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Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

Tue., May 24	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Info Night 7pm
Wed., May 25	Early Release 11:50AM ----- Incoming Kindergarten Student/Parent Visit
Thu., May 26	Gr. 4 Band Performance 9:15 - 9:45 - MJ Caf
Mon., May 30	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
Thu & Fri., June 2 & 3	Gr 5 Enrichment - Water Conservation
Thu., June 2	STEAM Fair (Art Show and Science/Eng. Fair)
Fri., June 3	Gr 3 Enrichment - Fisher School Program ----- Gr 4 Enrichment - Discovery Museum - Sound ----- Gr 5 Play-Talent for a Cause, 6:30 - MJ Caf
Mon., June 6	Gr K Enrichment - Force & Motion ----- Gr 5 Field Trip Hale Reservation
Tue., June 7	Gr 5 Band Concert 7:00PM - WHS
Wed., June 8	Early Release 11:50AM
Fri., June 10	Field Day

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Message from the Principal

PTO - We had our last PTO meeting of the year on Tuesday evening and I want to take a minute to thank our outgoing board members: Co-President, Julie Menendez; Secretary, Kat Sonis; Treasurer, Christine Patrinos; and Social Media Rep., Megan Brenk. I also want to thank the numerous people that help out each year with many of our enrichment programs, social events, and fundraisers. There are too many to name individually, but please know that you are recognized and appreciated! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. I also want to take a moment to welcome our new and returning board members: Lauren Bent and Katy DiMare; Co-Presidents, Beth Klaene and Mary Jason, Co-Secretaries; Gina Szigety and Kirsten Bulger, Co-Treasurers, and Aamina Chowdry and Megan Mahan, Co-SocialMedia Reps.

Teacher Appreciation Week - Wow! The MJ staff was certainly spoiled during Teacher Appreciation Week. Each day brought wonderful treats and kind messages. Thank you for the recognition, the PTO did a wonderful job making the week special for teachers and staff.

Walk-To-School Day - Our Walk-to-School Day was a huge success. Over 90% of our students walked to school that day. It's great to see kids out walking and enjoying each other on the way to school. Thank you to Westwood Police for helping with the event and all our parent and staff volunteers. The event is sponsored by the Mass. Safe Routes to School Program.



MJ & District News

We have more than 50 students signed up to participate in the STEAM Fair. Way to Go. The S.T.E.A.M. Fair will be held Thursday, June 2 from 6:30 -7:45 p.m. at Martha Jones. We are looking for [volunteers](#) to work short shifts 30-60minutes helping setup/clean up, "judge", help with snacks and mini-experiments. The "judges" spend time visiting a group of projects, giving kids positive feedback, and helping the kids feel like real scientists. There is actually no real judging, but we need your help in recognizing the students' work. Your child does not have to be participating in the science fair for you to be a volunteer! The evening will also feature the Art Show and some special presentations from Top Secret Science. It will be a fun event for all families.

Field Day Volunteer Opportunities - We need you!!



It's BAAAAAACCCK! Field Day 2022 is right around the corner.....This year it is scheduled for **Friday, June 10th** (rain date June 13th). The success of the day depends largely on our volunteers. This is the most fun day of the entire school year!! You are guaranteed to be surrounded by smiling faces and loads of laughter and fun. We need your help to man the game stations and to assist in serving lunch and clean-up.

Please click here [Field Day Volunteers](#) to volunteer. Any questions please email Tina Collins at teemarie_collins@yahoo.com



More Fun Things are Returning to Our Community - PMC Kids Ride - Sunday, June 12 - Martha Jones School has the Privilege of Being the Location of the PMC Kids Ride .



After a two year absence due to the pandemic, the PMC Kids Ride is delighted to be returning in-person to Westwood on Sunday, June 12. This popular annual event, which kicks off from the Martha Jones School, raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and gives children the opportunity to make a difference one mile at a time. The ride begins at 9 a.m. with registration and bike decorating starting at 7:45 a.m. The PMC Kids Ride offers three routes for children of all ages and skill. Bikes, scooters and strollers are welcome! Riders can choose from a one mile, five mile or ten mile route. The registration fee is \$20 (\$25 after June 1) and includes a PMC Kids Ride t-shirt. All riders are asked to raise at least \$40 and 100% of all funds raised go directly to support the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. There is also a virtual option for riders who may not be able to join in person. After the riders complete their routes, the fun continues with music, an obstacle course and refreshments. To register, please go to <https://kids.pmc.org/westwood>. Any questions? Contact Nancy James at mail@nancyjames.net. We hope to see you there! Many of our students participate each year, and love the event.

