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Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

Date	Event
Fri., Oct. 30th	PTO Halloween Drive-thru
Tues., Nov. 3rd	School Closed - District Wide Professional Development
Wed. Nov. 11th	VETERAN'S DAY No School
Thu. Nov. 12th	School Committee Meeting
Wed. Nov. 18th	Parent Conferences (by appointment)
Wed., Dec. 9th	Parent Conferences (by appointment)

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Message from the Principal

Curriculum Night - Thank you for your participation in our virtual curriculum night. While the format was certainly different, I hope you got to meet your child's teacher, a sense of your child's classroom, and some information on what he/she will be learning this year. Our teachers are committed to making this year as productive as possible for each child. The students and staff are doing an amazing job as we work together with you to keep students safe, engaged with their school community, and learning the skills they need to be successful in school and in life.

Curriculum Night Slides - Some of you who were not able to attend curriculum night have asked for a recording of my presentation. While we do not record any Zoom meetings that involve parents and/or students (without explicit consent from all parties), here are my slides from the presentation. Hopefully, this gives you a sense of the presentation and items I shared. Feel free to reach out if you want more information or check in with a neighbor or friend who attended. Thank you.

Strategies for Behavior Support During Remote Learning- The Westwood SEPAC presents Catherine DeBroder for this special 3 part series. [For more information, check out this flyer.](#) To register to receive the zoom link and attend the workshops, [complete this registration form.](#)

MJ News



Message from the Westwood Public Health Director

The Westwood Public Health Director has posted some guidance around Halloween. There are a number of links here including ideas for Halloween Activities and Safe Halloween Tips.

<https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/Home/Components/News/News/210/15>

Halloween at Martha Jones - For those of you who have been part of the MJ school community, you know that the PTO sponsored a Halloween Party and Haunted Hallway each year and it was always a huge success and one of the students' favorite memories. While we can't continue that tradition this year, the PTO continues to step up to make sure students have fun experiences and memories of MJ. This year, as you know, the PTO has put together a **Haunted Halloween Drive-Through for families on Friday, October 30th. SEE DETAILS BELOW IN PTO SECTION FOR SPECIFIC TIMES AND INFORMATION.** This allows the students to celebrate Halloween outside of the school hours. Please join the fun. Details on times and additional information is in the PTO memo at the end of this newsletter.

Share the Warmth - Remember that we are partnering with the Council on Aging to help meet the needs of Westwood Seniors so we will be collecting new winter hats, new winter socks, new crossword puzzle books and new Sudoku books for the Westwood Council on Aging. You will be able to easily donate these items as you drive out of the Haunted Drive-Thru or feel free to send them into school with your child this week. They can bring them to the office and we will be sure they get to the PTO members to donate as part of our Halloween Drive.



While we love the fun of our PTO Halloween events, we do not "celebrate" Halloween as part of our school day. Therefore, students are not allowed to wear costumes to school or bring in candy or special treats to share. Thank you for your understanding and support of this policy.

Helping Those in Need: Many people have lost their jobs and find themselves with food and housing insecurities at this time. If you are in need, please know that there are resources available. The Westwood Food Pantry, Westwood Youth and Family Services, and other organizations are available for assistance. Financial challenges can be especially difficult during the holiday season.

Holiday Gift Giving Program - If you need help with providing gifts for your children during the holidays, Westwood Youth and Family Services works to partner with local businesses for a Gift Giving Program. Please contact them by November 6th if your family needs help. They can be reached at 781-320-1006 or youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us . This is a confidential program and available to all residents. See info on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

School/Community Happenings

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FRIENDS AT WELLESLEY DENTAL GROUP- In the past, Martha Jones students donated all their leftover candy to the Wellesley Dental Group, who in turn sent it out to our troops. They are doing things differently this year and hope you will support their efforts.

Dear friends & community members,

This year, out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to **cancel the 13th Annual Candy Drive**. Our utmost priority as healthcare professionals is to keep our community safe and healthy, and we want to minimize any risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Instead, this year, we plan to continue the spirit of giving back and bringing our community together by launching our **Healthcare Heroes Appreciation Drive**.

This new initiative is a drive to collect handmade “*kindness cards*” & letters for our local healthcare workers. Our goal is to have every student write a letter or make a card to show our appreciation and gratitude for all the sacrifices our healthcare workers have made over the last several months.

To amplify the impact of this drive, **Wellesley Dental Group will donate 25 cents for each letter or card to the [Massachusetts Nurses Association \(MNA\)](#)**, who will use the donation to purchase PPE for their frontline workers.

How you can get involved:

1. Encourage your children to share their appreciation via a card or letter
2. Drop off the letters/cards (*completely contactless*) or mail them to the Wellesley Dental Group office by **Monday, November 9th**. Our office address is: 5 Seaward Road, Wellesley 02481
3. Help us spread the word to increase our impact!

All my best,

Femina Ali, D.M.D.

