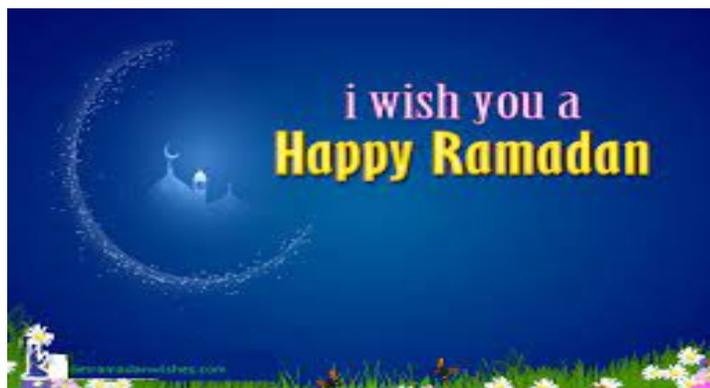


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Important Dates

Wed. Apr. 6	Early Release 11:50AM ----- Afternoon and Evening Conferences
Tue. & Wed., Apr. 12 & 13	ELA MCAS Grades 3, 4, & 5
Fri., Apr. 15	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday; Passover Begins
Mon - Fri Apr. 18- Apr. 22	NO SCHOOL - Patriot's Day and School Vacation week
Wed., Apr. 27	Early Release 11:50AM
Sat. Apr. 30	PTO Social 7:00PM - 11:00PM German Club, Walpole
Fri., May 6	GR 2 Enrichment: Animal Adaptations
Mon. & Tue., May 9 & 10	Math MCAS Grades 3, 4, & 5
Wed., May 11	Early Release 11:50AM

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Message from the Principal

Ramadan - To all of our families celebrating Ramadan, I wish you a peaceful month of fasting, introspection and prayer

Spring Is Here - Spring is an especially busy time of year in elementary schools. **Please see information below on our Mini Spring Mini-Courses which will run April 26th through June 3rd**, and in our MJ News Section, check out information on the STEAM Fair and ART Show which will be held later in the Spring.



Mini Spring Mini-Course Sign ups - The Martha Jones PTO is pleased to announce that mini courses are back for a mini spring session. This six week session will start on April 26 and run through June 3. **Registration will open on Wednesday April 6.** Three classes (fun and games; sports and games; and arts, music and books, oh my) will have registration by lottery. A special rendition of talent for a cause for fifth grade students will be available for all fifth graders. Mrs. Tobin will send out an email with a link to the registration site at 7:00am and a link will also be posted on the PTO Facebook page. Registration will close on April 8 and lottery winners will be notified of how to register thereafter. Please use this link to find out more about the Spring mini courses offerings this session: [INFORMATION AND MINI-COURSE DESCRIPTIONS LINKED HERE](#)

MJ & District News

Registration is open for the
Martha Jones S.T.E.A.M. Event
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math)
S.T.E.A.M. Fair and Art Show



THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022, 6:30 pm -7:45 pm
Register by May 13th



The STEAM fair is an annual event for students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math projects and present them to the Martha Jones community. Scientists can work individually or in groups of 2 or 3. Projects are completed outside of school and showcased at the fair. It is also an event showcasing student Artwork from their art classes.

Registration to Participate in the Science/Tech/Engineering Fair: [Registration link here](#)
Project ideas: [Project Ideas](#)

Westwood Community Chest Offers Scholarships: [Westwood Community Chest Summer Camp Scholarship Info \(and WCC website\)](#)

Bus Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year!

The District kindly asks families to register between March 1st and June 30th (so our bus coordinator can work on fine tuning the routes.) While the district prefers online registration ([here is the link](#)), a paper flyer can be found [here](#) for those who prefer to complete a paper form and send in a check.

Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year!

Do you have children or know a neighbor who has children who will be starting kindergarten in the fall? Kindergarten registration is now open online. Here is the [link](#) that reviews the [online registration](#) process. If you are not planning to send your child to Kindergarten in the Westwood Public Schools in September, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Please feel free to contact John Cianciarulo by email at jcianciarulo@westwood.k12.ma.us or by phone at 781-326-7500, x1341, if you have any questions. We look forward to getting to know your family in the months ahead and to partnering with you in providing an outstanding education for your child.



