



Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, MA

Matt Kuklantz, Principal

Martha Jones Motto:

Be Kind. Be Curious. Be Responsible. Be Respectful.

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Principal's Message

MJ Community,

As we finish our last day of the 2025-2026 school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the year a success. This has been a year filled with learning, growth, challenges, and many moments of joy. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to support our students' academic and personal development. To our students, thank you for your hard work, your curiosity, and the positive energy you bring to our community each day. And to our families and community partners, your support and collaboration have been invaluable in helping us create a welcoming and inclusive environment where all students can thrive.



I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer!

Matt

MJ: Report Card Information

Your child's report card will be available for you to review through our [Aspen/X2 portal](#) June 23th, after 2:00 PM. [Directions for accessing the report card are linked here](#). If you need support, you can visit [the Aspen self-help site](#) or email our Aspen support team at

aspen@westwood.k12.ma.us with questions. Report cards will not be mailed home. They are printable through Aspen, should you desire a hard copy.

Please be on the lookout for an email coming from the Assistant Superintendent's office this week with your child's end-of-year mCLASS Reading and Math universal screener data. Along with report cards and other assessments, these results help us understand our students' growth and learning over the course of the year.

Math Newsletter

To access the grade level in the picture below, please open [this link](#) and click on the grade level.



News from the Front Office

Bus Registration for SY2026 - 2027 is OPEN

Bus registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open!

Families are asked to make every effort to register and pay by June 30th. Bus routes are in development in early July, and students are not guaranteed a seat unless they are registered and paid by June 30th. Once posted, the bus routes will not be adjusted again until mid-September. This is especially important due to anticipated route changes this year. Your cooperation will ensure a safer start to the school year, especially for our youngest students on the bus.

This year, we have launched a new bus registration online form that will allow you to register and pay online. Please click the blue icon on the webpage to access the form. If your child is not eligible because you live in a walking zone, please notify us that you are interested in having them walk to the nearest corner stop in a riding zone by attempting to register online. We will receive a notification that someone in a walking zone has attempted to register. If we discover that seats are available on our buses, we will inform families in walking zones, and payment can be made at that time.

For more information and to register, please visit Westwood Public Schools website here:

https://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/district_administration/business-office/bus-transportation.cfm.

If you have questions about bus registration or eligibility, please let us know at

busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us

2027 Tutor List

Please find here an updated [Tutor List for 2026 - 2027](#).

This list can also be found on the [MJ webpage](#).

Student Safety - Vehicle Traffic

The safety of all students depends on ALL drivers obeying the rules and speed limits. Please share this reminder with others who may be picking up or dropping off your child here at MJ.

Thank you



School Breakfast and Lunch

Your school menu can be viewed at [Menus / Westwood Public Schools \(nutrislice.com\)](#). Please check daily as the menu may change.

MJ Important Upcoming Events

- August - (Date TBD) - Incoming Kindergarten Popsicle Party (sponsored by the MJ PTO)
- September 2, Wednesday - School Starts for Grades 1 - 5
- September 2, Wednesday - Kindergarten Open House 9:30 - 10:30
- September 3, Thursday - Kindergarten half day (dismiss at noon)
- September 7, Monday - HOLIDAY, No School
- September 8, Tuesday - Regular full day at MJ for all grades
- September 10, Thursday - MJ PICTURE DAY

CLASSROOM NEWS

News from Grade 3 and Music





Our third graders played their hearts out on recorder. They also sang and played accompanying instruments.

News from Grade 4 and Music



Our fourth graders showed off their musical chops for parents and for the third graders.

A Special Message from the Music Department

We were so happy to share the wonderful music of the Grade 4 Band Students at our Spring Presentation. Mr. Yennior and Mrs. Labeledz have spoken to the students in the past few weeks about their opportunity to play in the Grade 5 Band next year. After reading the attached Grade 5 Information Packet, we ask that parents complete the Grade 5 Band Parent Reply Form. This will help us to plan for next year's band enrollment. **If you have not already done so can you please complete.**

Here is the link for the Grade 5 Band Parent Reply Form:

<https://forms.gle/PUx1MPu1eS53ZidV7>

Information About Instrument Rentals / Returns

For those renting an instrument through [K and C Music](#) :

- If playing the **SAME INSTRUMENT** next year, in most cases, you will keep your existing instrument. Please check with your rental company regarding any potential billing options or changes.
- If interested in playing a **NEW INSTRUMENT**, please indicate your new instrument choice when filling out the **Grade 5 Band Parent Reply Form**, and for fall music lessons. Please also

check with your rental company regarding an instrument rental exchange, and any potential billing options or changes.