781-237-9071

Wellesleydentalgroup.com

Note: Some teachers may also be making cards with students, but I encourage you to get involved as a family as well. This would be a great remote day activity. Thank you.

PTO News

MARTHA JONES HAUNTED HALLOWEEN DRIVE-THRU VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED and WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS TO THE WESTWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING

Friday, October 30

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on October 30 for the Martha Jones Haunted Halloween Drive-Thru!

We are still in need of volunteers to dress up and be a part of the festivities. This event cannot happen without your help! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on this link.

<https://atozconnect.com/cls/events?ifun6559>

We are also very excited to announce that the Martha Jones PTO is partnering with the Westwood Council on Aging to provide the senior citizens in our community with some much needed items as they head into the winter months. The pandemic has been especially challenging for the seniors in Westwood who are homebound. We will be collecting new winter hats, new winter socks, new crossword puzzle books and new Sudoku books for the Westwood Council on Aging. You will be able to easily donate these items as you drive out of the Haunted Drive-Thru.

As a reminder, parents and caregivers will drive down Martha Jones Road and pass the ghostly happenings right in front of Martha Jones. You are invited to drive through the display at set times based on your child's grade. There will be guides directing traffic. In order for this event to be successful and not cause traffic issues, **we request that families only participate at the time allotted for their child's grade.** If you have more than one child at Martha Jones we request that you pick a time that best matches your family's needs.

Although children won't be allowed to exit their cars, we would love everyone to decorate their car and have their kids don their Halloween costumes. We are sure this will be a Halloween night to remember!

Times are listed below. The scares will become a little scarier as the night progresses.

- **5:30 PM to 6 PM:** Kindergarten, 1st Grade and anyone with sensory sensitivity
- **6:15 PM to 6:45 PM:** 2nd and 3rd grade
- **7 PM to 7:30 PM:** 4th and 5th Grade

WESTWOOD GEAR - Orders Due By: November 9 - Just in time for your holiday shopping, we are excited to announce the launch of a brand new Westwood Gear site. There are new sweatshirts, pajama pants, hats and t-shirts. This year all items will be shipped directly to your home. Make sure to

select "Martha Jones" when checking out.

<https://westwood-elementary.itemorder.com/sale>

MABEL'S LABELS- NOW WITH THE MJ LOGO!

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We are excited to announce you can now order the Mabel's Label combo pack with the Martha Jones log. Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and enter "Martha Jones PTO" as the fundraiser you would like to support. The "combo label pack" is available at the top of the menu bar. By purchasing the MJ combo label pack or any of the labels via our fundraiser, you will receive free shipping (labels are mailed directly to your address) and the PTO will receive 20% of your purchase.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARK STREET BOOKS HOLIDAY SHOPPING

December 3

Park Street Books in Medfield is generously hosting a shopping day for the Martha Jones community. On Thursday, December 3 from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m., Park Street Books will donate 20% of all Martha Jones sales to the Martha Jones PTO. Start making your holiday shopping lists now!

FALL BOX TOP CAMPAIGN

Due Date: October 23

Please send your kids' unexpired Box Tops in a baggie to school by Friday October 23, 2020. A bin will be available in the office to collect the Box Tops.

ELECTRONIC BOX TOPS - COLLECTION ONGOING: Download the App and scan receipts within 14 days of purchase. Click [here](#) for more information about how to download the Box Top app and scan your receipts. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school.

SHOP AmazonSmile ON THE APP

Support Martha Jones with every purchase

The Amazon Shopping app now supports Amazon Smile! Simply download the newest version of the Amazon Shopping app, go to settings, turn on Amazon Smile and choose the Martha Jones PTO as your charity. After you've done that, every purchase you make will automatically support the Martha Jones PTO 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.

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 Amy Amatangelo at amyamatangelo@yahoo.com.



Fall Box Tops Campaign: **Send in Your Box Tops!**

Please send your kids' unexpired Box Tops in a baggie with your child and your child's teacher's name marked on the baggie to school by **Friday October 23, 2020**. A bin will be available in the office to collect the Box Tops.

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Download the App and scan receipts within 14 days of purchase. Click [here](#) for more information about how to download the Box Top app and scan your receipts.

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!

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Welcomes
Catherine DeBroder
M.S., BCBA, LABA
Boston Behavior Services,
Education and Treatment

for a workshop series on

**Strategies for Behavior
Support During Remote
Learning**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
November 18
December 2
December 16, 2020



*The workshop series will cover
the fundamentals of:*

- ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis)
- How to set up a workspace for you and your children at home
- Supporting remote learning

Further conversations will be regarding:

- How to set expectations for managing schoolwork at home
- How to incentivize and motivate your child
- What to do when you need a break

**Registration is now
open!**
**All are welcome to join via
Zoom**

*Register to receive
the Zoom link. The Zoom link will
be sent via email 24 hours prior to
the workshop.*

*Complete this form to register:
forms.gle/r8gjci4PjpconmvK8*

