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Important Dates

Mon., Nov 11	Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed., Nov. 13	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am. No lunch served. ----- Evening Parent Conferences (as scheduled)
Thu., Nov. 14	School Committee, WHS 7pm
Fri., Nov. 22	Math League 8:00AM Locations - TBD
Wed., Nov. 27	12:00 Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break
Thu. & Fri., Nov. 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
Mon., Dec. 2	In-service - NO SCHOOL
Fri., Dec. 6	Math League 8:00AM Locations - TBD
Thu., Dec. 12	Gr. 2 Enrichment - Plimoth Plantation Classroom Visit ----- School Committee, WHS 7pm
Fri., Dec. 13	Math League 8:00AM Locations - TBD ----- Gr. 5 Band Concert - 9:30AM ----- Gr. 5 Play - 6:30PM

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

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ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

Message from the Principal



A Huge Thank You to the Foundation for Westwood Education - As you may know, the [Westwood Foundation for Education](#) supports high quality education in our public schools and enhances learning for Westwood

residents of all ages. At Martha Jones School, teachers and parents apply to the FWE for grants to help fund special programs and events. We were recently notified that FWE has approved two grants that will directly impact Martha Jones students:

Behind the Mask - A Theater Production - A beautiful and mysterious woman, is exiled from a mountain village and takes its water source, the river with her. The villagers learn important lessons of tolerance, forgiveness, and their impact on the ecosystem. The layers of teachings hidden in this beautiful folktale attune the audience to the cycles of nature, the



messages of water, and the magical life that unfolds with living from the heart. Based on a poem inspired by a Zapotec folktale.

Ozobot Evo Robotics - Ozobots are pocket-sized coding robots that come with infinite ways to play, create, and share. The primary goal of the grant is to develop students' basic robotics and coding literacy and gain key 21st century skills to unlock future academic and career opportunities. The skills they will develop include collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving.

Note: This was a joint request with the Sheehan School.

Families of Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 can **support the Foundation by participating in the Spelling Bee** - One of the Foundations major fundraisers. [Link here for more information and registration](#) or see flyer at end of this newsletter.



MJ News

Thank you for your generous support of Candy For the Troops. The Martha Jones School collected 10 large boxes (150 lbs!) of candy to be sent to our deserving servicemen and servicewomen. This was a wonderful way for students to participate in a good cause, especially as Veteran's Day approaches.



Parent Teacher Conferences - We are in the middle of parent teacher conferences. At Martha Jones School we believe that the partnership between home and school is essential to each child's success. This is a time for teachers to share a little about your child's progress in school and an opportunity for you to ask any questions or share any concerns you may have. While report cards and parent teacher conferences happen a few times each year, please know that our partnership never ends. Please contact your child's teacher directly, anytime during the year, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or want to share things that might be happening at home that may impact your child's school day.

Lunch Reminder: A few times a week, I have students approach me or come to the office because they have come to school with a lunch and decided that they like what the kitchen is offering better. They want to call their parents at home or work to get permission to buy lunch instead of eating the lunch they brought to school. This happens mostly on Snowflake Waffle days and Soft Pretzel and Yogurt days :). While we don't like to prevent children from calling home when there is a true need or concern, this does not rise to the level of "emergency" and typically I will not allow the student to call home or call a parent at work to ask about lunch choices. Please have a conversation with your child about your wishes in this area. Some parents don't care if their child decides to buy lunch and are happy with the child making the decision. Other



parents do not want their child buying lunch and want their child to eat what was packed. If you think your child might be a child who changes his/her mind about lunch once he/she gets to the lunch room, please let him/her know your wishes so they are not asking to call you at work for snowflake waffles :). I'm a softy for the tears that sometimes follow when I tell them they can't call home/work about lunch and hate being the "bad guy" in this situation. Thank you