- **Students NOT CONTINUING with band** should label (with child's name and school) and return their instrument to band class on the dates listed below.
 - **Rental Instrument Collection Dates:**
 - Downey - Monday, June 15 (Immediately after the band assembly) or June 22 (Last day of school)
 - Martha Jones - Tuesday, June 16
 - Pine Hill - Wednesday, June 17
 - Sheehan - Thursday, June 18
 - Before returning instruments, please be sure to notify your instrument rental company to avoid future bills.
 - Please label the outside of the instrument case with your child's name, school, and the word "RETURN."
 - If you are not able to return the instrument on this day, please make arrangements with the rental company to arrange a return.

Any student who is borrowing a **Westwood School-owned instrument will also need to return the instrument on the above date to the school.

Please mark the instrument **RETURN WESTWOOD**.

Thank you for your support of the Grade 4 Instrumental Music program this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Labeledz and Mr. Yennior



Thank You Martha Jones!

It Takes a Village... and Ours is Pretty Amazing.

145 PTO Committee Volunteers

370 Library Volunteers

30 Room Parent Volunteers

Plus the countless families who donated, fundraised, attended events, bought tickets, sponsored programs, and supported the PTO throughout the year.

Whether you gave your time, your energy, or your support, thank you for investing in our students and school community.

545 volunteers. Hundreds of supporters. One incredible MJ community.

To our 5th graders and their families: thank you for being part of the MJ family. Wishing you all the best as you head off to middle school!

One of the best parts of serving on the PTO Board has been getting to meet and work alongside so many people who care deeply about Martha Jones. Thank you for your support, your generosity, and for making this community what it is.

Enjoy the summer!

Thanks!

MJ PTO General Information

PTO CONTACT FOR EVENTS, NOTICES:

If you have an event or notice for our PTO update, please email it to:

PTO Co-Secretary - [Erika Gauthier](#)

Martha Jones PTO Board 2025-2026

[Ally Pavlic](#), Co-President (departing)

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[Erika Gauthier](#), Co-Secretary

[Priya Sharma](#), Co-Social Media (departing)

[Gina Ciampolillo](#), Co-Social Media

[Lauren Fortin](#), SEPAC (departing)

District & Community News

Westwood Youth and Family Services

WYFS are currently collecting interest for little friends for the 26-27 season of Friends network. Scan the code below to be in the know for next year or feel free to reach out to Liz Craig, LCSW with any questions!

lcraig@westwoodma.gov or 781 320 1023



JOIN US FOR SQUAD SKILLS

This free co-ed workshop supports rising 6th graders in meeting new classmates and learning skills to help navigate the new social scene that comes with beginning middle school

Open to all Westwood residents and students of Westwood Public Schools

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

660 HIGH STREET, WESTWOOD

TUESDAY JUNE 23
OR
TUESDAY AUGUST 25

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ADINA SWAN AT
ASWAN@WESTWOODMA.GOV




SEPAC News

The Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a state-mandated, parent-run group working to promote a network of parents, guardians, and caregivers of children with special needs.

Information about SEPAC and events can be found at <https://www.westwoodsepac.org/events>. Please see their [informational video](#).



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Resources for Families and Students

Throughout the school year, there may be family, community, or broader world events that are impacting your family and child(ren). If you need some support with how to talk with your child about violence, loss, or scary events, please reach out to your child's teacher, me or our School Psychologist, Ms. MaryKate Stimpson. Additionally, I have found the following resources to be valuable:

How to talk to children about violence ([1 page](#)), ([full](#)) - NASP

[How to talk about natural disasters and help children cope](#) - NASP

[Helping children cope with terrorism](#) - NASP

[Talking to Children about hate crimes and anti-semitism](#) - National Child Traumatic Stress Network

[Interface Referral Service](#) is like a match.com for counseling providers. You contact them with insurance and presenting problem and they try to match you with an available provider.

[Westwood Youth & Family Services Website](#) has been supporting and advocating for the children and families in our community since 1986.

[Westwood Community Chest](#) is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity dedicated to helping Westwood residents in need through temporary financial assistance. Single parents in need of safe summer activities for their children through our "Campership" program. Children who need school supplies or medical treatment. Families who have experienced job loss or other financial crisis and are struggling to make ends meet.

The [Westwood Food Pantry](#), located in Westwood, Massachusetts, is committed to providing essential provisions to individuals and families in our community who need temporary assistance.

[Resources for Grief Support](#)

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