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Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

Date	Event
Tue., Dec. 8th (New Date)	PTO Meeting 7pm (rescheduled from Dec. 1)
Wed., Dec. 9th	Parent Conferences (by appointment)
Thurs. Dec. 10th	School Committee Meeting 7pm www.westwood.k12.ma.us/live
Tues. Dec. 15th	School Committee Meeting- School Building Forum 7pm
Thu. - Mon. Dec. 24th - Jan. 4	Holiday Break NO SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

We have finally reached the last month of 2020. With the COVID vaccine on the horizon, let's hope that 2021 is a much brighter year for all of us and we can get back to our more typical lives sooner rather than later.

Flu Shots - Just a reminder that all students are now required to have a flu vaccine by December 31, 2020 in order to attend public school. I know many of you have already sent in copies of your child's flu vaccine. If you haven't done so, please do so as soon as possible. Students will not be able to return from winter break without documentation of a flu vaccine.

Clearance by COVID Team for return to school when traveling outside of Massachusetts. I recognize that in the past, many of our families have headed north for skiing and snowboarding activities during the winter and some of you have homes in other states. Please remember that any student who travels outside of Massachusetts will need to follow travel guidelines before returning to school. This includes providing the WPS Covid Team with the results of a negative COVID test or quarantining as directed by the COVID team. If your child travels outside of Massachusetts for any reason, you must contact the COVID team at wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us to inform them of your travel plans and to be cleared to return to school. All negative test results should be emailed to the COVID team at least 24 hours before your child returns to school so that someone from the team can review the results and contact the appropriate school that the student may return. Students not cleared for return will be sent home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MJ & District News

Dress in Layers - Just a reminder that we keep the windows open to help rotate fresh air through the classrooms. All classrooms have windows and our ventilation systems rotate air. We also have air purifiers in any spaces that do not have windows (a few offices, small group spaces, etc.). Because classroom windows will be kept open, even when the heat is on, the rooms can become chilly. Please be sure your child has a sweater or sweatshirt with them that they can wear during the school day, if needed. In addition, students should have appropriate outside wear each day including, coats, hats, mittens and snow pants when weather requires them. Label, Label, Label

Towels for Outside - We continue to work to have some special classes, lunch, mask breaks, and playtime each day. For the most part, the weather has cooperated. Students have been great about bringing in their beach towels each day, please keep it up. It is very helpful for them to have something to sit on when outside.

Conferences - Parent/Teacher conferences will wrap up this week. The afternoon of Wednesday, December 9th is reserved for parent/teacher conferences. If you have not scheduled a conference yet and would like one, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Masks - Students have been truly wonderful about keeping their masks on. Please remember that students need to arrive at school each day with a mask. Masks need to be at least two ply and cover from the bridge of the nose to under the chin.

Staff Gifts

As we approach the holiday season many parents ask about gifts. Teacher gifts are optional and no one should feel obligated to participate. However, if you are considering a teacher gift, or contributing to a class gift, please note that public employees, including teachers, are not permitted to accept personal gifts with a value of \$50 or higher. Class gifts up to \$150 may be given if the gift is identified as only being from the class and the identity of individual givers and/or amounts are not identified to the recipient.

COVID Dashboard

The district has a COVID dashboard that is updated weekly to track any cases in the schools. It can be accessed via the district website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/covid19. As a reminder, the Westwood Public Schools' COVID-19 Monitoring and Response team is available to provide consultation and answer any questions. They can be contacted via email at wpscovidteam@westwood.k12.ma.us or by phone at 781-214-8154.

PTO News

RESCHEDULED MARTHA JONES PTO MEETING

Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

Due to the internet outages this week, the Martha Jones PTO meeting was moved to Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held over Zoom and a link will be sent out closer to the date. The dates for the remaining meetings this year are March 2 and May 4 all at 7 p.m.

BINS PURCHASED FOR 2nd and 3rd GRADE

With the great news that second and third graders have now joined kindergarten and first graders in going four days a week, the PTO purchased 30 additional bins to support the entire grade being in school four days a week. These bins replace the cubbies and hooks and allow students a place to store their backpacks, coats, lunchbox, etc. safely. In total the PTO has purchased 210 bins. These bins are part of the PTO's ongoing commitment to our students to ensure the school has the resources it needs to have a productive and safe school year.

TEACHER WISH LISTS

The Martha Jones PTO would like to shower our educators with appreciation during these unprecedented times. As a small token of our thanks, we reached out to all teachers and specialists right before Thanksgiving to ask them for their wish lists. From these wish lists, we will be purchasing items that will enhance their teaching experience and the learning experience for all our children.

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.

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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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