

# Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.  
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## Important Dates

<b>Mon., Oct 14</b>	Columbus Day -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>Thu., Oct. 24</b>	Gr 4 Field Trip - Moose Hill
<b>Fri., Oct. 25</b>	PTO Halloween Event (6:30 - 8:00) and Haunted Hallway (6:45 to 7:45)
<b>Mon., Oct 28</b>	Picture Retake Day
<b>Tue., Oct 29</b>	K Field Trip - Fox Hill
<b>Wed., Oct. 30</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
<b>Wed., Nov. 6</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served.
<b>Mon., Nov 11</b>	Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>Wed., Nov. 13</b>	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served. ----- Evening Parent Conferences (as scheduled)
<b>Thu., Nov. 14</b>	School Committee, WHS 7pm

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

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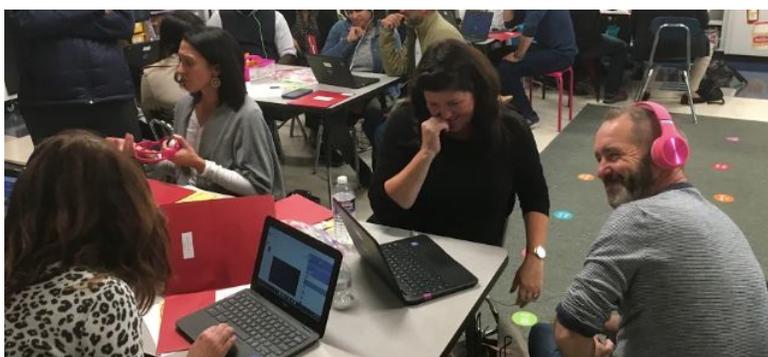
ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

## Message from the Principal

**Yom Kippur** - To all our families who observe Yom Kippur, I hope you had a peaceful day of reflection and atonement and that the rest of your year is filled with tranquility, prosperity, and joy.

**Columbus Day** - We will be closed on Monday, October 14th in recognition of Columbus Day. Enjoy the day.

**Curriculum Night** - It was great to see so many parents at curriculum night. I appreciate your commitment to your child's education. Many of you got a snapshot into the lessons your children engage in each day. It was fun to see parents participating in the learning process and getting a hands-on opportunity to see their child's classroom in action.



# MJ News

**School Pictures** - School pictures are in and will be sent home on Tuesday. If you have any issues with your pictures, please contact Lifetouch. They are very good about resolving issues. If you need additional assistance, please let us know. Picture retakes - If you are not happy with your pictures, return them to school and your child will be rephotographed on picture retake day. If your child was absent, their photo will be taken on retake day, Monday, October, 28, 2019.



**Costumes Needed Now - Candy Needed Later** - As you start shopping for Halloween, please keep in mind that we support two organizations each year during the Halloween season. The Ouellette family does a costume drive each year for children in need who cannot afford costumes. These children may be in foster care, living in communities of poverty, or living right here in our community and are in need. We will be collecting costumes from now until the evening of our



Halloween celebration and Haunted Hallway (October 25th). Please consider donating a slightly used or new costume. There is a Drop Off box in the school lobby.

**Candy Drive** - In addition, we will also be participating again this year in the Wellesley Dental Group's **12th Annual Candy Drive for the Troops**. From Nov. 1st through Nov. 7th, we will be collecting all donated candy to be sent to our troops overseas as a pick-me-up and reminder that people at home in the USA are thinking of them.



Westwood Gear is now available through our PTO. Order forms and checks are due back to school by **Friday, Nov. 8th**. Please make checks payable to the MJ PTO and be sure to label your envelope "WW Gear". To print a new order form Click [here](#). See more info in the PTO section of the newsletter. Order forms will also be available at the Halloween Event.



**Mini Courses are Up and Running** - The mini-courses are off to a great start. This is a great way for your child to have fun while you support the PTO. Thank for participating.

