

Westwood Public Schools

Westwood School Committee
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MARTHA JONES INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK MURAL

DECEMBER 4TH-8TH 2023

The theme for Inclusive Schools Week 2023 was *Draw Me In!* Participating in art provides a pathway to self-discovery, and sharing art opens doors to understanding and respecting different ways of thinking. To be inclusive implies a commitment to building relationships among students, families, educators, and the community to support safe and positive learning environments.

To celebrate Inclusive Schools Week 2023, Martha Jones students and staff created miniature artworks representing what inclusivity, friendship, and belonging looks like to them. Students completed these artworks during art classes and then added them to our school-wide mural!











WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOL

Westwood High School has been named a National Unified Champion school 2022-2026 for all their efforts in providing an inclusive environment for all athletes to participate in athletics.

Westwood offers Unified Basketball in the Fall and Unified Track in the Spring.

Facilities RFQ

- Conducting shared procurement with municipal government
 - Shared procurement; separate deliverables
- Key phases of school plan:
 - Establish project goals and analyze enrollment projections
 - Assess existing building conditions
 - Develop educational vision
 - Develop educational program and master plan options
 - Prepare draft and final reports
 - Community presentations
 - Assist with developing a Statement of Interest for MSBA (if applicable)

Facilities RFQ – Target Dates

- Educational visioning completed by June 2024
 - Timeline allows for development of bridge strategy for SY24–25
 - Supports development of new strategic plan in FY25
- Master plan options developed by October 2024
 - Provides clarity for capital needs in development of FY26 budget
 - Supports submission of SOI to MSBA in early 2025 (if applicable)

Star Assessments – Why Star?

- Quick and efficient
- Computer adapted
- Instant, useful results
- Common assessment K – 8
- Helps meet state requirements for literacy screening while also providing helpful math information
- Used throughout the US
- Shows progress developing focus skills critical to MA frameworks

Implementation in WPS

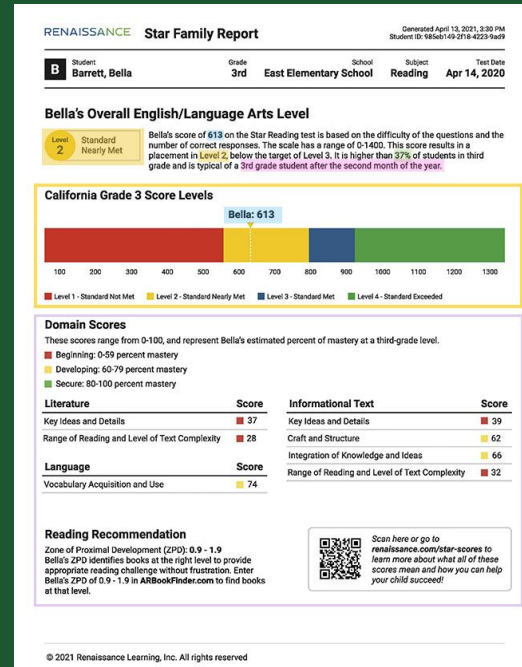
- 2017–2018 pilot at TMS, expanded use pre-pandemic
- Launched K – 5 in 2021–2022
 - Year 1 – educator training, ensuring consistent approach, familiarization for students and teachers
 - Year 2 – understanding how data fits with other information about student learning
 - Year 3 – outreach to families

Star in Context

- K – 5 Literacy assessments
- K – 5 Math assessments (sample pre-assessment)
- MCAS
- Classroom assessments

Reporting to Families

- Family reports for Reading and Math
 - Scaled score – useful for comparing performance over time
 - Benchmark categories – progress toward grade level expectations
 - Domain scores – estimate of mastery of grade level skills



Reporting to Families, cont

- Diagnostic reports for Early literacy (K & 1)
 - Scaled score – overall score based on district benchmarks
 - Percentile Rank (PR – comparison with students nationally in the same grade.
 - Estimated Oral Fluency (Est. ORF) – est. reading rate of words/minute
 - Literacy Classification – categories
 - Test Duration & Fidelity – how long child took on the test
 - Domain skills
 - Literature
 - Informational Text
 - Foundational skills
 - Language

Limits of Star

- Focus skills only
- A quick snapshot
- Other tools needed to assess
 - Mathematical reasoning
 - Multi-step problem solving
 - Analysis of complex texts or tasks
 - Writing skills

— Planning ahead

- Middle school in January this year
- Electronic delivery?
- K – 8 in fall and June in future years