

# Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.  
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## Important Dates

Date	Event
<b>Fri., Apr 2nd</b>	<b>School Closed - Good Friday</b>
<b>Mon., Apr 5th</b>	All grades & classes return to in-person learning 5 days per week
<b>Tue., Apr 6th &amp; 13th</b>	Gr. 3 Enrichment: Colonial Trades - Virtual Program
<b>Thu., Apr 8th</b>	School Committee Meeting 7PM
<b>Mon. - Fri., Apr 19 - 23</b>	April Vacation Week NO SCHOOL
<b>Wed., Apr 28th</b>	No School for Students - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference
<b>Thu., Apr 29th</b>	Gr. 5 Enrichment: Tsongas Industrial History - Virtual Program

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Office 781-326-7500, ext. 6321  
ext. 6261: Diane Santangelo  
ext. 6262: Donna Tobin  
ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Shu

## Message from the Principal

**Happy Passover** - For those of you celebrating the beginning of Passover this weekend, may you have good health, happiness, peace, and prosperity today and throughout the year.



To our families celebrating Greece's 200th year of Independence, I hope you had a wonderful Independence Day.

**Student COVID Testing Registration and New Schedule** - We are in our second week of student COVID testing and things are going very well. We are testing students during lunch so their learning time is not impacted. The test takes less than 1 minute per student. We have approximately 140 students participate this week. Thank you and it is not too late to register. The more students who participate, the more information we have for keeping our entire community safe and healthy. If you haven't registered you can [find information about testing and registration here](#) or contact our school nurse, Dawnmarie Shu, [dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:dshu@westwood.k12.ma.us) with questions.

**In order to accommodate all student testing during non-classroom times, we will be testing on 2 days starting next week and going forward -**

- Students in grades 1, 2 and 5 will be tested on Tuesdays
- Students in K, 3, & 4 will be testing on Thursdays (for next week only the grade 5 Th/F cohort will also be tested on Thursday).

# MJ & District News



## School Bus Registration

Bus Registration for 2021-2022 will open on June 1st with more information to follow.

**Bus Information For the Remainder of This School Year**, - Bus capacity limits due to Covid-19 have been changed, and the bus capacity will now be 44 students. The seat behind the driver will remain empty. There are seats available on many routes. Registration is still open for students in transport zones, students in walker zones, are **not eligible** for the bus this year.

If you are currently registered for the bus, no new registration is required, but please email the school office if your child will begin riding the bus and has not been doing so. If you did not previously register for the bus and wish to register for the remainder of this school year, you can [click here to complete the online registration form](#), but please **DO NOT** pay online.

The fee will be \$60 per child; this is a one-time exception to our policy of charging \$180 per child. Please send a check made payable to “**Westwood Public Schools**”, to:

Westwood Public Schools  
Attn: Barbara Moore/Bus Registration  
220 Nahatan Street  
Westwood, MA 02090

Checks can also be left in the green dropbox across from the district office entrance, in an envelope noting “Attn: Barbara Moore/Bus Registration”.

Register  
for  
**Kindergarten**



[Kindergarten Registration Info Here](#) - Is your child eligible for Kindergarten in September 2021? Please be sure to register him or her asap. This helps us plan staffing for the fall. If your child is eligible for kindergarten and you will not be sending him/her to Martha Jones or your child is doing another year of preschool, please let us know. Thank you.

## **Reporting an Absence or Change in Dismissal**

*Just a reminder...* If your child will be absent, tardy, or has a change to his/her dismissal routine (bus to carpool, bike or walker, etc.) please call the school office at 781-326-7500, ext. 6321 or send an email to: [dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:dsantangelo@westwood.k12.ma.us) and to your child’s teacher. If your child is out due to symptoms related to COVID or because of recent travel out of state, please remember to contact the COVID team at [wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us) Thank you for your attention to this matter.