## Message from Lego's Mini Course

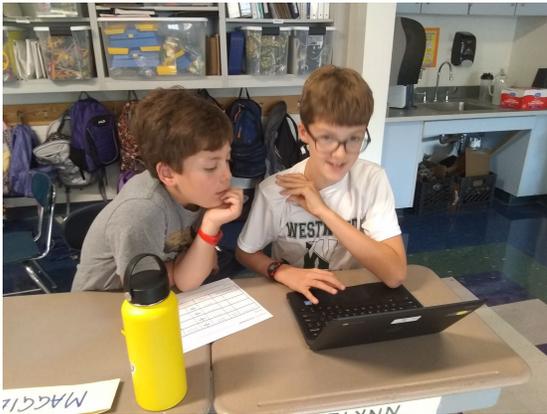
Mrs. DeAngelis wishes to thank the Martha Jones community for their recent lego donations so she could run the Lego mini-course. We have a great group of nineteen students with the girls well represented! Any additional donations of the Lego friends collections would still be welcome. Thank you again for your support! We are having a great time!



# Classroom Happenings

## News from 5B (Mr. Bartlett)

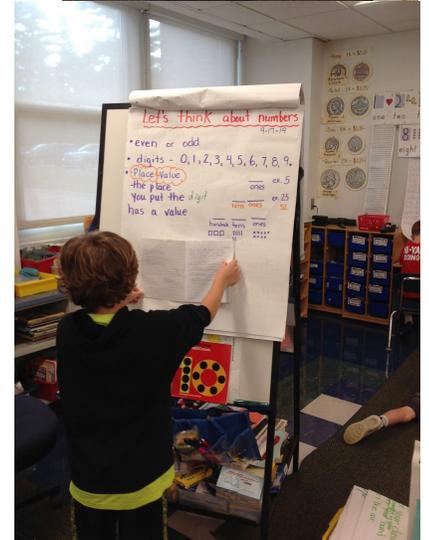
Students in 5th Grade have been learning all about money, investing, and how the stock market works by participating in the national Stock Market Game. Students have been working small groups to invest a simulated \$100,000 in stocks and bonds. Based on their investments, the groups have been tracking their stock holdings, selling underperforming or over-performing stocks, and reinvesting funds in other companies. Popular investments have included Nike (NKE), Microsoft (MSFT), and Visa (V). Alongside math and technology skills, students have also been learning collaboration and decision making skills in real life situations.



## News from 2H (Ms. Hartwell)

The Terc Investigations math program encompasses mathematical thinking and problem solving, as well as the development of math skills such as developing number sense. The children in 2H are learning new math games and daily math routines. Some of the games we have played are "Make Ten" and "Tens Go Fish". The facts that make a ten will be reinforced through many different math games throughout the year. Double facts and making ten facts are important facts all second graders need to learn. It is a method of adding two numbers together mentally to get to the next ten. If a child knows his or her

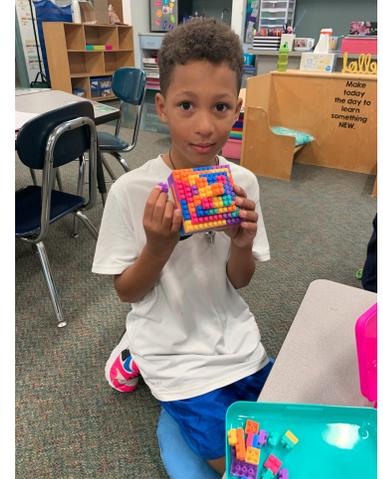
double for example  $7+7$ , then this knowledge can connect in problem solving  $7+8$  or even  $17+17$ . As for combinations that make ten, if you know  $1+9=10$  then you can connect this thinking to help you solve  $11+19$  which is  $10+10+10$ . By automatically knowing these facts, second graders will be able to transfer this knowledge to two, three, etc. digit numbers. So keep playing all the games at home. It truly helps your child!



