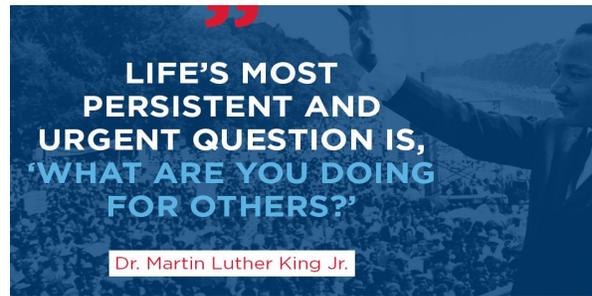


# Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.  
Issue 9 - Jan. 10, 2020



[Westwood Public Schools](#) | [Martha Jones School](#) | [Martha Jones PTO](#)

## Important Dates

<b>Tue., Jan. 14</b>	PTO Winter/Spring Mini-course enrollment opens
<b>Wed., Jan. 15</b>	Gr. 1 Enrichment - Meteorologist Visit
<b>Thu., Jan., 16</b>	School Committee, WHS 7:00PM
<b>Fri., Jan. 17</b>	Math League 7:45AM
<b>Mon., Jan. 20</b>	MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>Wed., Jan. 22</b>	Early release: 11:50am
<b>Mon - Fri., Jan. 27 - 31</b>	Inclusive Schools Week
<b>Mon., Jan. 27</b>	PTO Winter / Spring Mini-courses begin ----- Gr. 3 Enrichment - David Coffin Recorder
<b>Thu., Jan. 30</b>	School Committee, WHS 7:00PM (If needed)
<b>Fri., Jan. 31</b>	Math League 7:45AM ----- SPIRIT DAY - SWAP DAY - Dress like one of your teachers and one of your teachers may dress like you ----- Report Cards mailed home

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

### Martha Jones School Telephone Extensions:

Office 781-326-7500, ext. 6321

ext. 6261: Diane Santangelo

ext. 6262: Donna Tobin

ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

## Message from the Principal

We have officially adopted our new school motto:

**BE KIND, BE CURIOUS, BE COURAGEOUS**

The MJ Welcoming School committee and the staff based MJ School Culture committee started discussions about the motto last year. This fall, the full staff made the decision to change the motto to reflect our focus on kindness and to better align with district's vision, mission, and core values.

Westwood Public Schools Strategy for District Improvement 2018-2021

### VISION:

Graduates of the Westwood Public Schools are skilled, confident, curious, and kind: excited for their futures and ready to contribute to their communities

### MISSION:

To prepare students for college, career, and civic life by providing rich and challenging curriculum, high-quality instruction, and authentic educational experiences

### CORE VALUES:

Academic excellence and a commitment to improvement  
Curiosity and tenacity  
Respectful relationships in a caring, collaborative community

The students are in the process of voting for a new logo or mascot that will go with our new motto. Over 100 students submitted ideas, with many great suggestions. We are excited to see who the "winner" is and to get to work ensuring we are living by our motto here at Martha Jones School. Remember to:

**BE KIND, BE CURIOUS, BE COURAGEOUS**



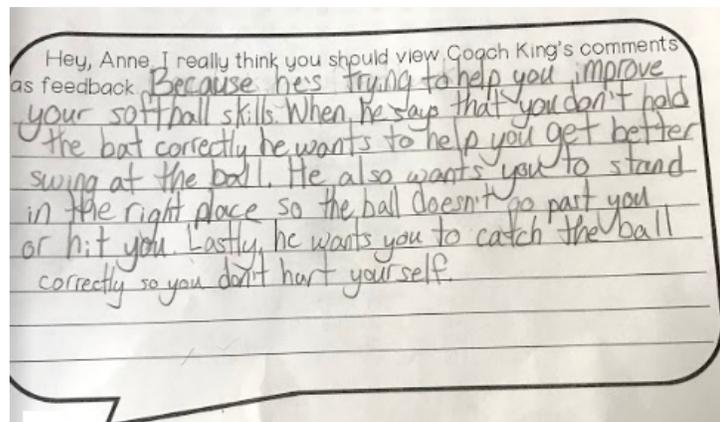
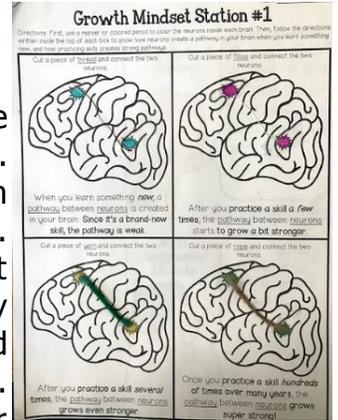
# Classroom Happenings