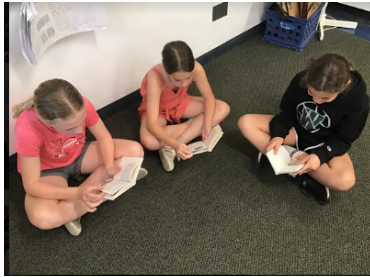


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MJ Art Night Volunteer Sign-ups - Mrs. Pasquan is still looking for two or three more people to help her get ready for the art show (no artist ability needed). [Link to Art Night Volunteer Sign-up](#).

Classroom Happenings

News from 5P (Mr. Parkhurst)

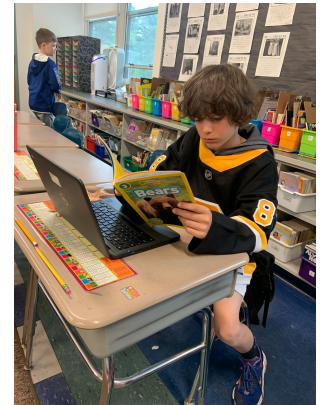


Students in Mr. Parkhurst's fifth grade class are concluding a *Choose Your Own Adventure* narrative writing project. *Choose Your Own Adventure* books are written from a second-person point of view. The reader of these types of books take on the role of the protagonist, or leading character. As the reader progresses in the story, they must make choices about which actions, or paths, to take. This will lead to a variety of outcomes for the reader or main character. The students love the game-like feel to these stories.

Students started the project by reading *Choose Your Own Adventure* stories that were checked out from the MJ library. They also read digital books from Epic.com. This allowed students to familiarize themselves with this type

of story before they began their writing.

Students worked in small groups to develop a story idea, organize their writing, and then they drafted. One of their major goals of this project was to practice, and incorporate, many of their learned narrative craft techniques into their story. Students also learned new technology skills such as hyperlinking within a Google Slides presentation. At the end, all the stories were shared with the entire class to enjoy.

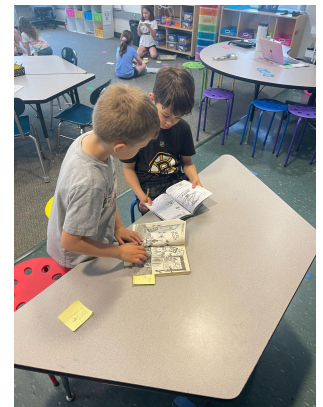
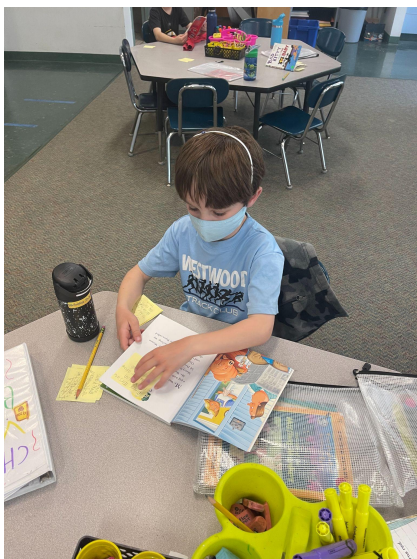


News from 1F (Mrs. Fader) Reading in Mrs. Fader's Class

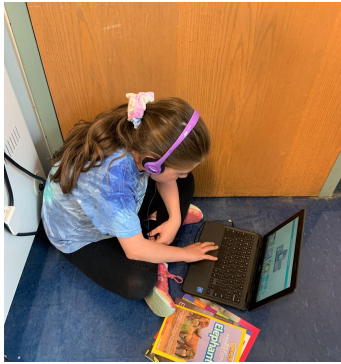
In Readers Workshop, students have been reading longer books like Henry and Mudge, Frog and Toad and Mr. Putter and Tabby. Students have been excited to

follow familiar characters on adventures through longer chapter books. Some skills 1st grade readers have been working on is making predictions and making personal connections to their characters. This week, students have been working on retelling longer books. One way students have been working on their retelling skills is by marking important parts in their books with post-its. As a class, we have been discussing how to choose which parts of the book to mark by thinking about beginning, middle and end. A good way to remember a good book is to

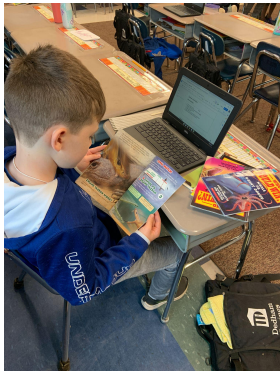
retell it to a friend. During partner reading, students took turns retelling their books using their post-its as a guide.