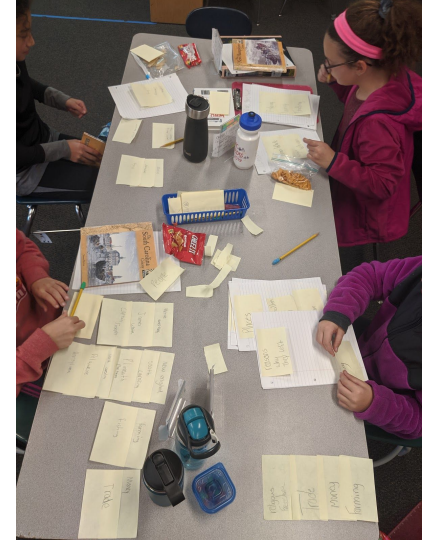
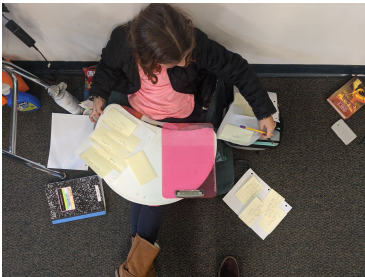
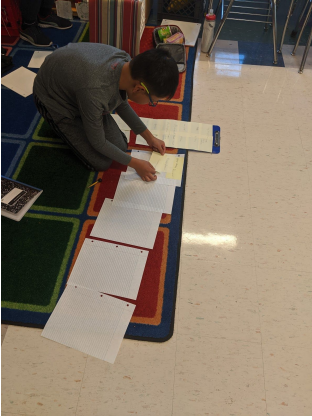
Getting Dressed for the Winter Weather	
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As the cold weather approaches, please remember that we go outside every day for recess - even during the snowy cold New England winters. Please be sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. This means snowpants, boots, hats, and mittens. **MAKE SURE TO LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** If there is a medical reason your child must stay in for recess, please make sure you provide a note to Mrs. Shu the school nurse from your physician.

Classroom Happenings

News from 5R (Ms. Reed)

Historians in 5 Reed are embarking on a new unit in writing. Over the next few weeks, these researchers will organize what they already know, draft to clarify their knowledge, research to fill gaps, draft again, and revise, revise, revise! We started our first lesson by writing some key words and phrases on sticky notes and organizing those stickies into subtopics. Each subtopic gets a piece of paper, like chapters in a book. This sets us up perfectly to write flash drafts in the second lesson, using all we already know about the topic and about informational writing. Later on, we will consider the audience of our final work to help us revise to best show our knowledge. This is a demanding lesson to start off the unit, and 5th grade writers truly rose to the challenge, getting messy with their pages and post-its to organize for the unit!

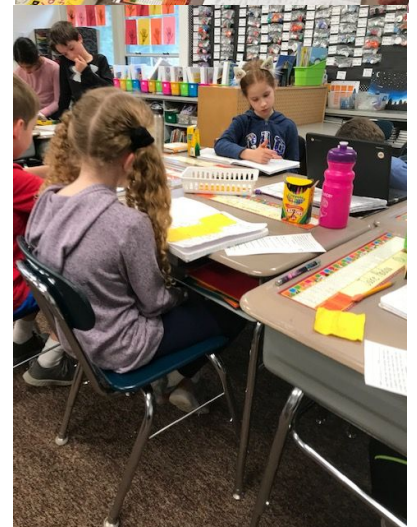
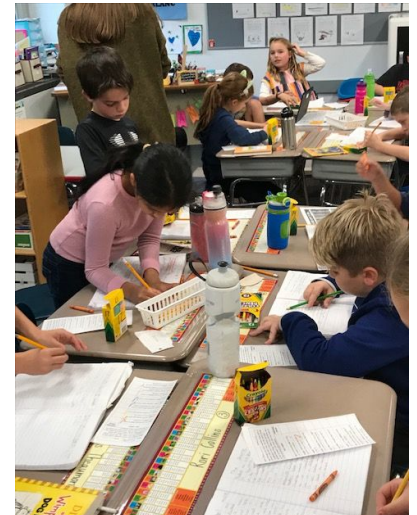


