

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.

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FAMILY HEALTH & FITNESS NIGHT



Friday, March 29th, 2019

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Come and participate as a family!

Become educated and energized!

Important Dates

Mon. Apr. 1	MCAS Parent Info Meeting 9:15 at MJ
Wed., Apr. 3	All School Enrichment: Veronica Robles Mariachi 1:45 Funded by Westwood Foundation for Education
Wed., Apr. 3	Student Council 8AM
Thu., Apr. 4	District Programming: How to Emotionally Equip Our Kids, 7PM, Deerfield School
Fri., Apr. 5	Math League, 7:45AM MJ Play - Talent for a Cause 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Mon. & Tue., Apr. 8 & 9	Gr. 3 ELA MCAS
Tue., Apr. 9	School Committee Meeting, 7PM, WHS - Little Theater
Wed., Apr. 10	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am ----- Scheduled Parent Conferences - Afternoon
Mon. - Fri., Apr 15 - 19	April School Vacation NO SCHOOL
Mon., Apr. 22	Gr. 3 Enrichment - Colonial Trades Classroom Visit
Wed., Apr. 24	Early release: Dismissal at 11:50am
Thu., Apr. 25	Gr. K Enrichment - MOS Classroom Visit: Bridges
Fri., Apr. 26	SPIRIT DAY

A complete list of upcoming dates is available [online](#).

Message from the Principal

Martha Jones continues to be a busy place with many exciting things happening. Just in the past two weeks, here is a sampling of the wonderful opportunities that students at the Martha Jones School experienced:

- * Our Kindergarten students had a wonderful time at the Discovery Museum in Action last week and this week had a visit from a local dentist who taught them about dental hygiene.

- * Grade 1 and 2 had their general music open classrooms where parents were able to see what wonderful musicians they are becoming.

- * 4th-grade band had their open house/practice concert - they have really improved since September! Let's Go Band! After their own Open House performance, they had the opportunity this week to attend the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Youth Performance. Geared toward students in grades 4-6, these concerts act as an introduction to the full orchestra experience, encouraging long-term ownership of orchestral music and the BSO, and delivering positive character development messages through each performance led by Germeshausen Family and Youth Concerts Conductor Thomas Wilkins.

- * Mr. Foley finished up his P.E. Open Houses where parents and students got a good workout and a sampling of what our P.E. classes are all about.

- * Our 5th graders were invited into the Museum of Science's Star Lab, which was set up right here in our own Gym. What a fun way to learn about astrology.

- * Family Fun Night was a big success, not only for the families who attended but for the Westwood Food Pantry, which was the recipient of all the food and personal care items that were donated at Family Fun Night.

- * And we close out this week with Family Health and Wellness Night Tonight - We hope to see tonight.

MJ & District News

MCAS Schedule - Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be participating in the Reading/English Language Arts, Math, and Science Technology/Engineering (Grade 5 only) Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) beginning in April. On assessment days (really on all days), please make sure your child arrives at school on time and has had a good breakfast. Testing sessions start right at the beginning of the day and students who are tardy will not be permitted to enter their classrooms once testing has begun. They will need to take a make-up session. If you have any questions about the MCAS, I will have a parent information meeting this Monday, April 1, at 9:15 or you may contact me at your convenience.



Teacher Experiences for the Parent Social - If you were the high bidder on a teacher experience at the Parent Social, don't forget to contact the teacher to claim your prize. Students have already had some fun with their experiences.

The Gilmore Girls (wait, isn't that a show?) - were the winners of the Fine Dining Experience and Alexis Cahill did a wonderful job doing the announcement for Diane last week.



Lynn Lyons - On Thursday, April 4th, Lynn Lyons will be presenting at the Deerfield school at 7:00 pm. Ms. Lyons is the author of *Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: 7 Ways to Stop the Worry Cycle and Raise Courageous Kids*. I have heard Lynn speak and I encourage all parents to attend.

Parent Teacher Conferences -

Thank you for coming out for parent/teacher conferences. The teachers take time all year getting to know your child and they enjoy showing off each child's success as much as you enjoy hearing about how your child is doing. They are proud of their students, and I am proud of them for the work they do to make sure each child is getting what he or she needs. If you haven't had your parent-teacher conference yet, we look forward to seeing you on April 10th.

