



Growing By Leaps and Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, MA

Matt Kuklantz, Principal

**Martha Jones Motto:
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Principal's Message

MJ Community,

As we approach the end of the year, we have many culminating events in an elementary school. Just this week, we had our 4th grader band concert led by Mrs. Labedz, Mrs. Saada-Smith, and Mr. Yennoir and our 3rd grader recorder concert for Mrs. Luskin's class. It's amazing the growth that occurs over the span of one school year, all the students sounded great! Additionally, we came together last week to celebrate a significant accomplishment for one of our 5th graders. In 5th grade, the students take part in the [Stock Market Game](#) (SMG). They are led by our Instructional Technology Coach, Mr. Goguen. In the SMG, students use an online simulation of the real market to learn about the world of economics, investing and personal finance. Along with this activity, students can choose to participate in the Investwrite Competition, which is a national essay competition. Martha Jones had winners in both competitions.



Across the year long SMG competition, Martha Jones had students place in 1st and (Anaiya C.) and 2nd (PJ L.) in the state. Additionally, Anaiya C. was 1st in the state and 4th(!!!) in the United States for her essay that she submitted for the Investwrite Competition. Congratulations!

Matt

Martha Jones Principal

News from the Health Office

Important Food Allergy Reminder from the School Nurse

Attention parents of students with food allergies, here are some important reminders:

- Please contact the school nurse if your child with a food allergy will be purchasing the school lunch. There are often changes to the menu and products served and the new product may now contain something your child is allergic to.
- If your child with a food allergy is purchasing a lunch please, inform the school nurse as to what the student will be choosing to eat to assure that it doesn't contain any of your child's allergens. Often using the menu and making your choices for the week and notifying the school nurse helps. The menu notes the 8 most common allergens but there are other foods that student's are allergic to that may not be noted on the menu. Please find the May menu link here:
- MJ [School Menu- May 2024](#)
- Also, having a back up choice in case the food served is not safe for your child is helpful as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurse, JoEllen Doyle, RN at jdoyle@westwood.k12.ma.us or at 781-326-7500, x 6263

News from the Front Office

Extended Day Information

An email from the district was sent Friday morning containing the link to the [extended day registration information](#) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Bus registration for 2024-2025 is now open!

Please [click here](#) to go to the District webpage to register.

To guarantee a seat on the bus, registration and payment must be received by **June 30th**.

We highly recommend that all families register for the bus early in order to be guaranteed a seat. Since Pine Hill opened, we now have a greater percentage of students riding the yellow bus because the geographic assignment zone for Pine Hill is larger than the zones that were previously in place for Deerfield and Hanlon. Families are asked to register by June 30. After that time, bus routes are in development and students are not guaranteed a seat (unless they are new to the district).

At the **end of August, the Bus Routes will be posted** on the District Website and bus numbers will be in Aspen. Bus Drivers will have a list of Registered Students.

The **annual bus fee for 2024-2025** has increased and will now be **\$280.00** per student. The **annual family cap** will be **\$770.00** for all students in grades K-12.



New Family Registration

Have you seen moving trucks coming into the MJ neighborhoods? Are there any school age children? Registration for New Families is similar to New Kindergarten registration. Here is the [link](#)

[that reviews the online registration](#) process. (The information can also be found on the District webpage by entering "New Student" in the search bar.)

Important Upcoming Events

Sun. June 2 - Westwood SEPAC Spring Social Pine Hill Playground, 1:00-3:00 pm

Mon. June 3 - All School Enrichment, Author Visit, [Daryl Cobb](#)

Tues. June 4 - 3 Lane Instrumental Recorder Share 2:40-3:10

Wed. June 5 - Early Release at 12:00pm

Wed. June 5 - Gr. 5 Band Concert, WHS (7:00pm Concert, 5:30 Dress Rehearsal)

Thurs. June 6 - K Enrichment, Discovery Museum, Bubbles

Mon. June 10 - Gr. 5 Day to Hale Reservation (District Programming)

Tues. June 11 - KM EOY Parent Share 9-10

Wed. June 12 - Fire Safety Event

Wed. June 12 - All School Enrichment, [Taiko Thunder](#)

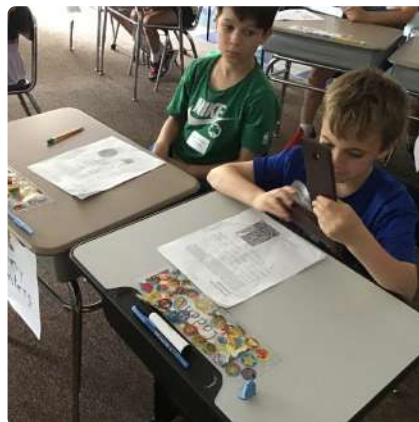
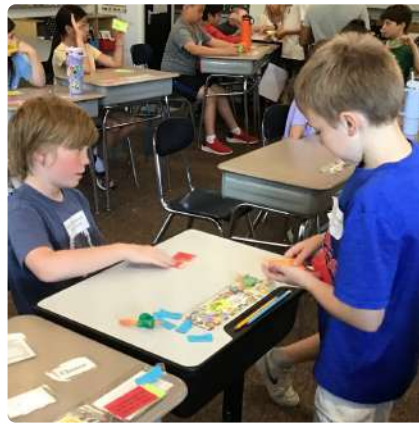
Thu. June 13 - Gr. 5 Move-up Ceremony 9:30AM

Fri. June 14 - Students' Last Day

News from the MJ Classroom's



News from 3K (Ms. Krumsiek)



In third grade, students are learning about the American Revolution and Colonial Trades in social studies. During this activity, students learned about the different kinds of work people did during

the late eighteenth century and the ways in which individuals traded with each other within their community. Students participated in a role-playing activity in which each student took on the character of someone who actually lived in the Dorchester area during the Revolution. Character's had jobs such as a farmer, weaver, spinster, blacksmith, or shoemaker. Students played a bartering game that involved trading with other community members for various goods and services.