## News from 2F (Mrs. Fader)



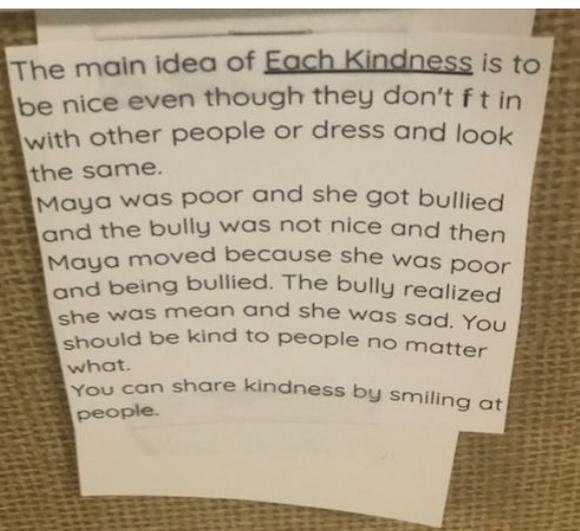
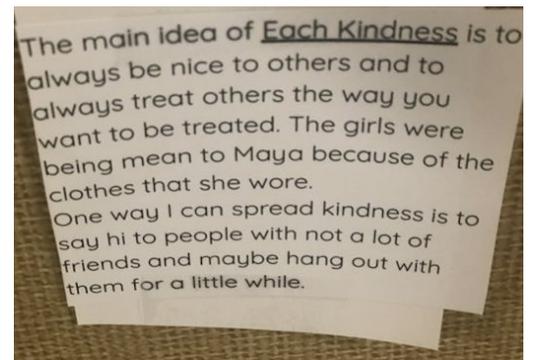
Students in 2F have been enjoying morning STEM time. After students finish their morning work they chose a STEM bin of their choice before we start morning meeting. These bins are filled with different materials to promote thinking around Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This time is hands-on, engaging, and open ended. Students may choose to make a pattern, build a bridge, make 3D shapes or create their own structure. The possibilities are endless! During this time students are focused and engaged and are always looking for ways to improve their structures from one day to the next. Some days students work in groups to explore bins and work together to build something. This helps to improve teamwork and communication within partnerships. Students work together to come up with an idea and communicate on how to improve their structure (ex. how can we make our tower taller without it falling?). It is so impressive seeing what these students come up with every day!



## News from Ms. Mulhern

To start off the school year on a positive note, we have been reading, writing and discussing ways to be kind. All students in the Learning Center have read the story "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson. This is a

powerful story with a strong anti-bullying message. The main character, Chloe, and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. They constantly reject Maya's attempts at friendship. Eventually Maya stops coming to school and the teacher teaches a lesson on how small acts of kindness can change the world. Both the characters in the book as well as the students in the Learning Center were



impacted by this powerful message. Students were asked to write the main idea or lesson they learned from the story as well as one way they can spread kindness across the world.

# PTO News

## **MARTHA JONES HALLOWEEN PARTY**

***Friday, Oct. 25 6:30 -8 pm***

**BOO!** Get your costumes ready and save the date for our annual MJ Halloween Party! There will be Halloween fun and games and a bounce house in the gym and a DJ dance party with refreshments in the cafeteria. The frightfully fun Haunted Hallway will be open for 1 hour (6:45-7:45 pm). Please note that the Haunted Hallway is **scary** and some children may not want to participate but don't worry, there are plenty of other fun activities for everyone to enjoy!



We need **DOZENS** of volunteers to make this night happen and to be successful. Volunteers are needed to assist in the gym and craft room along with lots of parents to DRESS up and scare kids in the Haunted Hallway. **Sign up early!** There are plenty of shifts available to meet your schedule. Click [here](#) to volunteer!

The Halloween Party is open to all MJ students, along with their families, and there is no cost to attend. However, we do request that each person attending bring a canned or dry goods item to donate to the **Westwood Food Pantry**. Click [here](#) to view the list of items they need most.

A 50/50 raffle will also be offered during the night.

## **WESTWOOD GEAR**

***Orders Due Friday, Nov. 8***

### **Get your Westwood Gear Here!**

Here's an easy way to get your holiday shopping done early while supporting Martha Jones! The Martha Jones PTO is selling Westwood themed apparel. There are many new items available this year including a warm Westwood blanket, which is perfect for those cold soccer/hockey games, and a handy cell phone credit card holder. There are also new shirts, vests, hats, headbands and more! To view photos of some of the items available Click [here](#)

If you want to view available Westwood apparel and accessories in-person, you are in luck! We will have a table set up at the Halloween party so, please stop by. Plus, in-person credit card purchases are now accepted via PayPal (3% processing fee).

