

Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, MA

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Principal's Message

Dear Martha Jones Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a fine winter break. It's wonderful to spend time with family and friends and to have a chance to recharge.

This month we are working on the word Responsibility with our students. Responsibility means **being dependable, making good choices, and accepting the results of your actions.**

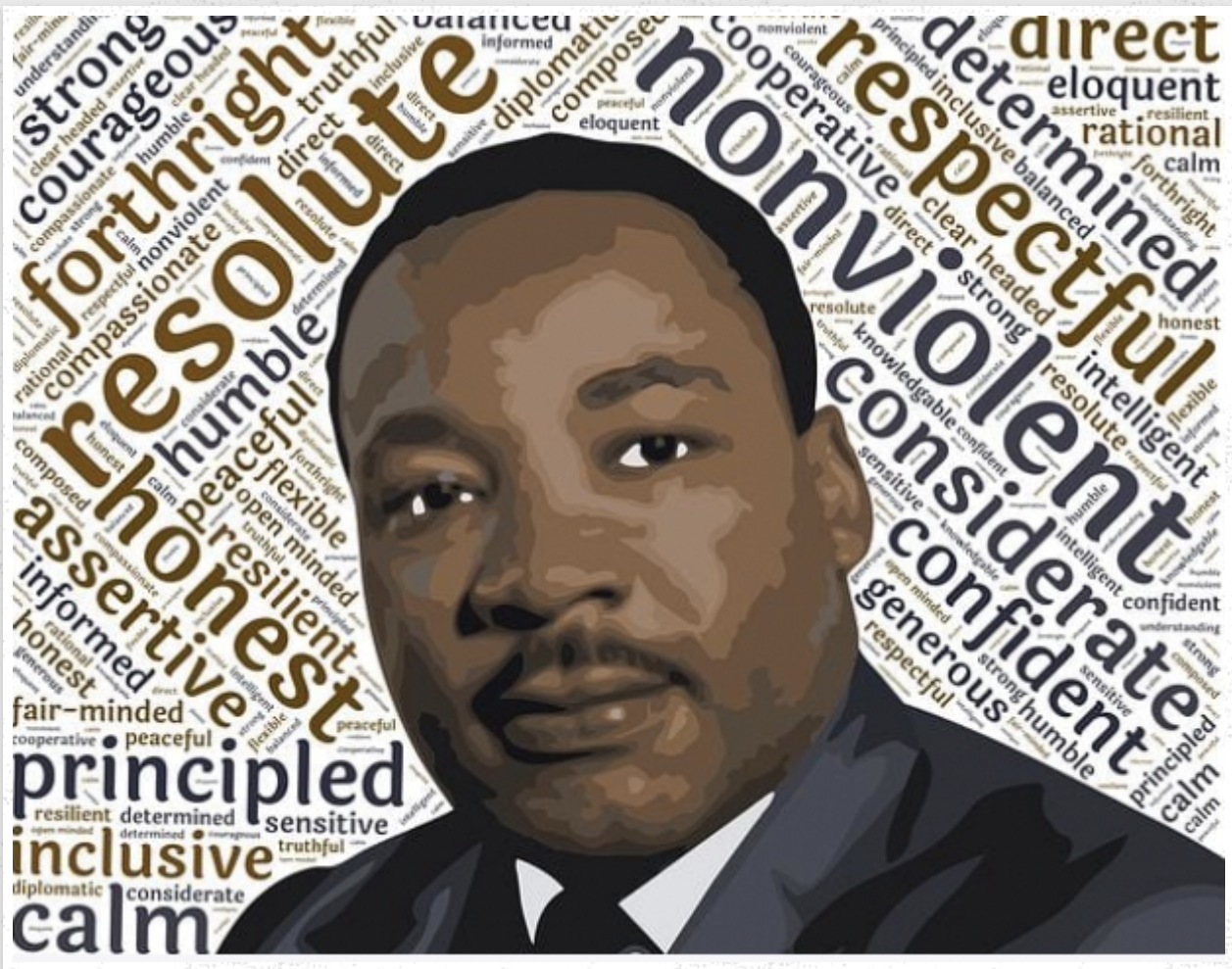
In our last edition, I shared some picture books that focus on the trait responsibility. Here's an article you may find interesting in building this important skill in your child at home: [HOW TO TEACH CHILDREN TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE](#). The PBS website also has great tips for teaching responsibility by age. Here's an [article](#) for working with 8 year olds.