Join Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council for our upcoming parent groups and meetings!



April 5: Westwood Middle School/High School Transition Workshop

April 13: Autism Parent Group

April 27: Emotional/Mental Health Parent Group

Visit us at www.westwoodsepac.org/events for more information and to RSVP. SEPAC Liaison for Martha Jones: Megan Brenk mbrenk@gmail.com

Classroom Happenings

The Art Department has been busy creating little artists:

Congratulations to the following students for having artwork accepted into the MAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit. **The exhibit is posted online this year at <https://massarted.com/youth-art-month/>** Please visit and leave a note for our amazing artists.

Gr 1- Olive S., Gr 2- Jack F., Gr 3- Ellie H., Gr 4- Charlotte M., Gr 5 - Ailsa D. and Ryan R.

We also had one poster contest award. Congratulations to **1st grader Cam S.** for winning an honorable mention in the K-2 category!

MAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit



Gr 1 - Olive S.



GR 2 - Jack F.

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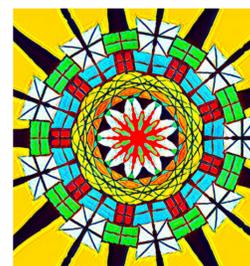
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Gr 4 - Charlotte M.



Gr 5 - Ailsa D.



Gr 5 - Ryan R.

YAM Poster Contest - "Art Connects Us"



Camden S. - Honorable Mention K-2

We are so proud of you!

Mrs. Pasquan and Mr. Hagel

News from Instructional Technology (Mr. Goguen)

For perhaps the past half dozen years or more, computer programming or coding, as it's often referred to as, has become mainstream in the K-5 classroom. The act of coding is so much more than creating a set of instructions for a computer to follow. At a lower level, students gain practice in reading and following directions. Predicting outcomes, problem solving, breaking down a larger task are developing thinking skills that lead to success. Learning to manage frustration and activate grit are also important aspects of coding. And let's not forget that creativity, communication and collaboration are all part of the equation. Coding is here to stay.

Martha Jones 5th graders are using Scratch to create simple games. Fourth graders recently programmed Dash robots to navigate a maze. Third graders have the luxury of a year long coding class. They will soon build and instruct Lego robots to complete tasks. Second graders have spent time working on Code.org's Course C which is a self-paced collection of increasing challenges that lead to a completion certificate. Our K-1 students are actively coding too. Keep in mind, there are so many resources available if your child is showing a heightened interest in this exciting, real world discipline.

News from KM (Mrs. McDonough)



KM has been learning about 3D shapes this month. Our wonderful student teacher, Miss Baltas, from Curry College was responsible for teaching an entire unit from beginning to end. Students in our class learned to name, describe and build; cones, pyramids, spheres, cubes and many different kinds of prisms through a variety of fun activities. They went on scavenger hunts at school and at home to find real life objects that are these shapes.



They built the shapes out of smaller blocks, playdough and snap cubes. They played games including Geoblock Go Fish, Shape Bingo and Match a Face. They completed the 3D shape activities on IXL. Do you know the difference between a square prism and a rectangular prism? Ask a kindergartener in KM!



News from the Library (Mrs. Swinning)



Calling all wizards and muggles! The Hogwarts Express is about to depart! This week in the MJ Library we are gearing up for the upcoming PTO sponsored Read-a-Thon! The Read-A-Thon runs April 1-8. Friday (see the PTO section below for more info). April 8th, we will have an optional Harry Potter dress up day, students may wear costumes or their house colors! Reading is MAGICAL!



Martha Jones Read-A-Thon and Park Street Books Shopping Days



Dear Parents,

Starting **Friday, April 1st - Friday, April 8th** Martha Jones students are invited to participate in our annual Read-A-Thon. The event is designed to encourage children to read beyond their current daily amounts and team up with the whole school to stress the importance and fun in reading. Reading progress will be logged by parents/caregivers via this [Read-A-Thon Google Form](#) and students can see the progress of their classes on a bulletin board in the MJ hallway. As your child completes one hour (or more) of reading, either independently or with an adult, we ask that you fill out the form. **To make this most accessible to our younger readers in grades K-3, your child may track the number of books read instead of hours, if that helps them feel more successful.** Please indicate books or hours on the form and be consistent with the method of tracking for the duration of the contest. You can log hours/books as often as you like throughout the week or just log once at the end. All reading must be logged by 9pm on Friday, April 8th.

