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## Important Dates

<b>Tue., Mar. 3</b>	Gr. 3-5 Enrichment: Addams Family Values ----- PTO Meeting - MJ Library 7:00PM
<b>Wed., Mar. 4</b>	Student Council 8:00AM
<b>Fri., Mar. 6</b>	5th Grade Field Trip: McAuliffe Science Center
<b>Wed., Mar. 11</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served
<b>Thu., Mar. 12</b>	School Committee Meeting - WHS 7:00PM
<b>Fri., Mar. 13</b>	Math League 7:45AM ----- Grade K Field Trip: Discovery Museum
<b>Tue., Mar. 17</b>	All School Enrichment: Irish Step Dancing Performance
<b>Thu., Mar. 19</b>	Grade K Enrichment: Dental Visit
<b>Fri., Mar. 20</b>	2F Music Open Classroom
<b>Sat., Mar. 21</b>	PTO Social "Roaring 20's", 7:30PM - 11:30PM, German Club, Walpole
<b>Wed., Mar. 25</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served

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

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## Message from the Principal's Office



Each year the Martha Jones PTO applies for grants to help support our Enrichment Activities that the PTO provides to our students. While your donations to the PTO provide enrichment programs to each class and grade level as they relate to that grade's curriculum, as well as author shares, grants provide funding for All School Enrichment Events. I would like to thank the Foundation for Westwood Education for sponsoring our latest performance, *The Woman Who Outshone the Sun*, by [Behind the Mask](#). This performance brought a Zapotec folktale to life through the imaginative personification of natural elements like animals and water. The overarching message was about tolerance and forgiveness and understanding our impact on the world around us.

# MJ News

## **A MESSAGE FROM PAT FOLEY AND DAWNMARIE SHU - FAMILY HEALTH AND FITNESS NIGHT IS BACK!!** *Friday March 27, 2020 from 6-7:30pm*

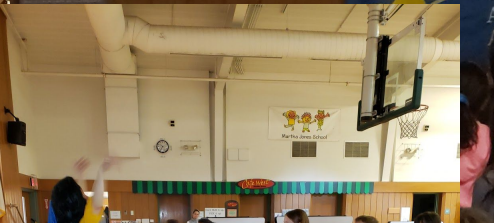
The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Martha Jones Family Health and Fitness Night will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 from 6-7:30pm. This will be a fun night of education and activity. We are in the process of planning many different interactive booths and fun fitness stations ranging from reaching your target heart rate, jumping on a moonwalk, to the importance of family skin care. These activities are scheduled to be held both indoors and outdoors. Our goal is to emphasize the importance of keeping your body healthy and fit to promote lifelong wellness. Please contact Dawnmarie Shu ([dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us)) or Patrick Foley ([pfoley@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:pfoley@westwood.k12.ma.us)) if you are interested in helping us with this event. There will be more information in the upcoming weeks. Get ready to get moving!



If you or someone you know have any specific knowledge or skills in the area of **health, wellness, or fitness**, please consider having a booth at the health fair. Examples from past fairs include PT/backpack safety, Nutrition/healthy eating habits, and skin safety among others. We would love to talk to you about this opportunity.

Please contact Dawnmarie Shu at [dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us)

### **More pictures from The Woman Who Outshone the Sun**



# Youth Art Month Exhibit



K- Jack F.

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Gr 1- Claire T.

Congratulations to the following students for having artwork accepted into the Youth Art Month Exhibit at the State Transportation Building in Boston. The exhibit will be open weekdays from February 10th - March 26th, with a Family Day Celebration on Sunday, March 1st from 12:00-4:00 PM.



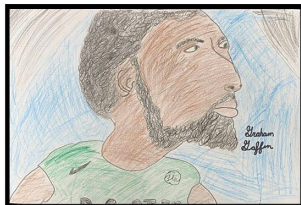
Gr 2- Rhys J.

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Gr 3- Maggie L.

