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Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

Date	Event
Thurs. Jan. 14	School Committee 7pm
Mon. Jan 18th	MLK Day NO SCHOOL
Fri., Jan 29th	Report cards
Mon - Fri., Feb. 15 - 19	February Vacation Week NO SCHOOL

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ext. 6262: Donna Tobin
ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

Message from the Principal

Thank you - During the holiday season teachers and I will often receive kind messages and generous gifts from parents to recognize the hard work that goes on at MJ throughout the year. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated and I know that we all are thankful for the time you take to reach out and show your gratitude for the education, care, and support that we strive to give to your children every day. A kind note can really make a teacher's day. Thank you for your continued support as we head into the 2nd half of this most challenging school year.

COVID-19 - The situation regarding COVID-19 is evolving and we will continue to provide updates as news develops. We appreciate the many parents who have communicated support for the District's actions and decision-making. Please continue to contact the COVID-19 Monitoring and Response Team, wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us, if you have traveled out state, if your child is not feeling well and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or you have been notified by someone that you are a close contact to a positive patient. As cases continue to rise throughout the state, it is important that we all work together to keep our students, staff, and entire community safe. [The district's COVID Dashboard can be accessed here.](#)

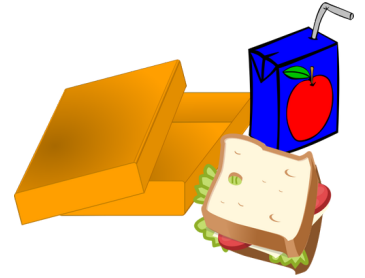
Please join us and Welcome Michael Curry, Esq. as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King with a virtual tribute. This program is presented by the Westwood METCO program. [Link here to view the flyer and register.](#)

MJ & District News

A Message from our Food Services Department

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!



We are noticing an increase in “in-class ordering” under the current Food Service Program. While this is great news, in order to accommodate the orders it is very important to adhere as much as possible to the online ordering guidelines. Instructions can be found [HERE](#). The online ordering system is new to all of us, so we want to support families with some reminders:

- Lunch orders must be placed before 2pm the day before.
- Wednesday is a remote day, so there is **NO** in-class delivery, even if the system allows you to select this in-class option.
- **Remote Orders for Mon/Tues/Wed are to be picked up on Monday only.** Elementary schools pick up location is Downey from 1:00-1:30 pm. Middle and High School pick up location is the H.S. Auditorium lobby from 1:00-1:30 pm. **Lunch options for the upcoming Mon/Tues/Wed will become available for online ordering on Fridays at 2pm.**
- **Remote Orders for Wed/Thurs/Fri are to be picked up on Wednesday only.** Elementary schools pick up is Downey from 1:00-1:30 pm. Middle and High School pick up location is the H.S. Auditorium lobby from 1:00-1:30 pm. **The lunch options for Wed/Thurs/Fri will become available for online ordering on Mondays after 2pm.**
- **We are making it possible to order only a few days at a time in order to minimize confusion for families.**

Thank you for participating in our program and contributing to its success. We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best,
Food Service
Westwood Public Schools
food@westwood.k12.ma.us

Please also remember that your child should have a snack and a refillable water bottle (labeled with name) with him or her each day.