News from 2H (Ms. Hartwell)



The students of Martha Jones are so lucky to have enrichment programs. These programs extend and add to the various curriculum areas covered in classrooms. Recently, Second Grade had a visitor from the Connecticut Children Museum's Animal Adaptations Program. This program piggybacked our recent Mystery Science Unit called "Animal Biodiversity". The children explored animal classification and the traits that define each group. They then turn their focus to habitats and how the surrounding environment affects what organisms live in a particular environment. The recent enrichment program extended the children's understanding and solidified their ideas by introducing them to some live animals. The children put their smarts to the test interacting with these animals and adding to the discussion during the presentation.

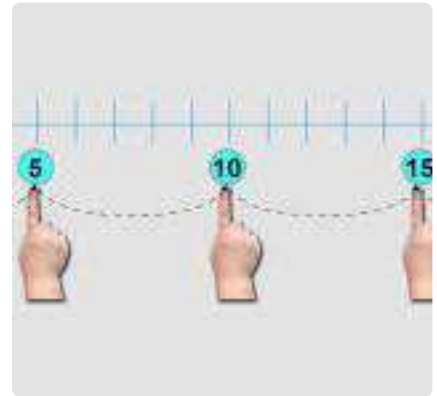
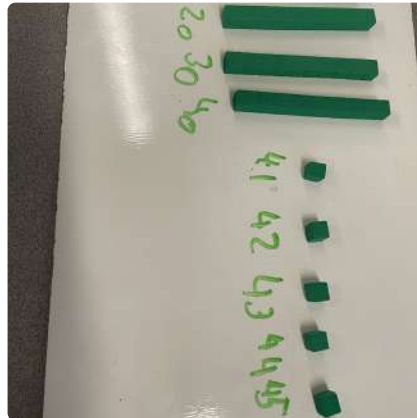
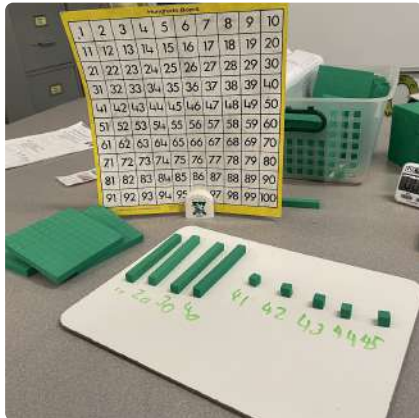
News from 1D (Mrs. Dunn)



Mrs. Dunn's first-graders have been working on developing their understanding of place value in math this spring. They have been using visual models, such as ten-frames and Unifix cubes kept in groups of 10, to help them understand numbers as being composed of groups of ten and leftover ones. These visual models also help students see relationships between working with single-digit numbers and working with larger numbers. In a recent game called Ten Turns, students used a game board with 6 ten-frames to keep track of the number of pennies they collected during the game. Students were able to easily recognize that the number of full ten frames told them the digit that would be in the tens place in their total, and the number of leftover pennies told them the digit

in the ones place. They were also able to realize how the combinations of 10 that they have learned (1+9, 2+8, etc.) could help them determine how far away any two-digit number is from the next group of 10. For instance, they realized that if they had 34 pennies on their board, they would need 6 more to make the next tens number (40) since they know $4+6=10$. Relationships like this that seem simple to adults are often challenging for children to grasp, but the use of visual models helps make these relationships clear to students and helps them build their number sense. Students are excited to discover relationships in math and develop a deeper understanding of math concepts when they engage in activities using visual models such as these.

News from Ms. Eaton



In the Learning Center, first grade students have been working to strengthen their place value skills through the hundreds. Through the use of base ten blocks, number charts and wipe-off boards, students are building numbers given their numeric form and writing numbers that corresponds to models built by the teacher. Students are practicing skip counting by 100's, 10's and 1's to determine the value of those given models. In addition, students are examining the place value (columns) of the 100's, 10's and 1's and determining how they are all related.



MARTHA JONES SCHOOL

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PTO News

Thank You

Field Day is always a special event for Martha Jones students and today was no exception! Thank you to Tina Collins for organizing this fun-filled day, Mr. Foley for running the games, and all of the parent volunteers who lent a helping hand!



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

As the year winds down, there are still a few slots open to [volunteer](#) in the Library! Mrs. Swinning needs one parent per class to help check-in, shelve, and check-out books. This is a great opportunity to get into the school, interact with your child's class, and support the library program!



WEBSITE & DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Log in or register on the [PTO website](#) to stay updated on all PTO events, receive important PTO emails, volunteer for school events, and stay connected with Room Parent communications.

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PTO CONTACT FOR EVENTS, NOTICES:

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

PTO Co-Secretary - [Mary Jason](#), [Priscilla Stephan](#)

District & Community News You Can Use

District Programing

SEPAC

[Westwood SEPAC Spring Social](#)

- Sunday, June 2, 2024
- 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- Pine Hill School Playground ([map](#)).

Connect with Westwood families who have children with unique learning needs. The children will be able to play while socializing! All ages are welcome!

Please see the [Westwood Special Education Parents Action Committee \(SEPAC\) website](#) with all upcoming events.



School Calendar

[Click the link for the Westwood 2023-2024 school calendar.](#)

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Links to [Westwood Community Resources](#). The link will take you to the Interface Referral Service for Mental Health Supports. This service helps to facilitate access to outpatient services. Additionally, on the page there are links to Westwood Youth and Family Services, the Food Pantry, Council on Aging, Westwood Community Chest, and many more.

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