K- Jack Fitzgerald  
Gr 1- Claire Therrien  
Gr 2- Rhys James  
Gr 3- Maggie Lutze  
Gr 4- Graham Gaffin  
Gr 5- Michael Qiao



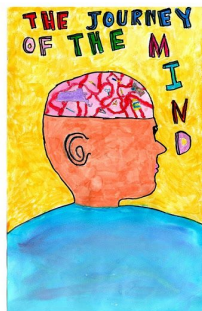
Gr 4- Graham G.



Gr 5- Michael Q.

## MAEA Poster Contest Winners

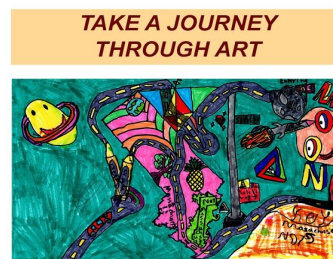
Each year, the Massachusetts Art Education Association sponsors a statewide poster contest for Youth Art Month. This year, students at Martha Jones received three of the grade-level prizes as well as the Elementary Level Prize! Congratulations to the following students who will be honored in an awards ceremony on March 1, 2020, at the State Transportation Building in Boston:



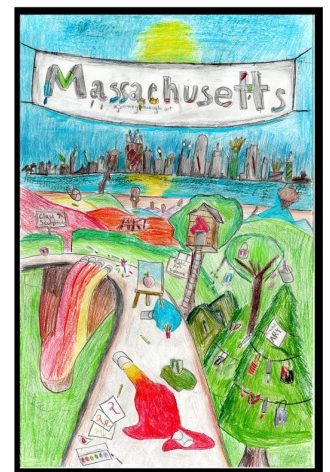
Gr. 4 - Katherine S.



Gr. 2 - Charlotte S.



Gr. 3 - Colin H.

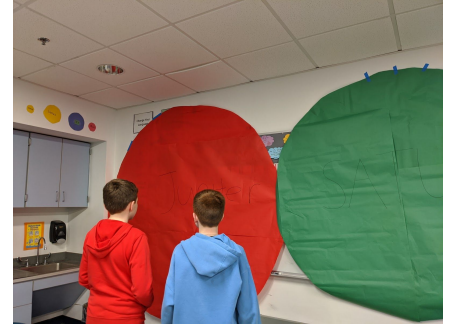
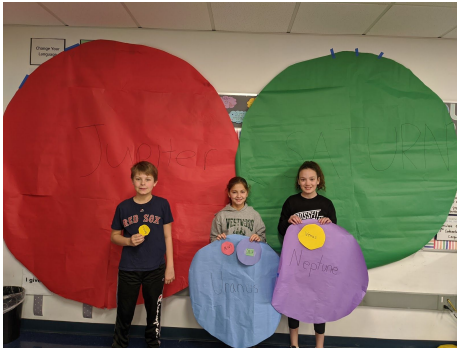


Elementary Winner - Manjula V.

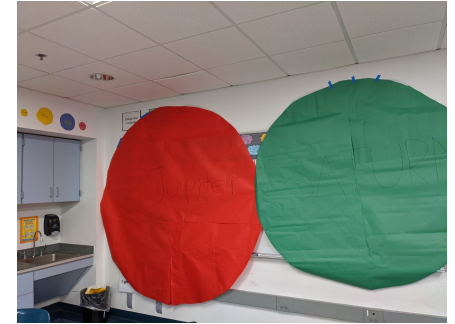
Gr 2 - Charlotte Santos  
Gr 3 - Colin Hennessy  
Gr 4 - Katherine Santos  
Elementary Level Winner - Manjula Viswalingam