Order forms and checks are due back to school by **Friday, Nov. 8th**. Please make checks payable to the MJ PTO and be sure to label your envelope "WW Gear". To print a new order form Click [here](#)

**HELP NEEDED** - This committee could use a few additional volunteers to assist with placing and sorting orders and picking up/dropping off the gear once it comes in. If you can help, please contact Julie or Maureen (contact info below).

Westwood gear will be sent home **before** December 20th. If it's a gift you want to keep secret, those orders will be available for pick up in the school office. Questions should be directed to either Julie Harrington [j1harrington@yahoo.com](mailto:j1harrington@yahoo.com) or Maureen Grealish [mmolloy@aol.com](mailto:mmolloy@aol.com)

## **FALL BOX TOPS COMPETITION**

**Ends Friday, Oct. 18**



We are excited to announce our fall classroom Box Top competition! Please send in any unexpired Box Tops using the collection sheet [here](#) or in a plastic bag. Box Tops will be collected through **October 18** and the class with the most Box Tops will win popsicle party!

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 flyer.

## **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](https://smile.amazon.com), choose Martha Jones PTO as your charity of choice and shop away!

## **Amazon shopping with an iPhone?**

You can use AmazonSmile just like an App by following a few simple steps. Open [smile.amazon.com](https://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.

## **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).

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# Community News You Can Use



## 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

at:

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## FLYERS AND ADDITIONAL INFO



### **Fall Box Tops Competition:** **Send in Your Box Tops!**

We are excited to announce our first classroom Box Top competition of the 2019-2020 school year! Please send in your kids' unexpired Box Tops in a baggie with your child's class name and number. Box Tops will be collected in homeroom classes.

The homeroom with the most Box Tops collected through **October 18** will win a popsicle party!

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!

Please see the attached flyer for important changes happening to the Box Top program going forward.



# WESTWOOD Public Schools

**Join the conversation about Westwood's School Building Project and help us determine the future of our schools.**

The Westwood School Committee is holding two sets of community forums this Fall to share information about the School Building Project and gather input from the community.

## 1) Initial Information Presentation and Feedback Session

October 23 and November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thurston Middle School cafeteria  
(participants can attend either session)

- Review the School Building Project process and receive a "current status" update;
- Meet the design team (project manager and architect); and
- Participate in small break-out groups to discuss project priorities.

## 2) Education Plan Presentation

December 9 and December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thurston Middle School cafeteria  
(participants can attend either session)

- Identify project priorities;
- Review the School District's roadmap for educational excellence in Westwood; and
- Understand the next steps for the School Building Committee.

## NEXT SPRING (dates to be announced):

The School Committee will continue community engagement sessions on the following topics:

- Review of the pros and cons of the School Building Project plan with the design team;
- Obtain input from the community on the School Building Project plan; and
- Determination and presentation by the School Building Committee of the preferred solution for the School Building Project.



Educational excellence is our top priority. The Westwood School Building Project will help us modernize our schools and enhance student learning. We look forward to your participation!





# HELP CHILDREN IN NEED THIS OCTOBER

## Here's How You Can Help

Place gently used costumes in bags. Label costume and size:

Example: "boys size 5 Spiderman" or "girls size 6 Snow White"

If you do not have a gently used costume, please consider purchasing a new costume.

## Collection Details

When: Friday, October 11th - Monday October 28th

Where: Halloween bins in all Westwood Public Schools

Our family began a Halloween Drive 16 years ago hoping to bring costumes and smiles to children in need throughout New England. Our drive has grown from 25 donations to 15,000+ in 16 years.

Together, with your incredibly generous donations, we have made so many children throughout New England happy!

Please help make a child's wish come true again this year!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT MARTHA JONES FROM NOV. 1ST - 7TH



12TH ANNUAL  
**CANDY  
DRIVE**

FOR THE TROOPS

**PRESS EVENT**

8th November 2019 @ 10AM  
5 Seaward Rd. Wellesley, MA 02481

**CANDY COLLECTION**

1st-7th November 2019

**CONTACT**

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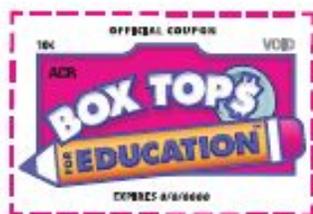




Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN**  
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP  
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT**  
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