## News from 4L (Mrs. Luskin)

### New Year, New Mindset!



Students in 4L have been celebrating the new year by focusing on growth mindset. First, we reviewed the difference between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset. Essentially, a growth mindset believes that the brain can learn and grow - especially when things are difficult, while a fixed mindset believes a brain cannot change. Then, each student named resolutions for



the remainder of the year by identifying helpful habits and unhelpful habits, and ways to get out of their comfort zones. Lastly, students worked in groups to extend their thinking by understanding how practice makes the pathways in the brain stronger, revising thoughts from fixed to growth, and by giving advice to someone who takes feedback as criticism. Learning how to take feedback positively is an important part of the process of learning and probably one of the biggest challenges. Although students have name their resolutions, they know the hard part will be to keep positive and focused as well as to accept feedback to improve.

## News from 5R (Ms. Reed) Congratulations Are In Order! Way to Go Cara, Madisyn, and Sophia



Three students in 5R are celebrating a recent 1st Place win in the statewide Stock Market Game competition. Cara, Madisyn and Sophia increased their \$100,000 cash portfolio to more than \$118K in ten weeks. All together they invested in ten different stocks.

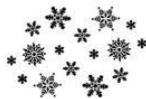
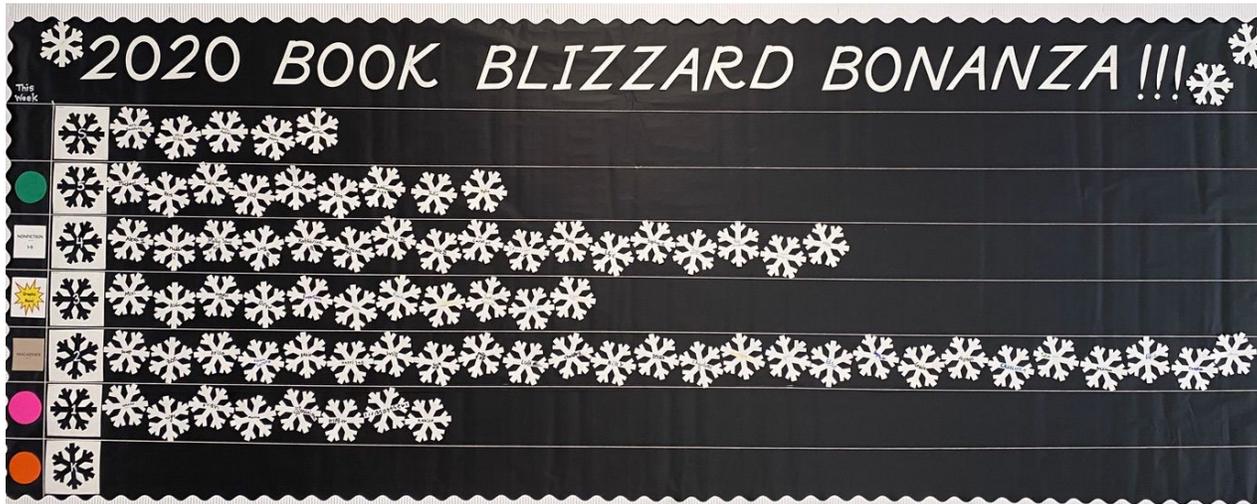


Seven turned out to be winners and three were losers. Mesa Air Group (MESA) and CVS (CVS) earned them roughly \$3,000 each during the trading session. Students in 5P and 5B also participated in the competition. Martha Jones teams also placed in the 8, 9 and 10 spots out of 82 state teams. A compliment to the SMG is the InvestWrite essay contest. This optional challenge required students to write a roughly 800 word essay demonstrating basic knowledge of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Results are expected later this month. The spring Stock Market Game session begins on February 3. Students will get a second crack at creating a portfolio of winning investments. Will the Bull Market persevere or will the Bears make a dreaded appearance?

