

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
Issue 5 - Nov. 6, 2020



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Important Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Wed. Nov. 11th | VETERAN'S DAY No School |
| Thu. Nov. 12th | School Committee Meeting |
| Wed. Nov. 18th | Parent Conferences (by appointment) |
| Tue. & Thu., Dec. 1st & 3rd | Picture Retake Day |
| Wed., Dec. 9th | Parent Conferences (by appointment) |
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ext. 6262: Donna Tobin

ext. 6263: Dawnmarie Sh

Message from the Principal

Virtual Conferences and Status Reports



Conferences will be held on the afternoons of November 18th and December 9th. There will also be a limited number of evening conference times available as well. If you have not scheduled a conference time with your child's teacher yet, he or she will be

reaching out soon to set up a time. All conferences will be held virtually this year. During the virtual conferences, teachers will share with you how your child is adjusting to school this year and any successes and/or challenges he/she is having participating in his/her school work and/or engaging with his/her classmates and teachers.

While in the past we provided written status reports at conference time, it did not seem reasonable to rate students on areas such as following classroom routines, effort, and work habits. Given this new school environment and a hybrid model that is vastly different from what students have experienced in the past, the fact that they are coming to school each day and engaging in their school community is a testament to their resilience and flexibility.

We expect that written report cards for all students and progress notes for students on IEPs will be sent home at the end of Jan and in June, as they have in the past.

MJ News



Picture Retakes December 1st & 3rd - School Pictures have gone home. All students should have received a class photo and those who ordered, should have received their package. If you are not satisfied with your child's photo and would like a retake, please return the original photos with your child on December 1st or 3rd.



Helping Those in Need: Many people have lost their jobs and find themselves with food and housing insecurities at this time. If you are in need, please know that there are resources available. The [Westwood Food Pantry](#), [Westwood Youth and Family Services](#), and other organizations are available for assistance. Financial challenges can be especially difficult during the holiday season.



The weather fairies have certainly been good to us this year. We have enjoyed some incredibly gorgeous days outside this week. Thank you for sending in beach towels each day so your child can sit comfortably on the ground while learning and snacking outside. We hope to continue to get outside as much as possible and do go out each day throughout the winter. While we have lucked out so far with mostly warm sunny days, please be sure you are prepared for colder weather as well as snowy days (as we learned last Friday!).



When it is cold, students need snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens. **MAKE SURE TO LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** If there is a medical reason your child must stay in, please make sure you provide a note to Mrs. Shu, the school nurse, from your physician.

Reminder: Free Lunch for All Westwood Public School Students

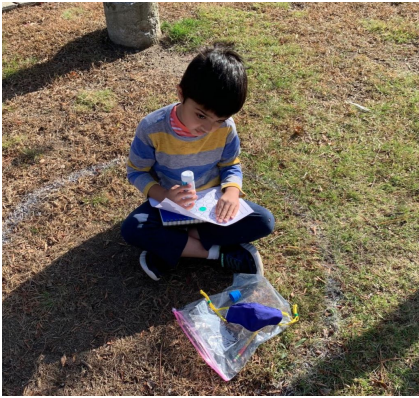
- The district will be notifying all families of a new government program that offers free lunch to all public school students through December 31st. [Please see information about the program and how to order free lunch here.](#) Yes, I know- There is no such thing as a free lunch - but in this case - **yes there is** :).