As we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., I think about our school motto: Be Kind, Be Curious, Be Courageous. I hope that you will take a minute this weekend to live our motto in the spirit of MLK and his tremendous legacy as an exceptional leader, Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and amazing human being.

I hope 2023 brings you much happiness. Have a sparkling new year!

Warm regards,

Donna



About Dr. Martin Luther King

"Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrates the life and civil rights work of Dr. King. In 1994, the holiday was officially recognized as a National Day of Service where volunteers across the country work together to make a difference in their communities. The titles on the PBS website include children's books about Dr. King, fiction and nonfiction books about ordinary people who stand up for what's right, and stories about helping others and giving back." PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/books-for-martin-luther-king-jr-day>

Important Dates

- Mon. Jan. 16** - MLK Holiday No School
- Fri. Jan. 20** - PTO Family Bingo - 6:00-7:30
- Spirit Day - Hats and Sweats Day
- Wed. Jan. 18** Grade 1 Sound Program
- Thurs. Jan. 19** Grade 5 Physical Changes of Matter 1
School Committee 7:00pm
- Sun. Jan. 22** Chinese New Year
- Wed. Jan. 25** - Early Release Day 11:50
- Thurs. Jan. 26** - School Committee 7:00pm (TBD)

Fri. Jan. 27 - Football Spirit Day

Wed. Feb 1 - Black History Month HipHop Assembly

Character Word for February - Kindness

Mon. Feb. 6 - Save the Date: Principal's Coffee - Supporting Students through Social Emotional Learning (Donna Tobin, MaryKate Stimpson, Kristal O'Connell, presenters) 8:45 MJ Cafeteria

Tues. Feb. 7 - Grade 5 Space

School Committee 7:00pm

Fri. Feb. 9 - Grade 3 Discovery Museum Force & Magnetism

Fri. Feb. 10 - Super Bowl Spirit Day

Feb.13 - Discovery Museum: Matter

Feb. 13-Feb17 - Kindness Week

All School Meeting 2:25 Kindness theme

Feb. 18-Feb 24 Winter Vacation - No School

Happy Chinese New Year

Happy Chinese New Year to those who celebrate! Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit.





Important & Noteworthy District News

New

Report Cards

Report cards will be available for viewing in the Parent/Guardian Portal on January 27th after school. Special Education progress reports will go home in backpacks that day. More information will be forthcoming.

Extended Day

The MJ Extended Day program will be open during February Vacation. They will be open Tues. - Thurs. from 8am-4pm.

REMINDERS:

Save the Date for a Principal's Coffee

We are excited to let you know based on parent feedback, we will be hosting a Principal's Coffee on February 6th at 8:45 am. The topic will be Supporting Students through Social Emotional Learning. Donna Tobin, District SEL Coordinator; MaryKate Stimpson, School Psychologist; Kristal O'Connell, Martha Jones/Sheehan Adjustment Counselor, will present in

the MJ Cafeteria. Join us to hear an overview of SEL and its connection to the CASEL framework. We will share strategies for parents/caregivers to use at home and present a mini lesson similar to those taught in classrooms. We are looking forward to connecting with our parents and caregivers. Another communication will go out closer to the event.

Parking Lot Safety at Martha Jones

- We have a car pool line for a reason at Martha Jones. Asking parents/caregivers to proceed down Martha Jones Road and follow the cars in the line to pick up their children is a safety consideration. We discourage you from coming down Spruce to the cul de sac to park. Please be considerate of the neighbors. Please be mindful of people leaving the school driving up Spruce and students in the carpool line. Students are crossing to go to cars and we must keep our students safe. Please drive slowly.
- Also, when dropping off your children, either because he/she is late, or you are returning from an appointment, please ensure that you see the student enter the building. This is extremely important for the safety of your child.