**News from the Library (Mrs. Swinning) - We are kicking off the New Year with a new CHALLENGE in the Martha Jones Library!**

Mrs. Swinning and some teachers as well are challenging all students to read as many books as possible over the next 6 weeks from all different areas in the Library. The different colors represent the different sections/selections in the library.

Students who choose to participate will get a snowflake on the bulletin board and a special bookmark to keep track of their books read. Many students have already accepted the challenge! You can keep up with more Library news by following us on Facebook!



2020 Book Blizzard Bonanza



<u>Week</u>						
<u>Grade</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6
Teachers						
K	orange	green	yellow	graphic	magazine	pink
1	pink	orange	green	yellow	graphic	magazine
2	magazine	pink	orange	green	yellow	graphic
3	graphic	magazine	pink/ blue	red	green	yellow/ nonfiction
4	nonfiction	graphic	magazine	blue	red	green
5	green	nonfiction	graphic	magazine	blue	red

## News from Mrs. Tucceri

**What's "App" in Speech-Language Technology?:** This fall, I attended a conference run by the Institute for Educational Development entitled *Speech-Language Pathologists: What's NEW in Technology to Save Time and Accelerate Therapy Outcomes* facilitated by speech-language pathologist, Chris Wenger. Although many of the applications discussed are already used at the Martha Jones, there were a few new ones that I learned about as well as updates to some that I have been using. ClassHook is an app where you can select clips of television programs or movies and mute them to work on improving students' nonverbal language interpretation by looking at the actors' facial expressions and body language to determine what they are thinking and feeling. EDpuzzle allows you to store YouTube videos and edit them to use with students. The microphone allows you to record over the video so students can retell the stories in their own words. This application is also good for students who need to work on projecting their voices. Newsela is perfect for finding high interest articles at a student's reading or listening comprehension level. BrainPOP contains catalogs of short curriculum-based animated videos. Vocabulary words can be taken from the website or app and previewed prior to watching the videos. Pic Collage is great for targeting



EDpuzzle allows you to store YouTube videos and edit them to use with students. The microphone allows you to record over the video so students can retell the stories in their own words. This application is also good for students who need to work on projecting their voices. Newsela is perfect for finding high interest articles at a student's reading or listening comprehension level. BrainPOP contains catalogs of short curriculum-based animated videos. Vocabulary words can be taken from the website or app and previewed prior to watching the videos. Pic Collage is great for targeting vocabulary concepts, categories and narratives and Pear Deck is an interactive presentation tool used to actively engage students in social learning. These are just a few of the applications that were discussed. If you are interested in learning more or receiving a copy of the conference handout, please feel free to contact me,

[stucceri@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:stucceri@westwood.k12.ma.us).



# PTO News

## **DINING OUT**

### ***Bamboo Restaurant***

***Wednesday, January 15 - 4:30-8:30pm***

Who doesn't deserve a break from weeknight cooking once in awhile? **Bamboo** restaurant has partnered with the MJ PTO on **January 15** from 4:30-8:30pm. Mention this fundraiser and 20% of all sales (Dine-in **and** Take out) will be donated to the PTO. Click [here](#) to view flyer

## **SPRING MINI COURSES**

***Registration Opens - Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 AM***

***Registration Closes - Tuesday, January 21***

The Martha Jones PTO is pleased to announce the return of the Spring Session of the After School MINI COURSE Program. The program offers fun, after-school classes that are held at Martha Jones. The classes offered include everything from Legos, Spanish, sports games, Talent for a Cause and many more! Click [here](#) for the full list of courses being offered!

The spring session will run from January 27 to April 3 (Reserving the week of April 6 for make-up classes as needed) A registration link will be sent out Tuesday, **January 14 @ 7 am.**

## **MARTHA JONES PARENT SOCIAL - Save the Date - Saturday, March 21**

### **The Roaring 20's**

*"Come as a flapper or come as you are, dress as a gangster or a silent screen star. It's going to be fun, no matter the dress. Just bring yourself, and we'll take care of the rest!"*

Please join us for the Annual Martha Jones Parent Social on Saturday, **March 21** from 7:30-11:30pm at The German Club in Walpole. (Rt. 109 Westwood/Walpole town line). As in the past, there will be a DJ, cash bar, teacher experience and silent auctions along with a healthy dose of fun and dancing! This is an **adult only** event, so book your sitters now!