# PTO News

## **RETURN TO SCHOOL - APRIL 5th!**

April 5th will be a big day for our Martha Jones community. The PTO is so grateful for all the teachers, administrators and school committee members who made this day possible.

To show our school spirit, we invite all students (both in person and online) to wear their Martha Jones t-shirt on April 5 when, for the first time since March 12, 2020, **all cohorts** will be welcomed back to school.

Can't find your t-shirt or your child has outgrown it? No worries! We invite your child(ren) to wear their grade level colors to school. They are as follows:

Kindergarten: **Blue**

First Grade: **Purple**

Second Grade: **Yellow**

Third Grade: **Orange**

Fourth Grade: **Green**

Fifth Grade: **Red**

## **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT**

We are organizing a "Martha Jones team" to educate and inform our families of the tremendous benefits of the new school building project initiative. Our "Martha Jones team" will work in collaboration with teams from each of the other elementary schools to create a unified campaign. As part of the campaign, we are looking volunteers to contribute in specific ways, including:

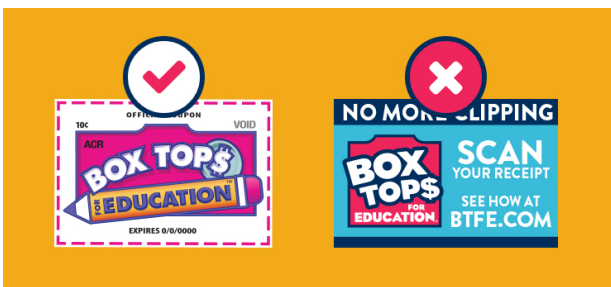
- Marketing and communications
- Resident engagement (E.g., organizing coffees and get out the vote efforts)
- Fundraising
- Liaisons to Westwood clubs, youth sports, etc. to build up support

If you are interested in joining the Martha Jones team or want to volunteer in one of these key areas, please contact Suzanne Tessier, our Martha Jones team lead, at [sctessier@gmail.com](mailto:sctessier@gmail.com). For more information about the school building project, click [here](#).

## **LAST CALL FOR PAPER BOX TOPS**

**Due Wednesday, April 7**

As you may know, Box Tops has moved to an entirely digital submission format. But do you still have **non-expired** paper box tops in your house? Now is the final time to turn them in! Please turn in your paper Box Top receipts by Wednesday April 7. Don't forget each Box Top is worth 10



cents for the Martha Jones PTO. Click [here](#) for more information and don't forget to download the Box Top app!

## **READ-A-THON and PARK STREET BOOKS SHOPPING DAY**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Read-a-thon. We are tallying the results and will announce the winning classes soon!

The Park Street Books Shopping Day raised \$172 for the Martha Jones PTO. Thanks you!

A special thanks to Liz Nicosia for organizing the shopping day and Megan Brenk for spearheading the Read-a-thon!

## **SUMMER CAMP IS AROUND THE CORNER-ORDER YOUR MABEL'S LABELS**



Spring is almost here and summer camp is around the corner! Get all the labels you will need for camp today! Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and enter "Martha Jones PTO" as the fundraiser you would like to support.

You can even order the "combo label pack" with the MJ log. By purchasing **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.

## **PTO BOARD MEETING**

**May 4 at 7 p.m.**

Our final PTO meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. At that meeting we will be voting in the PTO Board Officers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to Maureen Grealish ([momolloy@aol.com](mailto:momolloy@aol.com)) or Julie Menendez ([julienmenendez@yahoo.com](mailto:julienmenendez@yahoo.com)).

## **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](mailto:amyamatangelo@yahoo.com).

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**Final Box Tops "Clips" Campaign:**  
**Send in Your Box Tops!**

This is your last opportunity to send in your unexpired Box Tops Clips!! Please send in any unexpired Box Tops in a baggie to school by Wednesday April 7, 2021. A bin will be available in the office to collect the submissions.



Only the Box Top "Clips" (above left) will be accepted. Please submit digital Box Tops (above right) using the Box Tops app.

Don't forget to 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