News from Literacy (Ms. Child)



Many of the writers at Martha Jones are finishing up a unit on Narrative Writing. From Kindergarten to Grade 5, students are learning to write narrative pieces. In kindergarten and first grade, writers are choosing small moments in their lives, and then are "zooming in," to tell their story including a beginning, a middle and an end. In second grade, narrative writers are choosing *one time* they did something, and are including thoughts, actions and/or dialogue. By third grade writers are slowing down their stories, writing important parts bit by bit, and are including paragraphs in their pieces. In fourth and fifth grade

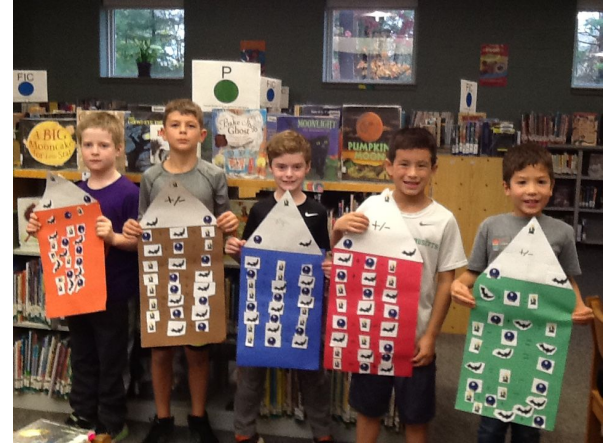
narrative writers are writing over many pages and are writing an entire story of an important moment. From early on children learn the value of oral rehearsal, taking themselves back to those important moments, making movies in their minds, to tell their story including details and emotions, bringing out the heart of their stories. Our Martha Jones writers are gaining independence, lifting the level of their writing, becoming confident narrative writers. Be sure to stop by the bulletin board by the main office to catch a glimpse of their work!



News from 3La (Mrs. Lane) -



This week in 3MacDonald/Lane students have been exploring fact families and the various equations that can be made with them. A fact family consists of three numbers that share a relationship,



such as 12, 8, and 4. Equations for that fact family include $4+8=12$, $8=12-4$, and $12-8=4$. As students create equations, we have rich discussions about how equations are written and the meaning of the equal sign. Properties of operations also play a role as we consider the commutative property of addition and why that is not the same for subtraction. Later, we move toward using symbols or pictures to represent the total and parts so that students can explore the relationship in general and not just focus on specific numbers. On Halloween this work resulted in the creation of Haunted House Fact Families, where students used spooky images to represent the total at the top of their attic with the parts in the other areas of the triangle. We



had a discussion about what equations we could create and students got to work. This was a way to engage in algebraic thinking with Halloween fun! Enjoy the pics and check out our bulletin board next time you are in the school!



News from Music (Mrs. Saada-Smith)

Last week, students celebrated the fun of Halloween in Mrs. Saada-Smith's music classes. In 5th Grade, students worked on their Danse Macabre projects, creating their own Tone Poems based on the music of Camille Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre". The students are writing their own poems, and are adding instrumental ostinato patterns to the eventual reading of their poems. In 3rd Grade students are learning to read music. They created their own rhythm patterns using the words Pumpkin, Pie and Jack-o-lantern, which transferred to rhythm patterns in music (eighth notes, quarter notes and sixteenth notes). Students wrote their own musical patterns then chose an instrument to perform the pattern. 2nd Graders played fun melodies on the xylophones to the song "Pumpkin Fat" and Kindergartners enjoyed many fun Halloween songs, including the "Halloween Looby Loo" and "Tis The Night Of Halloween"!

Pictured

(left): Mrs. Layton's Kindergarten dancing to the Halloween Looby Loo
(below) Mrs. McDonough's Kindergarten playing instruments while they sang



Mrs. Fader's 2nd Grade playing xylophones

Mrs. LeBlanc's 3rd Grade performing their Halloween Rhythm Patterns



Mr. Parkhurst's 5th Grade working on their Danse Macabre poems.