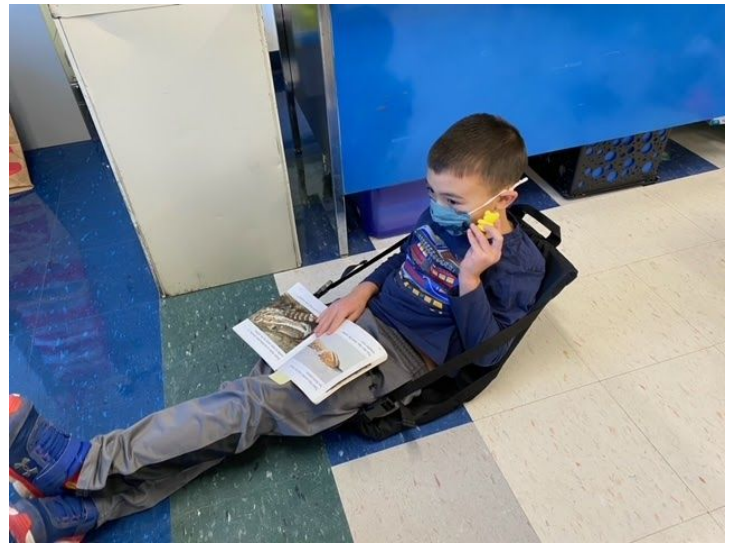
Last week I mentioned a huge THANK YOU to Dedham Savings Community Foundation for their generous donation of blackjack chairs. The

backjack chairs have arrived and I wanted to share some pictures of our students enjoying the generosity of Dedham Savings Community Foundation. They purchased these backjack chairs for the students so when they are sitting outside or in open spaces on the floor they will be warm and comfy. These seats will keep students from sitting on the cold ground and provide a cushioned seat and backrest to make it easier to sit for lessons, breaks, lunch, and/or snack. While

we are eating inside on cold winter days, we will still work to get students outside, each day, for breaks, outdoor



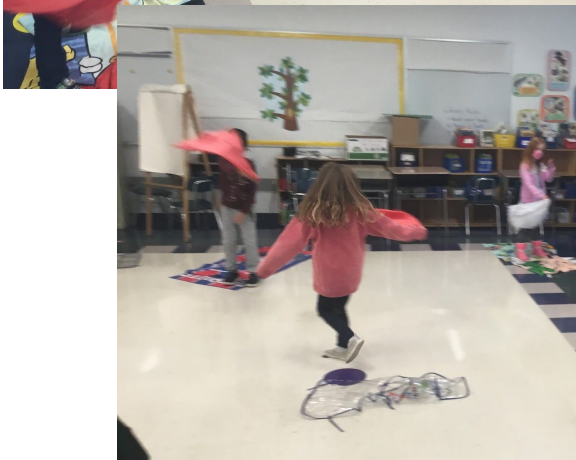
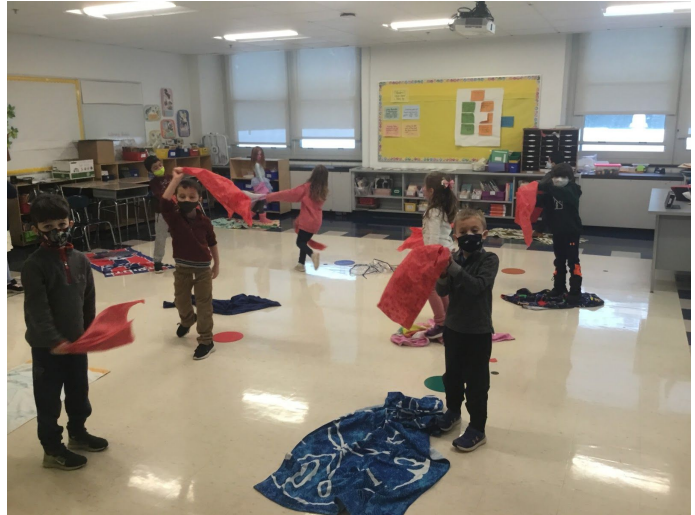
lessons, and fun.