Winter Weather is Here!

Just a reminder that when there is snow on the ground, students must have proper attire (snow boots, mittens/gloves, etc.) to play in the snow. Please remember to label all items.

If there is a No School or School Delay Announcement, you will be informed by the district.

Here is a list of how the public is notified about delays and school closures:

- District website (www.westwood.k12.ma.us)
- Twitter ([@westwood_ps](https://twitter.com/@westwood_ps))
- Facebook (fb.com/westwoodschoools)
- School Messenger email
- School Messenger phone call ("robo-call"): If the timing is appropriate, a call may be made to families.
- Local Television: [WBZ-Ch. 4](#), [WCVB-Ch. 5](#), [WHDH-Ch. 7](#), [WFXT-Ch. 25](#), and [NECN/NBC10 Boston](#).

Welcoming Schools Committee Update

Classroom Composite Pictures

School composite pictures are in. Every student should have received their composite picture. If you did not receive a picture, please contact the office.

Welcoming School Update

The Welcoming Schools Committee met on January 10th and had another productive meeting. Work has been completed to support student, staff and family education.

The Welcoming Schools Survey: Parent Engagement in DEIB and SEL Efforts was shared with families in December. The results follow

Topics

The top three topics identified by families to be of interest are

1. Talking with Children About Race and Ethnicity 64.7% of respondents
2. Strategies to Enhance Children's Social and Emotional Growth and Resilience 62.7% respondents
3. Promoting Healthy Peer Interactions 60.8% respondents

Forms of Parent/Caregiver Education

The top three modes of education preferred include

1. Informational Workshops 63.8%
2. Electronic Resources (e.g. videos, articles) 51.1%
3. Book groups 46.8%

The following individuals were recommended as potential presenters in no particular order:

Beth Chandler, CEO of YW Boston--does excellent DEI work

Colby Swettberg (gender identity)

Mat Heagerty the author (dyslexia)

Nadja Reilly

Robert Brooks

Wendy Mogel

Thank you to all who completed the survey. The information you shared has provided us with direction going forward.

Students:

Members reported out about our recent assemblies for our students:

Matt Hegearty and Boston Improv were recent performances. Both performances were enjoyable for our students touching upon inclusive practices and Matt Hegearty spoke about overcoming challenges of dyslexia. Boston Improv took a comedic approach to sharing examples of inclusion.

We look forward to our remaining whole school assemblies which are designed to expose our students to different experiences and cultures. The following assemblies remain: Young Audiences HipHop; Peter Reynolds, author; Asia Fantasia (Enthno Tech). Throughout the year our students benefit from enrichment and assembly experiences courtesy of our PTO.

Staff:

Staff enjoyed two presentations: In December Rabbi Karen Citrin visited the staff to discuss Judaism and the holidays. We had a rich discussion about celebrations among many groups, in addition to our Jewish community members.

At our staff meeting this week, Danielle Murray, Assistant Head of School and Equity Officer at Boston Latin School, came to discuss diverse families with our staff. An enthusiastic and genuine individual, Ms. Murray prompted good discussions about the diversity within families we see in our world today.

Families/Parents/Caregivers:

The survey information was particularly helpful to guiding our planning for the spring. The PTO liaisons from the elementary schools diversity groups are meeting next week to discuss potential ideas. We are excited to plan events for our school. We will share more information in the future. Please see information above about our Principal's Coffee on the topic of SEL on Feb. 6th.

Thank you to the members of the MJ Welcoming Schools committee for their hard work.

Reminder - MCAS Dates

The following dates have been set for MCAS. Please do your best not to schedule appointments during an MCAS administration day/time. We did our best to work around vacations and holidays. Thank you.

WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elementary MCAS Schedule 2023

ELA: March 27 - April 28 (2 sessions, grades 3, 4 & 5)
Math: April 24 - May 26 (2 sessions, grades 3, 4 & 5)
STE: April 25 - May 26 (2 sessions, grade 5)

MON. 3/27	TUE. 3/28	WED. 3/29	THU. 3/30	FRI. 3/31
			MJ ELA 3-5	MJ ELA 3-5
MON. 4/3	TUE. 4/4	WED. 4/5	THU. 4/6	FRI. 4/7
MJ ELA Make-up	MJ ELA Make-up			Good Friday (No School)
MON. 4/10	TUE. 4/11	WED. 4/12	THU. 4/13	FRI. 4/14
		Early Release		
MON. 4/17	TUE. 4/18	WED. 4/29	THU. 4/20	FRI. 4/21
School Vacation Week Passover ends 4/23				
MON. 4/24	TUE. 4/25	WED. 4/26	THU. 4/27	FRI. 4/28
		Early Release		
MON. 5/1	TUE. 5/2	WED. 5/3	THU. 5/4	FRI. 5/5
MON. 5/8	TUE. 5/9	WED. 5/10	THU. 5/11	FRI. 5/12
	MJ Math 3-5	Early Release	MJ Math 3-5	MJ Math Make-Up
MON. 5/15	TUE. 5/16	WED. 5/17	THU. 5/18	FRI. 5/19
MJ Math Make-up		MJ STE Gr 5	MJ STE Gr 5	
MON. 5/22	TUE. 5/23	WED. 5/24	THU. 5/25	FRI. 5/26
MJ STE Make-up	MJ STE Make-up	Early Release		



News from the Health Office

As we approach the Winter months, please review these tips for staying healthy and promoting health in the MJ community.

- Stay up to date with Flu and Covid vaccines
- Practice good hand-washing and personal hygiene, including wearing masks when indicated
- Staying home when you are sick. Children need to remain home until they are no longer contagious. This limits the spread of illness and allows the child to recover more quickly.

Please see a helpful comparison chart of the different symptoms for RSV, Flu, Covid-19 and the common cold below.

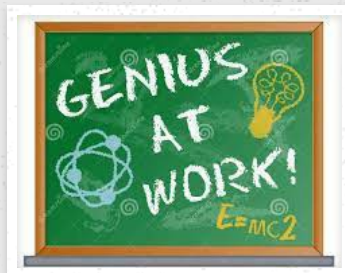
Just a reminder, if your student needs any type of medication administered at school, even over the counter meds, please contact the nurse to discuss before sending it in.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns! JoEllen Doyle - School Nurse x.6263
jdoyle@westwood.k12.ma.us

RSV, COLD, FLU & COVID-19 SYMPTOM COMPARISON				
SYMPTOMS	RSV	COLD	FLU	COVID-19
CHILLS	✓	SOMETIMES	✓	SOMETIMES
COUGH	✓	✓	✓	✓
DECREASED APPETITE	✓		✓	
DIARRHEA / VOMITING			✓	✓
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	✓			✓
FATIGUE	✓	✓	✓	✓
FEVER	✓	SOMETIMES	✓	✓
HEADACHE			✓	✓
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL				✓
MUSCLE / BODY ACHES			✓	✓
RUNNY NOSE / CONGESTION	✓	✓	✓	SOMETIMES
SNEEZING	✓	✓	SOMETIMES	
SORE THROAT	✓	✓	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES

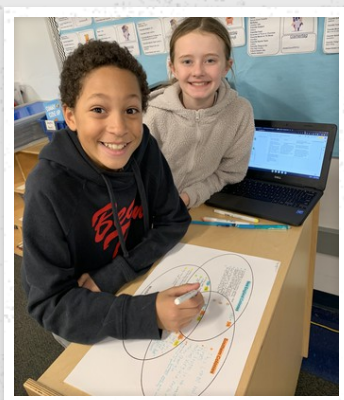
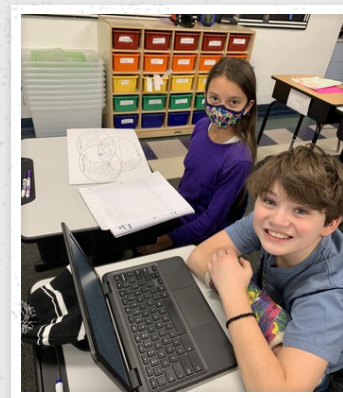
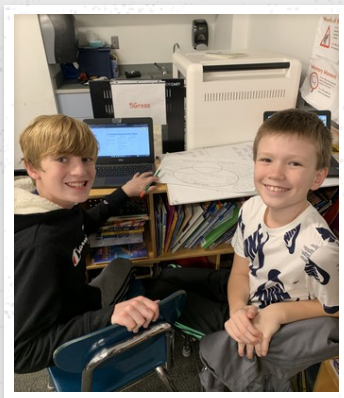


