

# Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.  
Issue 1 - Sept. 13, 2019

*We are ready to have a great year!*



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## Important Dates

<b>Tue., Sept. 17</b>	Mini-course registration opens at 7:00AM
<b>Fri., Sept. 20</b>	Principal's Coffee 9:30AM
<b>Wed., Sept. 25</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
<b>Thu., Sept. 26</b>	School Picture Day K-5
<b>Mon., Sept. 30</b>	Rosh Hashanah -NO SCHOOL
<b>Tues., Oct. 1</b>	MINI COURSES Start
<b>Thurs., Oct. 3</b>	Curriculum Night 6pm: Grades K - 2 7pm: General meeting 7:30pm: Grades 3 - 5
<b>Fri., Oct. 4</b>	Coffee with District Administrators - 9:00AM - HANLON SCHOOL
<b>Mon., Oct. 7</b>	PTO Meeting 7pm
<b>Wed., Oct. 9</b>	Yom Kippur -NO SCHOOL
<b>Tue., Oct. 15</b>	School Committee, WHS 7pm
<b>Wed., Oct. 16</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
<b>Wed., Oct. 30</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.

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

### Martha Jones School Telephone Extensions:

Office 781-326-7500, ext. 6321

ext. 6261: Diane Santangelo

ext. 6262: Donna Tobin

ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

## Message from the Principal



Welcome to the new school year. We are off to an amazing start. A special thanks to all staff, students, and parents for a great beginning. It was fun to see so many families at the Martha Jones Picnic. It is always a thrill for me to see how much the students have grown over the summer and to hear about their summer adventures.

**Principal Coffee - Please join me on Friday, September 20th at 9:30 for my principal's coffee.** Last year the school committee voted to add a K - 8 Social Emotional Learning Coordinator to our staff. We are excited to welcome Erin Kuehn to the Westwood school community. Erin is touring the schools and meeting with parents, students, and teachers to learn about our schools and how we can best support students and teachers in ensuring that students are developing good social emotional skills and competencies. Please join me on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 9:30 to find out more social emotional learning and the work that Erin will be doing in Westwood.



**Please welcome new faces -** This year we have 31 new kindergarten students at Martha Jones and 9 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.

# MJ News

## Fall Mini-Course Sign ups – STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:00 AM

The fall session will run September 30 to December 6. (Reserving the week of December 9-13 for make-up classes as needed) Click these links for details about the [classes](#) and [schedule](#). A registration link will be sent out Tuesday, September 17 at 7 a.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5:00 PM – Monday, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2018. We apologize in advance, but late registrations are not accepted. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



**PICTURE DAY IS COMING - SEPTEMBER 26TH** - 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., October 3rd** 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 K through 2 begin at 6pm; the principal welcome and PTO meeting for all parents is at 7pm; followed by classroom presentations for parents of students in grade 3 through grade 5 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](mailto:dtobin@westwood.k12.ma.us) for assistance.**



## Coffee with District Administrators

Join District Administrators on Friday, October 4, at 9am at Hanlon School to discuss your perspective on the district and your hopes and expectations for your child's experience in school. The coffee is open to all families in the Westwood Schools.

**Reporting an Absence or Change in Dismissal:** 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](mailto:dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us). If there is a change in your child's dismissal routine, please email [dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us) and your child's teacher.

## 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!

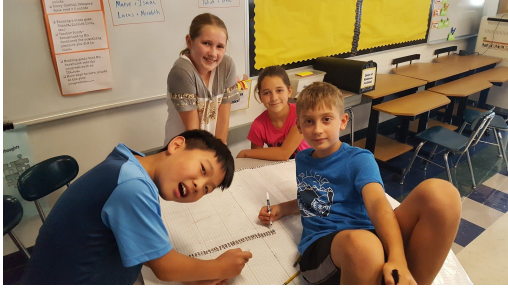
**Aspen Portal** - If you haven't already done so, please be certain to go into the Aspen portal to review and update all information. This includes renewing permissions each year. I encourage all of you to select "yes" for media permissions. This allows your child to be in school photographs on our 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](#).