# Classroom Happenings

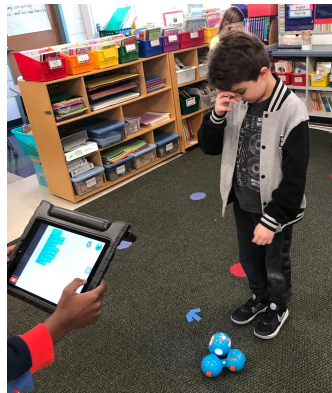
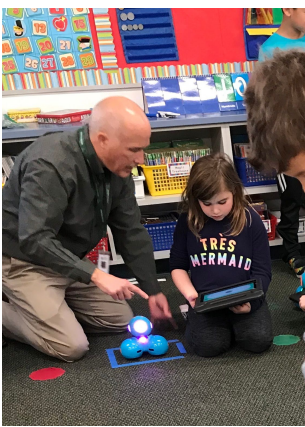
## News from 5R (Ms. Reed)



Fifth grade scientists have been studying space! After starting close to home studying Earth and the Moon, we are leaving our own planet behind and venturing into the rest of the solar system. We looked at how gravity is different on different planets, and then we made scale models to get a real understanding of how big some planets are! In our scale, little Mercury has a diameter of 3 inches, while Jupiter's is 7 feet and 2 inches! This lesson is really powerful for students and helps us get a sense of relative size in our Solar System.

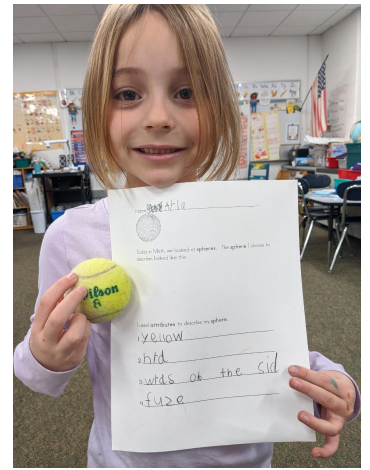
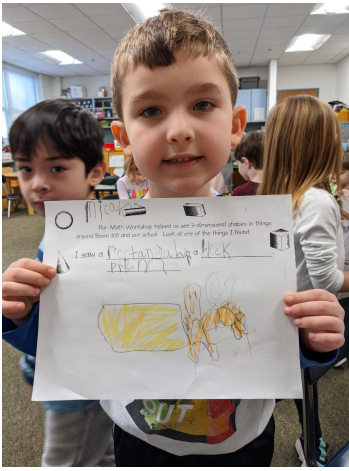


## News from 2M (Ms. Mundy)



With the help of Mr. Goguen, Ms. Mundy's second graders recently had the opportunity to build their coding skills using Dash Robots. These interactive robots can be coded to move about using an app on the iPads. Working in pairs, students programmed their Dash robot to progress through a maze of desks in the classroom, with a goal of bumping their Dash robot into the trash can at the finish line. Along the way, students tested their programs, working to debug any errors that came up. The second graders had a great time utilizing and strengthening their skills in teamwork and perseverance to accomplish this fun coding challenge.

## **News from KL (Mrs. Layton)**

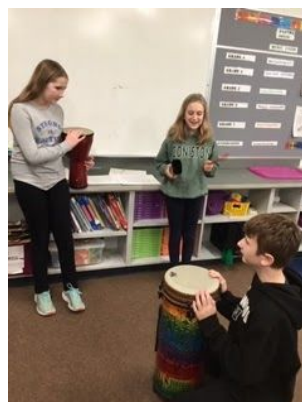


The focus on our most recent math unit was on identifying, describing, and comparing attributes of 2D and 3D shapes. Students explored shapes using hands-on materials and learned new math vocabulary. 3D shapes are fat, not flat. They have faces (sides), edges and vertices (corners). Faces- A face is a flat surface on a 3D shape. For example, a cube has 6 faces, a cylinder has 2 and a sphere has 0 faces. Edges- An edge is where 2 faces meet. Vertices- A vertex is a corner where edges meet.