**Buy your tickets NOW!** Click [here](#) Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

## **SHOP AmazonSmile**

***Support Martha Jones with every purchase*** - Support the Martha Jones PTO while you do your Amazon shopping by using **AmazonSmile**. AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support the Martha Jones PTO every time you shop, 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. Just log onto [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), choose Martha Jones PTO as your charity of choice and shop away!

### **Amazon shopping with an iPhone?**

You can use AmazonSmile just like an App by following a few simple steps. Open [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in your browser, tap the "share/forward link" button then tap the "Add to Home Screen" icon (you may need to swipe left to see this). You will now have an AmazonSmile icon which can be used in exactly the same way as the Amazon App **but now** all of your purchases support the Martha Jones PTO.

### **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 the 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](mailto:denise Cahill@gmail.com).

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Mini Course Registration:** Starts Tuesday, **Jan. 14** @ 7am

**Dining Out:** Wednesday, **Jan. 15** @ 4:30-8:30pm - Bamboo Restaurant

**General PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, **Mar. 3** @ 7pm - MJ Library

**MJ Parent Social:** Saturday, **Mar. 21** @ 7:30-11:30pm - The German Club

**MJ Book Fair:** Friday, **Mar. 27** - MJ Library

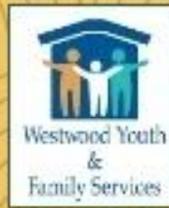
*\_ Westwood Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.*

If you need this document translated, please call the Westwood Public Schools' Student Services Department at 781-326-7500 ext. 1346 or email your request to [lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us). Thank you.

如果您需要翻译本文档，请致电Westwood的公立学校的学生服务部在781 326-7500 ext. 1346 或电子邮件您的要求 [lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us) 谢谢你。  
أو على البريد الإلكتروني الخاص بك ext. 1346 إذا بحاجة إلى هذه الوثيقة المترجمة ، يرجى الاتصال على إدارة المدارس العامة ويستنود 'الخدمات الطلابية في 781 7500-326  
لك. لطلب كنتشكرا [lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us)

Если вам нужен этот документ переводится, пожалуйста, позвоните Вествудгосударственных школах "Студенческие службы Департамента по 781 326-7500 ext. 1346 или по электронной почте запрос на [lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:lplouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us) Спасибо.

# Community News You Can Use



## Structured Play Group

### 2019-2020 Group Description

These 8-week groups for K - 5th graders emphasize the development of social skills as well as building self-esteem and confidence. Organized play and activities are used to reinforce topics such as initiating and developing friendships, working cooperatively, and recognizing personal strengths. All groups are free of charge and run 4:00 - 5:00 PM.



### Spring 2020 Groups now available!

#### Kindergarten/1st Grade

- Tuesdays, March 17th - May 12th - Hanlon Elementary School
- Thurs., February 27th - April 16th - Islington Community Center

#### 2nd/3rd Grade

- Wednesday, Feb. 26th - April 15th, Islington Community Center

Contact: Emily Greco, LCSW  
781-320-1006 or [egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

Register online at:

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs/default.htm>

# Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



## Understanding the IEP

Monday January 13, 2020  
6:30 -7:00 PM-Parent Networking  
7:00-Presentation

This presentation will delve into the Individual Education Program (IEP) document, its development, the breakdown of each section and understanding how the document will support a student.



### Workshop Topics:

- Why the IEP is Important
- Who is eligible for an IEP
- How the IEP is Developed
- Strengths and Concerns
- Vision Statements
- IEP Sections including PLEP A & B, Annual Goals and Service Delivery Grid
- Differences between Accommodations and Modifications
- Response, Placement and Consent
- Procedural Safeguards and more!

All are welcome! If you haven't been able to attend a Basic Rights Workshop this year, now is a good time to learn or update your knowledge about your child's rights to special education.

This workshop is presented by Faith Morgan from **The Federation for Children with Special Needs**

RSVP: [westwoodsepac.org/event-reg](http://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.