The students in the classes that log the most hours/books throughout the one week period will receive individual \$10.00 gift certificates to Park Street Books. The teachers in those classes will also receive a gift certificate. There will be one winning class for grades K & 1, one winning class for grades 2 & 3 and one winning class for grades 4 & 5. The winning classes will be announced on Monday, April 11th.

Harry Potter Themed Dress Up Day: To celebrate the end of the Read-A-Thon, we will have an optional dress-up day on Friday, April 8th. Come dressed as your favorite magical book character, creature or simply wear the color from your chosen Hogwarts House.

Park Street Books Shopping Day: Park Street Books has offered us a shopping day to celebrate this event! On Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th from 9am-6pm you can visit Park Street Books at 504 Main Street in Medfield and they will donate 20% of all qualifying purchases to the MJ PTO. Students can use their hard-earned Gift Certificates on these shopping days too!

If you have any questions regarding the Read-A-Thon, please feel free to contact Megan Brenk, mbrenk@gmail.com.

PTO Update 3/30/22

MISCHIEF MANAGED... READ-A-THON APRIL 1-8

The 2022 Harry Potter themed Read-A-Thon is here!

Daily the "owls" will be updating the bulletin board at MJ with the classroom reading tallies. Please bookmark the [Read-A-Thon form](#) and track your student's progress often.

Students in the classes that log the most/hours or books will earn an individual and a classroom gift certificate to Park Street Books.

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ONE NIGHT ONLY - APRIL 30

Martha Jones 2022 Parent Social: Roaring 20s – **Saturday, April 30** from 7- 11pm at The German Club on the Westwood/Walpole line. In addition to drinks, dancing and lots of laughs, it is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and we need your help to make it a success...

STEP 1 - Buy your [tickets now](#)

STEP 2 - Drop off basket donation items by April 4 (see details below)

STEP 3 - [Volunteer](#) (make baskets, sell trinkets, setup, tear down, etc.)

STEP 4 - *Get a babysitter and be ready to have some fun with the MJ community!*

Basket Donations (Due by April 4):

Please drop off your items at Maddy Campbell's house at 128 Margery Lane between 4 pm and 7 pm. There is a box on the side porch for you to put items in. If you are dropping off a gift card you can either leave it in the mailbox or ring the bell.

Donation Requests: Theme by Grade

Kindergarten: Family Games / Movie Night. Suggestions includes: Board Games, movie passes, pizza shop gift cards

Grade 1: Sports & Outdoors. Suggestions include: Outdoor games, tickets to sporting events, boogie boards, sporting equipment, Tickets to sporting events, team Jerseys

Grade 2: Stock the Bar. Suggestions include: Booze, Trillium gift card, Castle Island Gift card, Wine shop gift card

Grade 3 Families: Date Night. Suggestions include: Restaurant gift cards, hotel/spa gift cards, cooking class gift cards, Uber/Lyft gift cards

Grade 4: Cozy on the couch: Suggestions: Wine, beer, cheese shop gift card, GrubHub gift cards, restaurant gift cards to order take out

Grade 5: Get Lucky: Suggestion: Cash We will be purchasing lottery scratch tickets.

Also, we are ALWAYS on the hunt for some larger ticket items. Do you belong to a golf club and could donate a round for 4? Have a Cape house that you'd offer up for a week? Please feel free to reach out to Maddy or Jamy! (maddy777@gmail.com | jampombo@yahoo.com)

Big thank you to everyone that has already purchased their ticket(s) or participated in a fundraiser this year. Every dollar counts and the proceeds help the PTO sponsor enrichment activities, the Halloween Party, the STEAM event and much more.

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 Cat Sonis at catkell23@yahoo.com or Beth Klaene at baklaene@gmail.com.

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