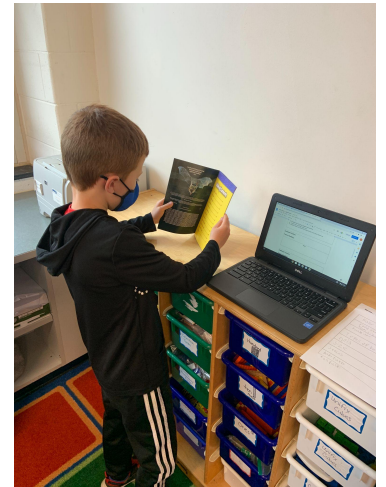
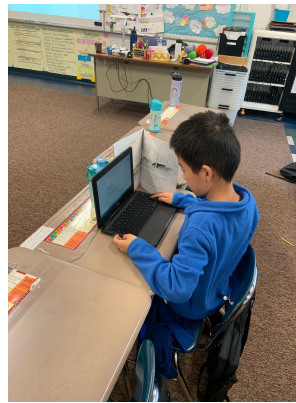
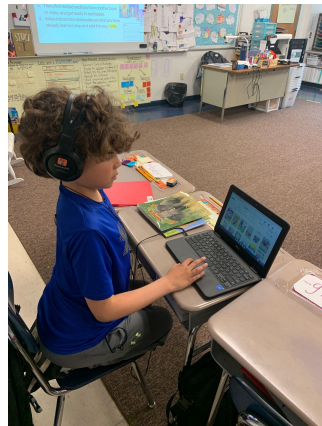
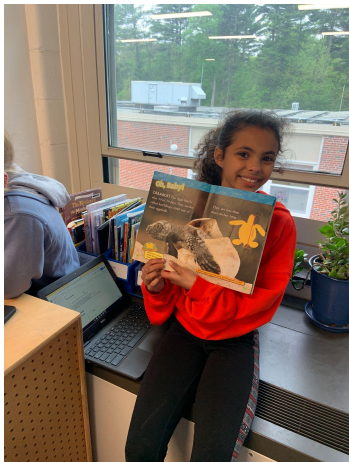
News from 3Le (Ms. LeBlanc)



In 3Le we have begun our final reading unit of the year! Students will put their nonfiction reading skills to the test to complete an animal research project. Throughout the year we have worked on identifying the main idea and supporting details of an informational text, using word solving strategies to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary, utilizing text features and graphics to enhance our understanding of the text, and synthesizing information from multiple sources. Over the next few weeks students will utilize these reading skills to become an expert on an animal. Then, they will turn their research into a digital product using WeVideo.



Earlier this week students selected the animal/insect they were interested in learning more about and collected both digital and print resources. Throughout the week they generated a list of subtopics to research, and began researching one subtopic at a time. Then, they synthesize the information learned from across multiple texts, and jot key facts and ideas down in their notes. Most students have brainstormed subtopics to study that include their animal's diet, habitat, life cycle, dangers, and adaptations. Stay tuned for the final product!



News from the Math Office (Mrs. Size)



In kindergarten we are exploring number, number relationships, and number composition. Some students helped create number blocks from a set of colored cubes and put faces on them. We talked about how 9 cubes can be created as a tower or as a 3x3 square, or how 8 cubes could be two twin towers of 4. Next, we will put the ten tower together with other numbers to make teen numbers 11-19. These cubes are fun on their own

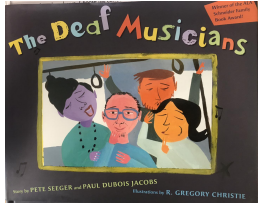


and they also are famous--you can see short episodes of "Number Blocks" on Netflix! Check it out!

Stock Market Game Winners - Last week in Leaps, I shared that Dominic Ellison, Aiden Moebius, John Volpe had won the StateWide Stock Market Challenge. Here is a picture of them with their winning banner. Congrats again, Dominic, Aiden, and John.