## **News from Music (Mrs. Saada-Smith)**



In Kindergarten music, we learned that lullabies are slow, gentle and often soft. They can have words or no words at all - perhaps just a melody played by an instrument. They can be in English or in any other language as they are sung all over the world. Seen here, students in Mrs. McDonough's class hold their stuffed animals they were able to bring in while we learned about lullabies, so they had someone to whom they could sing! They also danced, of course.



Fifth graders also danced, but African dance moves from Zimbabwe to wrap up our Layered Percussion Ostinato unit. Students learned to play layered rhythms using instruments, worked in groups to create layered ostinato patterns, performed their creations, and learned some African dance moves derived from harvest time in Africa.



Pictured are 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Mr. Parkhurst's class, drumming and dancing.



## PTO News

### **5th GRADE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

**Volunteers *STILL* needed**

#### **Calling all 5th Grade parents!**

We are in need of 1-2 parent volunteers to lead the 5th Grade Fundraising Committee. This committee is responsible for organizing FUNraisers (bake sales, raffles, etc.) throughout the school year to raise money for the **Martha Jones Scholarship Award** given on behalf of the 5th grade class. We have already raised \$400 of our \$1000 goal. The parent volunteers are responsible for **coordinating**, but other 5th grade parents should be providing assistance at the fundraising events. If you are willing to help, please reach out to Rachel Lipton, [rachelalyson@gmail.com](mailto:rachelalyson@gmail.com)

### **BOOK FAIR**

**Friday, March 27th - times coming soon**

The Martha Jones PTO is once again teaming up with **Park Street Books & Toys** for **ONE** fabulous day of shopping! As in the past, there will be Morning Bagels and Books, individual class shopping times during the day, and an Evening Family Fun Night. A link to the volunteer sign-up sheet will be available soon. Stay tuned for additional information. We hope to see you there!

## **MARTHA JONES PARENT SOCIAL**

***Saturday, March 21 - 7:30-11:30pm***

Click [here](#) to **Purchase Tickets!** \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

### **The Roaring 20's**

*"Come as a flapper or come as you are, dress as a gangster or a silent screen star. It's going to be fun, no matter the dress. Just bring yourself, and we'll take care of the rest!"*

Please join us for the **Annual Martha Jones Parent Social** on Saturday, **March 21** from 7:30-11:30pm at The German Club in Walpole. (Rt. 109 Westwood/Walpole town line) This is the **biggest** fundraiser of the year and your support is needed to make it successful!

As in the past, there will be a DJ, cash bar, teacher experience and silent auctions along with a healthy dose of fun and dancing! This is an **adult only** event, so book your sitters now!

### **SHOP AmazonSmile**

***Support Martha Jones with every purchase***

Support the Martha Jones PTO while you do your Amazon shopping by using **AmazonSmile**. AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support the Martha Jones PTO every time you shop, at no cost to you.

You will find the exact same prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon 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](http://smile.amazon.com), choose Martha Jones PTO as your charity of choice and shop away!

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You can use AmazonSmile just like an App by following a few simple steps. Open [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in your browser, tap the "share/forward link" button then tap the "Add to Home Screen" icon (you may need to swipe left to see this). You will now have an AmazonSmile icon which can be used in exactly the same way as the Amazon App **but now** all of your purchases support the Martha Jones PTO.

### **BOX TOPS - COLLECTION ONGOING**

***Download the App and scan receipts within 14 days of purchase***

Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for Martha Jones. This money will be used to help pay for school supplies, fund field trip expenses and other fun events! In addition to the Fall and Spring classroom competitions, we collect Box Tops year-round, so please feel free to send them in whenever you have them.

We recently sent home information about **important changes** to the Box Top program, please take note of these changes and continue to support the Box Top program. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **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).

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**General PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, **Mar. 3** @ 7pm - MJ Library

**MJ Parent Social:** Saturday, **Mar. 21** @ 7:30-11:30pm - The German Club

**MJ Book Fair:** Friday, **Mar. 27** - MJ Library

**PMC Kids Ride:** Sunday, **May 31** @ 8:30-11am - MJ School

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