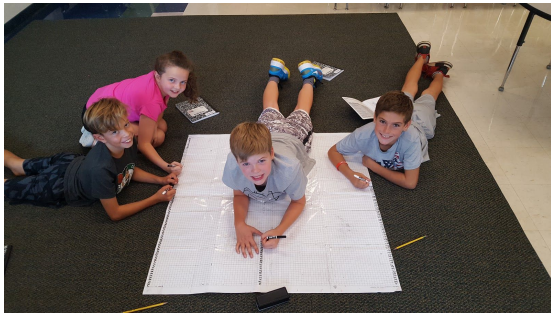
# Classroom Happenings

**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)**

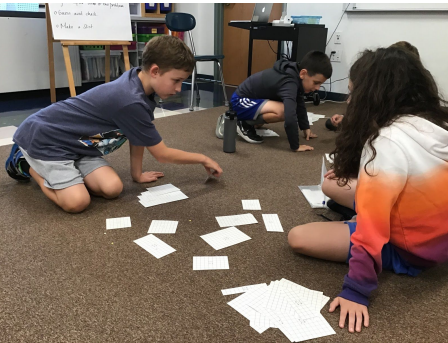


Students in Mr. Parkhurst's class have had a fantastic transition to the 5th grade. They came into the class filled with enthusiasm and curiosity. On the second day of school, we began diving into our Investigations math curriculum. The first unit taught is titled, "Thousands of Miles, Thousands of Seats". 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

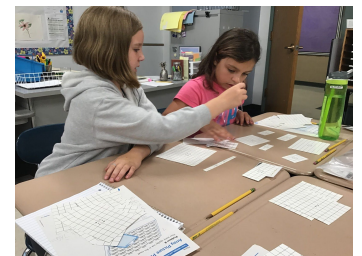


fluency. In one of the first lessons within this unit, students worked with a 10,000 chart. The purpose of this chart is to help students understand the place-value relationships between 10, 100, 1,000, and 10,000. The chart is also helpful with adding and subtracting multiples. The students did an amazing job working collaboratively in their math groups to complete all of their given tasks.

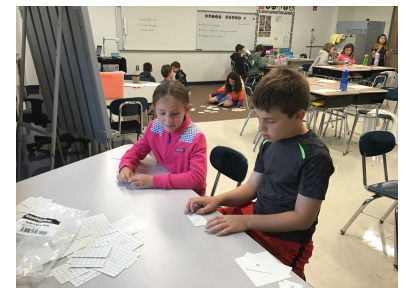
## **News from 4B (Ms. Bass)**



In 4B, the students have embarked on their first unit of study in math workshop: representing multiplication arrays. Thus far, the students have been working to represent multiplication situations, use arrays to find factors, and to develop math fluency as it relates to multiplication combinations through  $12 \times 12$ . Just this week, the fourth graders learned how to play "Factor Pairs" using array cards. The use of an array allows students to visually understand the concept of

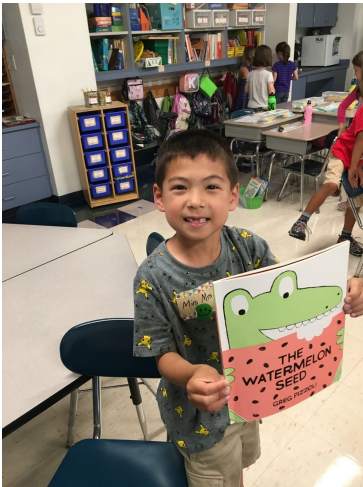


multiplication while developing strategies for determining the product with flexibility. For this particular math game, the students worked in partnerships to determine the product, share their thinking and strategizing, and review various multiplication combinations. 4B math learners are off to a great start!





**News from 1K (Mrs. Kyvelos)** - The first graders in 1K have been having a blast building their classroom community. Spending time in September to reflect on summer adventures, reconnect with old friends, open hearts to new friends, and to get to know Mrs. K. is invaluable as the students build a solid foundation for the learning experiences ahead. The students have enjoyed learning and practicing new classroom routines, sharing about their passions, experimenting with classroom tools, and reading many books to support their work as first graders.



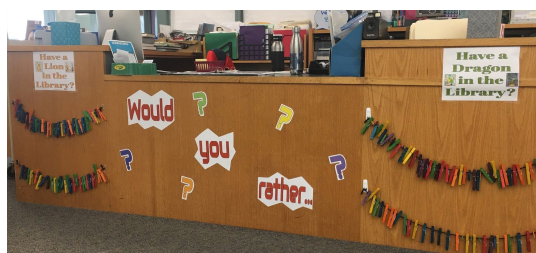
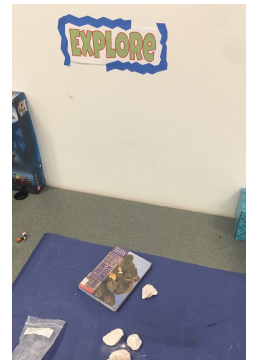
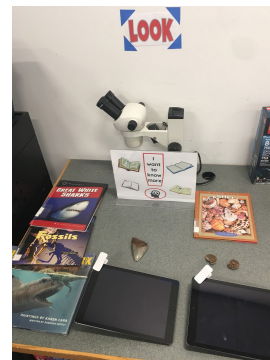
Within each lesson is embedded the understanding that we are kind to each other, that mistakes make us stronger and smarter, and that sometimes doing something 'ish-ly' is better than not trying something at all. Creating and practicing our 5 classroom rules, filling each other's 'buckets' with compliments, and enjoying a 'chill zone' in our classroom are all ways 1K students are becoming comfortable in their roles as friends and hard-working students this year. They are excited to keep up their hard work and enthusiasm this year!