Classroom News



News from 3L (Mrs. Luskin)

Mrs. Luskin's third grade, Brainiacs, are starting off 2023 with renewed goals and grit. We have been reading biographical articles about famous people and their struggles. Oftentimes, we only see the accomplishments and do not realize all the effort and repeated failures that must be overcome in order to reach goals. Students have written one word goals and steps to reach their goals. In addition, we brainstormed positive self-talk to support us when the going gets tough. For example, a student wrote "If I give up, I will never learn how to do this so I will keep trying" and another wrote "Let's turn my frustration into motivation." Bring it on 2023!



News from 5G (Ms. Gross)

5th graders in Ms. Gross's class have been focusing on building their research skills. In pairs, they researched the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies. They learned about when/why the colonies were founded, the geography and climate of the colonies, and the people of the colonies. In order to learn about the people of the various colonies, they discovered what religions were practiced, what the governments were like, and what the economies were like. After they completed their research, they compared and contrasted the three regions of colonies by creating a 3-Venn Diagram.



News from the Library (Mrs. Swinning)

A HUGE thank you to the MJ PTO for awarding the library an innovation grant!!!

We now have a class set of 3D pens!!! These will be used by all grades in the library to create, innovate and explore!!!

THANK YOU!!!



News from Mrs. Tucceri - Everyday Speech

Speech-Language Corner, Mrs. Tucceri: During speech therapy sessions, many students have been working on improving their social skills using an online platform called *Everyday Speech*. This website uses video modeling to teach a variety of skills including emotional recognition, nonverbal communication, conversation skills, problem-solving and more. This technique has been shown to quickly improve and maintain new social skills. Their videos teach a full array of social competencies to improve school adjustment, cope with the ever-changing social environment, navigate emotions, make informed social decisions to solve problems, and understand interactions. The students have found the videos to be fun and engaging and enjoy the follow-up worksheets and activities to reinforce the skills being taught. If you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 781-326-7500 x6107.



Martha Jones School's Student Council

Thank you to our January Student Council for their hard work and community service effort! Starting Tuesday, 1/17 the January Student Council will be holding a Hat and mitten Drive. A bin will be in the foyer for your donations. Donations will be made to Catie's Closet. New items are preferred but gently used items will be accepted.

All School January Spirit Days

During the month of January Martha Jones students are invited to participate in two Spirit Days. The Student Council suggests a Hats and Sweats Spirit Day on January 20th.

On January 27th, the school will have a Football Day to acknowledge the playoffs. Students are invited to wear shirts, hats, items representing their favorite teams.

We will have a Super Bowl Spirit Day on February 10th.

Reminder Car Idling

Westwood Public Schools would like you to be aware of the dangers of car idling and the harmful impact that car idling has on the health of our youth.

HELP US CLEAR THE AIR AT SCHOOL
HEALTHY AIR, HEALTHY KIDS

Air monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of toxins during pick-up times as parents idle their cars while they wait for their kids.

Exhaust fumes from cars are linked to increases in asthma, allergies, heart and lung disease and even cancer.

Children are especially at risk because their lungs are still developing and they inhale more air per pound of body weight.

**IF YOU'LL BE WAITING MORE THAN 10 SECONDS
TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE**

THIS SIMPLE STEP CAN

- Reduce children's Exposure to pollutants
- Save a little money
- Help the Environment

Take our pledge to stop idling at ITURNITOFF.COM/SCHOOLS

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Sources: U.S. EPA, Environmental Defense Fund



MARTHA JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTO

Be Kind. Be Curious. Be Courageous.