PTO News

ORIGINAL WORKS

Orders Due Monday, Nov. 18



A kid favorite fundraiser!

We are pleased to announce that we will be running the Original Works Fundraiser again this year. Designed to encourage creativity and grow student self-esteem, Original Works is an art program that ties directly into Mrs. Pasquan's Art Curriculum at Martha Jones. Your child's artwork can be printed on magnets, coffee mugs, note cards and more! The pride and excitement that our students get from seeing their artwork transformed into special keepsakes is truly wonderful. Whether it's something you treasure for years to come, or give as a unique and special gift, Original Works products are fun and practical for any season or occasion—and they make **GREAT** holiday gifts for your entire family!

Students have completed their art masterpieces, and the final artwork and online ordering instructions will be sent home Nov. 12. Orders should be submitted by **Nov 18**. (Order forms can also be brought in to school but online ordering is preferred) Proceeds fund our PTO sponsored programs and last year we raised over \$2000. We are hopeful that we will meet or exceed that this year so please keep that in mind when making your selections! For more information about the Original Works program, please click [here](#) or contact Liz Nicosia elizabeth.nicosia@gmail.com

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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 denise Cahill@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

Register

at:

http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs/programs_for_youth/programs_for_elementary_aged_residents/friends_network.htm

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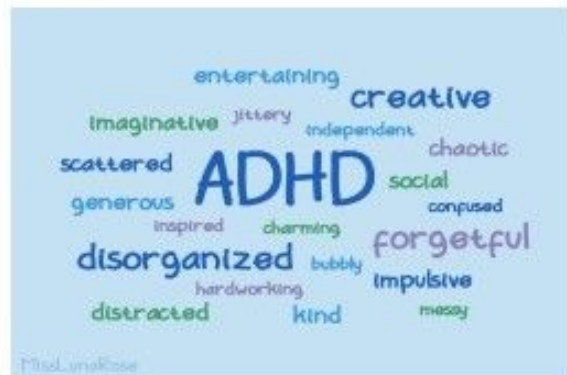
SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



ADHD Parent Training

Monday November 18, 2019
6:30 -7:00 PM-Parent Networking
7:00-Presentation

This workshop will cover the diagnosis and treatment of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). As a participant, you will learn how to best manage the multiple demands of parenting a child with ADHD and how to work collaboratively with schools to help your child be successful. Parents will leave with specific strategies to increase positive outcomes.



Presentation topics will include:

- Implementing language that works with children who are challenged by ADHD
- Learning calming and regulation techniques to help establish routines and schedules
- Knowing how Executive Functioning plays a role in ADHD
- Learning about pharmacological support

This workshop is presented by psychotherapist and adjunct professor Julia E. Volynskaya, LICSW of **ADHD Boston** and Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

RSVP: westwoodsepac.org/event-reg or in our [Facebook Group](#)

Location: Westwood High School, 220 Nahatan Street
Park in the front horseshoe parking lot off Nahatan Street. Go through the doors marked "District Administration". Once inside follow signage to Professional Development Room.

FOUNDATION FOR
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Spelling Bee

Friday, January 3, 2020

Westwood High School Auditorium

Snow date Saturday, January 4, same location and times

Registration is open from October 12 to November 9

To Register you will need your team name, team member names (3-4 students), parent in charge name and a credit card to complete the registration below. All grades study the entire list at www.myspellit.com.

Don't forget to design your team t-shirts!

Grade 3: 3:30pm arrival time [GRADE 3 REGISTRATION](#)

Grade 4: 5:15pm arrival time [GRADE 4 REGISTRATION](#)

Grade 5: 6:45pm arrival time [GRADE 5 REGISTRATION](#)

Exact Times Subject to Change

Questions? events@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org