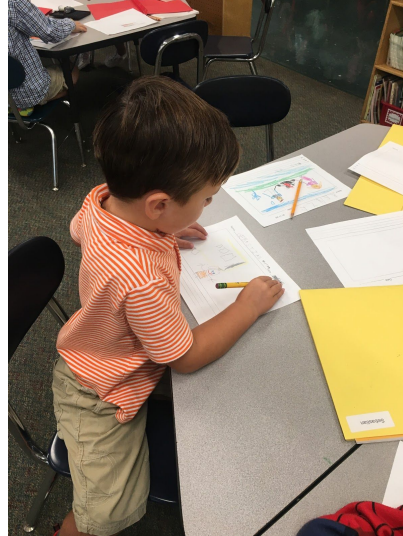
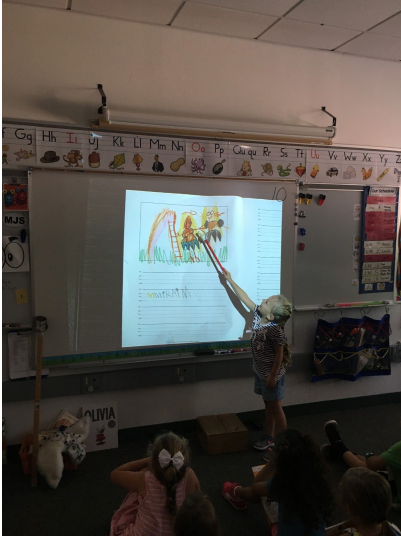
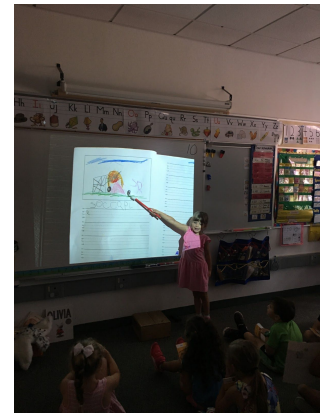
Students in 30 have been exploring and expanding their understanding of the base-ten number system. This is a foundational skill that will support their learning throughout the year. Students have been playing various math games in order to develop and strengthen their understanding of place value. Capture 5 is a game that allows students to make logical decisions about moving a game piece around a 100s chart. Their goal is to find combinations of moves that will lead them to a specific spot on the chart.



Once we were comfortable with the 100s chart, we began to explore the 1000s chart. Students searched for patterns and compared their findings to what we had noticed on the 100s chart. We are off to a great mathematical year here in 30!

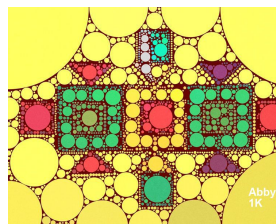
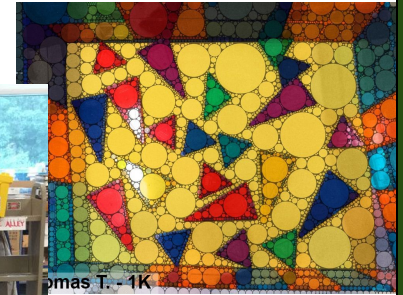
News from KM (Mrs. McDonough)

Writer's Workshop is up and running in KM! We kicked off our unit by reading Pancakes For Breakfast by Tomie Depaola. This is a wordless picture book that tells an entire story. Through this we learned that we can tell out stories through detailed pictures. Every Monday the students have been writing a weekend story in their journals. They picture what they did in their minds, then draw it so readers can feel like they were there too. Our motto is "When you're done, you've just begun!" When we finish a piece of writing we can go back and add details to the picture, add labels or words, or add sentences. Our favorite part is sharing our stories with the class.



News from Art (Mrs. Pasquan)

Thanks to the PTO, the Foundation for Westwood Education, and a generous gift from last year's visiting author/illustrator Rob Bolster, whose visit was funded by the Foundation for Westwood Education, MJ students have been exploring our new and improved architecture center called Architecture Alley. First and second grade students were additionally challenged to use the 3D materials to create 2D compositions. They used the Percolator camera filter on an iPad to turn their creations into beautiful digital art!



PTO News

PTO MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019

Online registration has ended, but for those who still want to register, The PTO can accept checks until Monday, October 1st. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS:

Birthday Book enrollment is open, and the deadline has been extended until end of day Monday, 10/1.

For \$15, your child chooses a book during their birthday month. The book will have a commemorative bookplate inside the cover with your child's name. After your child is the first to borrow the book, it stays in the library for other students to borrow. If your child's birthday is in the summer, they will participate in the spring.

[Click here](#) for the enrollment form – it also went home in your child's backpack.

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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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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