TODAY (JANUARY 13) IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER - MATH LEAGUE

[Register here](#). Math League is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders of all math abilities. In order for the program to run, a parent or guardian of the participant must volunteer for at least 3 mornings. Math League will meet Friday mornings before school at Martha Jones School from 7:45-8:30 AM. Math league begins **January 20, 2023** and runs through mid- April. Call, text, or email Galina Yatsenko at gyatsenko@gmail.com or 919-368-3426 with any questions.

B-I-N-G-O!

Family Bingo night is back! Book your calendars now for a fun-filled evening at MJ on **Friday, January 20 from 6:00-7:30**. Hope to see you there.



JOIN US AT THE MJS PARENT SOCIAL ON MARCH 11!

This is a great opportunity to connect and have fun with other parents and caregivers while enjoying a live 80s cover band at the German Club in Walpole. To purchase tickets, go to [Membership Toolkit](#), select "Store," and then "MJ Parent Social Tickets." This is an adults-only event, so book your babysitters now!

We need lots of volunteers to make this event successful. If you are interested in volunteering, please [sign up](#) to help us plan or set up the Parent Social.



Save the date: MJS Book Fair, Tuesday, March 14

More details to follow!

Join the PTO

Sign up today at: <https://mjspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/198140>

PTO Members get exclusive access to the full school student directory, including guardian contact information and voting privileges. Plus, your membership fees help fund our programs like field trips, enrichment activities, playground equipment and our larger signature events.

MJ PTO - Connect With Us!

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 Beth Klaene at baklaene@gmail.com or Mary Jason at maryjason06@gmail.com.



Join Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for our upcoming parent groups and meetings! You may be just starting your journey or be years into an IEP/504. All are welcome.

Visit us at www.westwoodsepac.org/events for more information.

SEPAC Liaison for Martha Jones: Frank and Caitlyn Jurczak caitlynp82@yahoo.com



Side-By-Side Kids Night Out

JANUARY 20TH FROM 5:30 - 8:30 PM
AT WENTWORTH HALL

Winter Wonderland!

Caregivers.... Take the night off. Will you escape for a night around town or just stay home with your feet up? Either way, your kids are in good hands at Westwood Recreation.

Kids.... prepare to have a blast with a winter wonderland themed night filled with Pizza, Arts & Crafts, Legos, Sensory play and Fort Building!

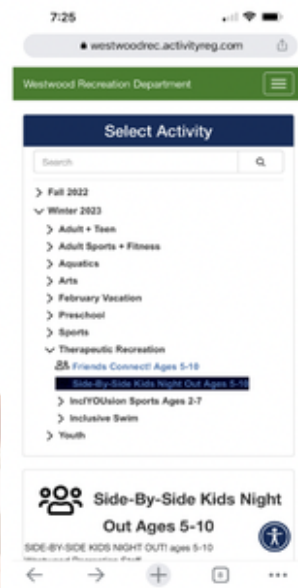
The inclusive Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (iSTEAM) programming is thoughtfully designed to give all kids opportunities to self advocate, problem solve and celebrate each other.

Send your kids in with a waterbottle and a small snack. PJs and Sleepingbags are not required but highly recommended.

To **register** go to https://westwoodrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs and select **Side By Side Kids Night Out** under Therapeutic Recreation



**Westwood
recreation**



News from Westwood Youth and Family Services

We are currently accepting registrations for our Spring group programming for Kindergarten-5th graders through Westwood Youth and Family Services! We are hoping you all can help us spread the word to Kindergarten-5th grade parents that may be interested in enrolling their children in these free weekly programs run by our department. Registration for all Spring groups will open on January 30th and we will be accepting 8 students per group.

Attached you'll find flyers for each of our three Spring groups that we encourage you to please share with your school community in an upcoming parent communication and/or when you're talking with parents whose children may enjoy these program.