Classroom Happenings

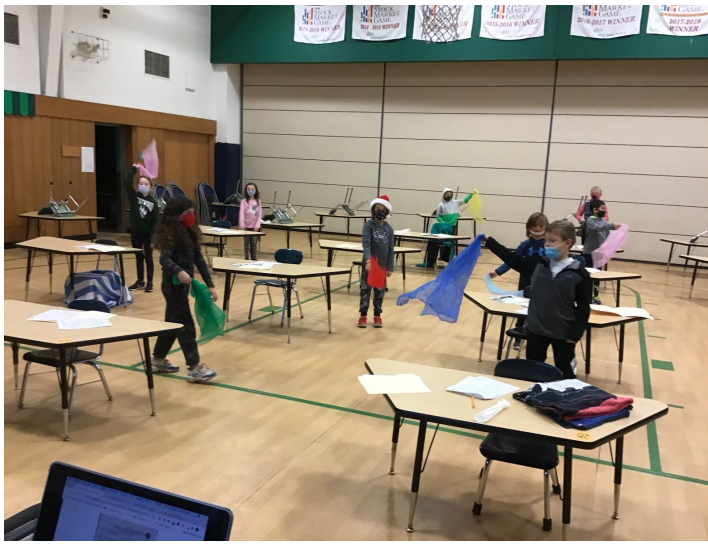
News from Music (Mrs. Labeledz)

KM dances with wrapping paper



2nd grade scarf dancing to nutcracker





PTO News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year from the Martha Jones PTO Board. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday break. We are looking forward to working with the Martha Jones community in 2021.

THE STADIUM SEATS HAVE ARRIVED! UPDATE ON DEDHAM SAVINGS GRANT

We are delighted to announce that we received a grant from Dedham Savings to purchase 300 portable stadium/backjack seats for every student at Martha Jones. These seats will allow the children to have a comfortable and dry place to sit when outside for classes, lunch, snack and mask breaks. Even in these cold winter months, students are spending as much time outside as is possible. These seats also have great indoor use as teachers often use them inside the classroom as well. The seats arrived at Martha Jones on Monday, January 4. We are so appreciative of Dedham Savings generosity and for having the seats so quickly produced and delivered to Martha Jones. We are thrilled we can start off the new year with the seats already in use. We especially want to extend a special thank you to Kristen Donahue who wrote the fantastic grant that funded these chairs. Thank you Dedham Savings and Kristen!

DON'T FORGET YOUR MABEL'S LABELS

mabel's labels

It's the season of snow pants, hats, gloves and mittens—in other words things that are easily misplaced or lost! Mabel's Labels ensures all your child(ren)'s items are labelled. You can now even order Mabel's Label combo pack with the Martha Jones logo. 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.

UPDATE ON BIRTHDAY BOOKS

The Birthday Books Committee had hoped to be able to assign last year's unassigned birthday books this spring. Unfortunately with Mrs. Swinning remaining at the Deerfield this semester, the library being used

as a classroom and parent volunteers unable to go into the school, we will not be able to do this. The Birthday Books program supplies the Martha Jones Library with brand new library books. **The books purchased for the 2019/2020 Birthday Books program already have been donated to the Martha Jones Library.** However, we will not be able to provide children who signed up for last year's Birthday Books program and had birthdays from April-August 2020 the opportunity to pick out a book and put their special donation label into the book of their choice. If you signed up for last year's Birthday Book program and the shutdown occurred before your child(ren) had the opportunity to place a birthday books label in the birthday book of their choice, the \$15 will be considered a donation to the Martha Jones library. If you would prefer not to make a donation, the PTO will refund you the \$15. Please contact Amy Amatangelo at amyamatangelo@yahoo.com if you would like a refund. Thanks to everyone for your support of the Birthday Books program. We look forward to resuming it in the 2021/2022 school year!

TEACHER WISH LISTS

As a small token of our thanks to our Martha Jones educators, we reached out to all teachers and specialists right before Thanksgiving to ask them for their wish lists. An example of some of the items the PTO has purchased include art easels, magna tiles, wobble chairs, headphones, timers and power cords. These items, which are continuing to arrive at school, will benefit our children and their classrooms not just this year but for years to come.

ELECTRONIC BOX TOPS - COLLECTION ONGOING

Download the Box Top 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.

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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.

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