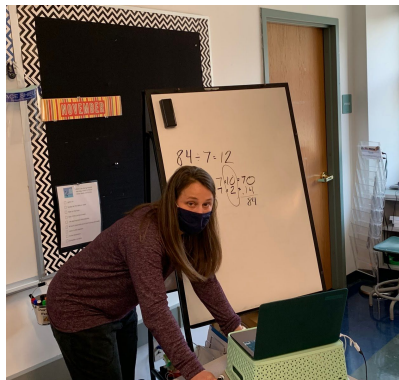
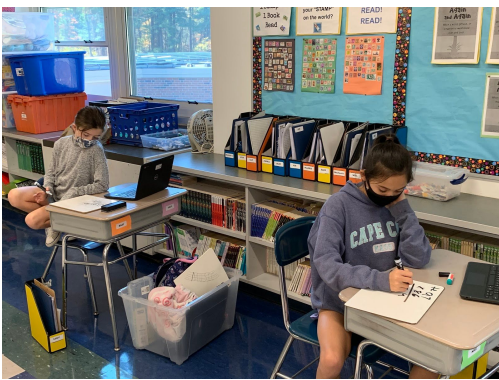
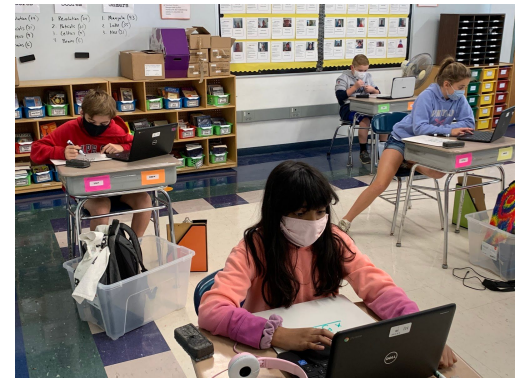
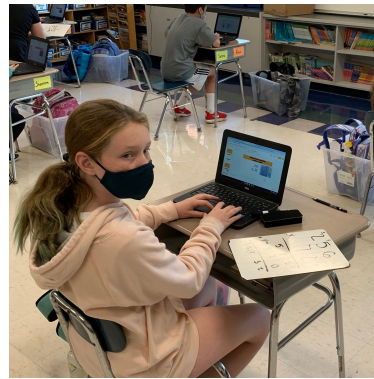
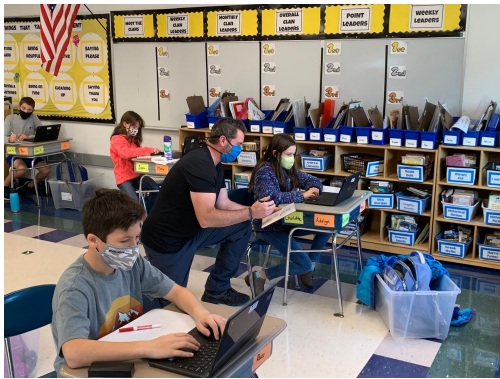
Ordering lunch online - The district has implemented an order lunch online program. Directions for ordering online can be found [here](#). Remember to "empty your cart and submit" once you have made lunch selections.

Classroom Happenings

Students in Mrs. McDonough's class get creative with Mrs. Sullivan-Hall.



Student in Grades 4 and 5 Are Becoming Math Experts



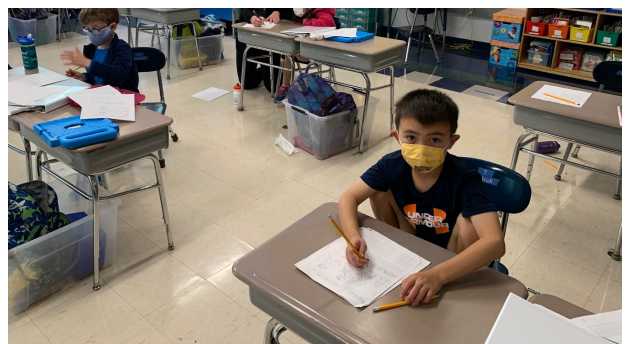
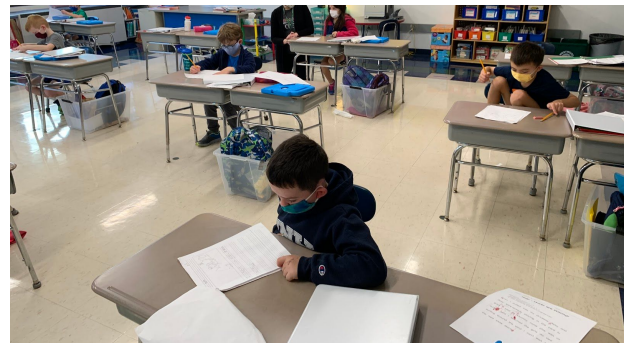
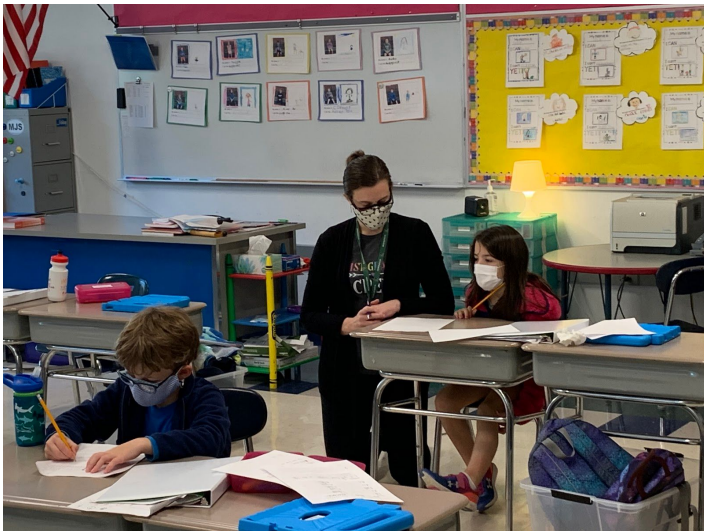
2H Enjoying Lunch on the Lawn