News from Mrs. Tucceri, Speech Pathologist



The Speech-Language Corner, Sharyn Tucceri, MS, CCC-SLP: Classroom visitors for the Same and Different Like Me program are back after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the district's vision, this program was designed to provide meaningful experiences related to our individual differences to create an environment that promotes awareness, increases knowledge, and builds acceptance for all.

The goals of the program are:

Awareness

- To build disability awareness into the school curricula through active learning experiences.

Knowledge

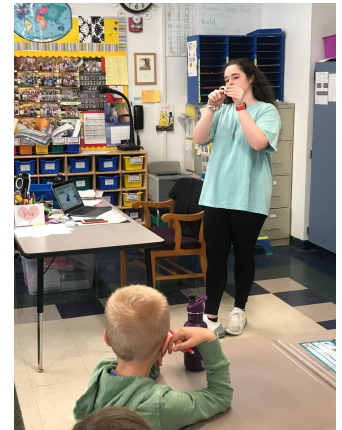
- To increase knowledge and decrease misconceptions about people living with disabilities.

Acceptance

- To foster acceptance, respect, and positive attitudes towards people living with disabilities in the school and community.



At the second-grade level, the students are introduced to sensory disabilities (i.e., hearing and vision). Ms. Mundy and Ms. Hartwell's students were recently presented with a lesson on how the ear works and a picture book entitled Deaf Musicians by Pete Seeger, Paul DuBois Jacobs, and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie which is about overcoming obstacles to pursue what you love to do. Additionally, they were the lucky audience of a presentation by Beckie McNamara, a Martha Jones alumna, who is currently a senior at Westwood High School and headed to Bentley University in



the fall. Beckie was born with a progressive hearing loss and is now deaf; however, she is able to hear after two cochlear implant surgeries when she was a preschooler. Beckie explained how her cochlear implants work in a way that the students could understand by comparing their care to cell phones including the fact that they require updates, they need to be charged daily, and they need to be kept away from water. The students were highly engaged and the following is a sampling of the thoughtful questions posed by them which lead to a lively discussion:

- Do you worry about them getting damaged when playing sports?
- Can you go on a water slide?
- Does insurance pay for them?
- Can you feel them when you have them on?
- Do you have to upgrade the cochlears or is it an option?
- Do you ever purposely take them off so you won't hear people? (My personal favorite!)

PTO News

PTO Update 5/20/22

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - MAY 20

Join us for an all school family fun. This event is free, but all donations will go to the MJ 5th Grade Scholarship Fund to benefit a former Marth Jones graduating WHS 2022 senior. The event will be held at MJ Gym on Friday, May 20th from 6:30-7:30p.m.

RED, WHITE, BLUE SPIRIT DAY - MAY 27

Join us kicking off Memorial day and wearing your red, white and blue.

S.T.E.A.M. FAIR - JUNE 2

All students, family members and caretakers are welcome. There will be events and activities for all including:

- Mini-science experiments in the library
- Student artwork from their art classes
- Student presentations on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

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IT'S BAAAAAACCCK! FIELD DAY - JUNE 10

Students will wear their MJ shirts or the equivalent color and participate in a variety of games and enjoy a pizza lunch. If you like smiling faces, laughter and fun, please sign up and help [volunteer](#). The success of the day depends largely on our volunteers. We need your help to man the game stations and to assist in serving lunch and clean-up. Rain date is June 13th. Any questions please email Tina Collins at teemarie_collins@yahoo.com

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER? NEED LABELS?

mabel's labels.

Go to 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 logo. 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.

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 Cat Sonis at catkell23@yahoo.com or Beth Klaene at baklaene@gmail.com.

Westwood High School

Presents



Music and Lyrics by

**Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman,
Robert Lopez, Kristen Anderson-Lopez**

&

Will Van Dyke

Book by

Cheryl Davis

Based on the stories of A.A. Milne and
The 2011 Disney animated feature film

Westwood High School Courtyard

Thursday June 9 at 5:30PM

Friday June 10 at 5:30PM

Saturday June 11 at 10:30AM

All tickets \$5

Please bring a blanket or low chair for seating. Concession items will be available and audience members are welcome to bring their own food and beverages. Visit westwoodstage.com for more information.

Disney's *Winnie the Pooh KIDS*. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

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