Below are the online registration links for each group-

- Kindergarten/1st Grade: <https://forms.gle/99kwDwyLrdiqyp1S7>
- 2nd/3rd Grade: <https://forms.gle/4sDXfWmZYMHRmF9p6>

- 4th/5th Grade: <https://forms.gle/fYHnEW5kXiVh33PEA>



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Girls Group

2023 Group Description
This 8 week group will focus on developing positive body image, confidence and self-esteem. This group is free of charge and open to Westwood residents and public school students in 4th - 5th grade.



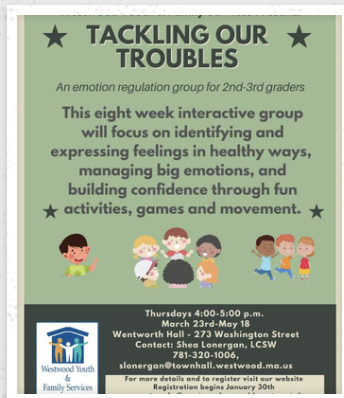
Tuesdays March 21 - May 16
4:00 - 5:00pm at Wentworth Hall (273 Washington St.)

Program Details

- 8 participants in a group and two clinical staff leaders
- Registration is first come, first served


Contact: Shea Staffa-Loneragan, LCSW
781-320-1006 or sloneragan@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register Through our Website beginning January 30th



★ TACKLING OUR TROUBLES ★
An emotion regulation group for 2nd-3rd graders

This eight week interactive group will focus on identifying and expressing feelings in healthy ways, managing big emotions, and building confidence through fun activities, games and movement. ★



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Thursdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.
March 23rd-May 18
Wentworth Hall - 273 Washington Street
Contact: Shea Loneragan, LCSW
781-320-1006,
sloneragan@townhall.westwood.ma.us


For more details and to register visit our website
Registration begins January 30th



Family Services

Structured Play Group

2022-2023 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 in person.



Spring 2023 Group

Kindergarten/1st Grade

- Mondays, March 20-May 15, 4:00-5:00pm, Wentworth Hall, 273 Washington Street

For more details and to register visit our website
Registration begins January 30th
<https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/departments/youth-family-services/programs-for-youth>

Contact: Shea Loneragan, LCSW

Westwood Public Schools

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

September 2022						
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29 Teachers report
31 Students' First Day
2-5 Labor Day Weekend
26 Rosh Hashanah

October 2022						
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5 Yom Kippur
10 Columbus Day

November 2022						
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11 Veterans Day
23 Early dismissal
24-25 Thanksgiving Recess
28 All Day Inservice (No school for students)

December 2022						
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26-30 Vacation

January 2023						
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2 New Year's Day (Observed)
16 Martin Luther King Day

February 2023						
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20-24 Vacation

March 2023						
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7 Good Friday
17-21 Vacation

May 2023						
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29 Memorial Day

June 2023						
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16 Students' Last Day (Tentative)/Day 180
19 Juneteenth
26 Students' Last Day (includes 5 make-ups)

School Hours	
High School	7:25am-2:05pm (Dismissal at 12:45pm on Early Release Days)
Middle School	7:48am-2:25pm (Dismissal at 1:10pm on Early Release Days)
Elementary Schools	8:50am-3:10pm (Dismissal at 11:50am on Early Release Days)
Preschool 4-day	9am-1pm or 9am-2:45pm (Dismissal at 11:30am on Early Release Days)
Preschool 5-day	9am-2:45pm (Dismissal at 11:30am on Early Release Days)

 Early Release Days highlighted in yellow

School Committee Start Date Guideline: When Labor Day is September 1, 2, 3, or 4, the first day of classes will be the following Tuesday. When Labor Day is September 5, 6, or 7, the first day of classes will be the preceding Wednesday. In addition, there will be no school for students on the Friday preceding Labor Day.

Approved by School Committee January 13, 2022

❄ Learning About the Season 🏠

What Makes Winter, Winter?

- Here's a [blog post](#) from National Geographic that explains what a season is, and describes seasons in different parts of the world. It's a resource for 6th - 12th.
- From Education World, a great list of [winter-themed resources](#), across all subjects and ages (and it's not too overwhelming!)
- Here's a really cool [list of science experiments](#) for winter. No cold and snow where you are? No worries. A freezer will suffice :)