2M and 4B Snacking in the USA



Reading and Writing Are Two of Our Favorite Subjects (1Dunn/Starsiak & 2Hartwell)



PTO News

SCRIP SHOPPING CARD

Orders Due November 13

SCRIP order forms have been sent home in your children's folders. This is a great program that allows you to purchase all the gift cards you normally would and the Martha Jones PTO gets a percentage of the cost.

For example:

You purchase \$100 LL Bean Shopping Card

You pay: \$100 check made payable to the Martha Jones PTO

You receive: \$100 LL Bean Shopping Card

MJ School receives: \$16 since the discount was 16% of \$100

Order forms are due back November 13. For more information on the Scrip program, please click [here](#).

WESTWOOD GEAR

Orders Due November 9

Don't forget, orders for Westwood Gear are due next Monday, November 9. There are so many wonderful items this year and samples will be on display on Rachel Lipton's porch (5 Short Street) all this week. Get your holiday shopping done early!

Order here: <https://westwood-elementary.itemorder.com/sale>

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR WESTWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING

Donation items due November 13

Unfortunately the weather was not our friend and we had to cancel the Haunted Halloween Drive-Thru. However, we are still collecting new hats, new socks, new crossword puzzle books and Sudoku puzzle books for the Westwood Council on Aging. You can send the items in with your child through November 13. The pandemic has been particularly hard on the isolated senior citizens living in Westwood and the PTO is so happy we can offer our support during this difficult time.

And finally a HUGE thank you to the Halloween committee who worked so hard to turn our traditional Halloween party into an outdoor, socially distanced event. We know it would have been amazing!

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARK STREET BOOKS HOLIDAY SHOPPING

December 3

Park Street Books in Medfield is generously hosting a shopping day for the Martha Jones community. On Thursday, December 3 from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m., Park Street Books will donate 20% of all Martha Jones sales to the Martha Jones PTO. Start making your holiday shopping lists now!

MABEL'S LABELS- NOW WITH THE MJ LOGO!

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We are excited to announce you can now order the 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.

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.

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

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Welcomes

Catherine DeBroder
M.S., BCBA, LABA
Boston Behavior Services,
Education and Treatment

for a workshop series on

**Strategies for Behavior
Support During Remote
Learning**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
November 18
December 2
December 16, 2020



*The workshop series will cover
the fundamentals of:*

- ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis)
- How to set up a workspace for you and your children at home
- Supporting remote learning

Further conversations will be regarding:

- How to set expectations for managing schoolwork at home
- How to incentivize and motivate your child
- What to do when you need a break

**Registration is now
open!**
**All are welcome to join via
Zoom**

*Register to receive
the Zoom link. The Zoom link will
be sent via email 24 hours prior to
the workshop.*

*Complete this form to register:
forms.gle/r8gjeci4PjpconmvK8*

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Westwood SEPAC at westwoodsepac@gmail.com, or call the Student Services Office at 781-326-7500 x1345.