**News from the Library (Mrs. Swinning)** We have had a great start to the school year with many new and exciting things to do in the Martha Jones Library! Our theme for the year is "Say Something" based on the book of the same name by Peter H. Reynolds. We will be discussing the many ways we CAN and DO communicate with each other. This week, each student "said something" nice to themselves on a bookmark and "said something" nice to someone else on our bulletin board!



Our curiosity corner has expanded to include something each week for students to LOOK at, to BUILD, and to EXPLORE.



Every week there will also be a "Would you rather..?" Question for students to ponder or persuade others with. This week, the majority of students would rather have a DRAGON in the library than a LION.

# PTO News

## **PTO MEMBERSHIP 2019-2020**

Registration is open for the 2019-2020 Martha Jones PTO. Dues are \$45 for a family with one child and \$55 for a family with more than one child.

All families who join the PTO will be given a copy of the school directory. If your family is new to MJ this year you will also be given a MJS car magnet. Both will be sent home with your child. Anyone who has lost their magnet can purchase a new one for \$5. Please contact Ms. Santangelo at [dsantangelo@westwood.k.12.ma.us](mailto:dsantangelo@westwood.k.12.ma.us) or Rachel Lipton at [rachelalyson@gmail.com](mailto:rachelalyson@gmail.com)

**Please join by September 20 to ensure receipt of the Directory. [Click here to join the PTO.](#)**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### ***Library Volunteers***

Duties consist of helping children find books, check out, reshelv and organize books. Mrs. Swinning asks that only one volunteer come for each shift but volunteers can share the schedule (for example, if four people sign up for a library time slot, they would work out a rotating schedule). [Click here](#) for the library class times and to volunteer.

### ***Room Parent Volunteers***

Duties consist of being the main line of communication between the teacher and classroom parents for things such as coordinating volunteer opportunities, classroom supplies, and teacher gifts. [Click here](#) if you would like to be a room parent.

## **BIRTHDAY BOOKS**

Birthday Book enrollment is open NOW through September 20th. For \$15, your child chooses a book during their birthday month and the book becomes a permanent part of the Martha Jones Library. 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 at the end of May or early June. [Click here](#) for the enrollment form.

## **MARTHA JONES FALL FUNDRAISER**

The PTO is partnering with Savers again 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 large trash bags.** Drop off will be at Curriculum Night on October 3. For more information, click [here](#).

Please click [here](#) if you can volunteer to help us out with this event on either October 3 or October 4.

## **FALL MINI COURSES**

The Martha Jones PTO is pleased to announce the return of the Fall Session of the After School MINI COURSE Program.

The program offers fun, after-school classes that are held at Martha Jones. The classes include everything from karate, dance, sports games, painting, cooking and even a play!

The fall session will run September 30 to December 6. (Reserving the week of December 9-13 for make-up classes as needed) Click these links for details about the [classes](#) and [schedule](#). A registration link will be sent out Tuesday, September 17 at 7 a.m.

## **LET YOUR AMAZON SHOPPING SUPPORT MARTHA JONES STUDENTS!**

You can support Martha Jones PTO while you do your Amazon shopping with AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Martha Jones PTO every time you shop, at no cost to you.

You'll find the exact same prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Martha Jones PTO. Just log onto [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose Martha Jones PTO as your charity of choice and shop away!

## **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 Denise Cahill at [denisepcahill@gmail.com](mailto:denisepcahill@gmail.com).

## **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**

Curriculum Night and Savers Fundraiser: October 3rd

First General PTO Meeting: October 7<sup>th</sup>

MJ Halloween Party: October 25<sup>th</sup>



# Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



## Back to School Popsicle Social

**Sunday September 15th, 2019**

**2:00 PM -4:00 PM**

**Downey Elementary School Playground**

**Connect with other local families who  
have children receiving special education  
support services.**



**The kids can play while we socialize.  
All ages welcome!**

**RSVP: [westwoodsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodsepac@gmail.com) or on the Facebook Event**

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

To volunteer, questions, or submit ideas [email: westwoodsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodsepac@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 2019 – April 2020, 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](mailto:mlarose@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

Register

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### GIRLS GROUP

Who: Westwood girls in 4th – 6th grade

When: Fall 2019, Tuesdays 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: Emily Greco, LCSW at (781) 320-1006 or [egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

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### STRUCTURED PLAY GROUPS

Who: Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5th grade

When: Fall 2019 – Spring 2020, one afternoon per week from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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