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars - More Info To Come

*Save
The Date*

May 9th - 4th and 5th Grade Band Concert at Westwood High School - 7pm

May 30th - STEAM FAIR and ART SHOW - more info to come

May 31st Field Day

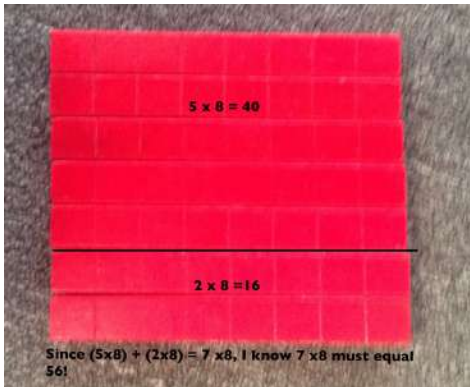
June 5th - Grade 5 Celebration

June 17th - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9:30 AM

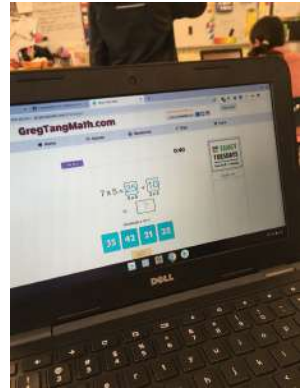
June 18th - ½ day Last Day of School

Classroom Happenings

News from 3L - Mrs. Luskin



Third graders have been using known multiplication facts to solve multiplication combinations more efficiently and effectively. The third-grade teachers have teamed up with the math specialists to plan lessons and gather materials to scaffold student learning. One way students have learned to solve unknown combinations is by using a number line to see how some combinations are related so students can easily half or double to solve an unknown combination.



Another way to solve combinations is to have students build arrays in order to understand how groups can be added to or subtracted from to solve an unknown combination. Finally, students use online programs and sites to practice these strategies. Third graders are applying what they know to strategically and efficiently compute unknown multiplication combinations as well as solve more complex multiplication problems.

News from Mathematics Specialist - Mrs. Size

I was lucky to get to accompany the Kindergarteners on their field trip to the Acton Discovery Museum. While there, not surprisingly, we noticed many math-science connections with the different exhibits, just as in real life! Students experimented with ramp height and the effect on the distance that a golf ball traveled when dropped from different places. A computer monitor even measured this distance for them so they could see the data immediately! Students also had fun at the water tables by pouring it into different containers and cylinders and erecting structures to try to dam the water. In another station, students tried to blow a ping-pong ball into a basketball hoop using only a hair dryer. They experimented with the dryers on high and low and different heat settings. The high setting got the ball to move quickly but was harder to control; the low setting proved opposite! So much science, math, and engineering involved when you're just having fun!



Biographies - Students in Ms. O'Toole's class have been working on biographies. CJ Hancock invited his grandfather, School Committee Chair, Charlie Donahue in to share his biography. CJ did his biography on his great-grandfather, Mr. Donahue's father, the first Charles Donahue.



Students in Ms. Reed's class wrote persuasive essays as part of one of their writing units. Jacob wrote to Supt. Parks to try to persuade her to allow gum in school. While I don't advocate gum chewing every day, Supt. Parks and I decided that one day of "gum chewing" wasn't bad and would be a nice reward for the effort Jacob put into his essay. [If you want to read Jacob's essay it is linked here.](#)

Jacob and his friends enjoying gum day.

Mr. Yennior Leading the Students during the Grade 4 Band Open House



PTO News

TALENT FOR A CAUSE

Mark your calendars! The Talent for a Cause play will be held on Friday, April 5th! Doors open at 6 pm, play starts at 6:30 p.m. All donations at the door go to Westwood Community Chest.

MJ PTO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

We will be electing a co-president, a co-secretary and an incoming treasurer to shadow for the 2019/2020 school year and take over for the following year. If you'd like to run for one of these positions, please let us know!

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 Erica Howe at erica.gregg.howe@gmail.com.

Департамента по 781 326-7500 ext. 1346 или по электронной почте запрос на lpouffe@westwood.k12.ma.us Спасибо.

Photos from Family Fun Night:

BINGO Callers on Board



Items for the Food Pantry and



Waiting for the Next Game

Flowers the Students Made for the Senior Center in the Arts and Crafts Room

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PARENT PROGRAM

How To Emotionally Equip Our Kids: Patterns to Foster, Patterns to Watch For, and Why Prevention Works



Lynn Lyons, LICSW and Co-Author of *Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: 7 Ways to Stop the Worry Cycle and Raise Courageous and Independent Children*, **will discuss strategies to help overcome anxiety, handle pressure, and manage the challenges of daily life.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
7PM
DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Safety for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
7:00 PM -9:00 PM

Please join us as retired Fire Captain, Bill Cannata, presents the ALEC (Autism Law Enforcement and Education Coalition) headquartered here in Westwood.



Learn how your local First Responders have been trained to prepare for emergency situations involving your loved one diagnosed with autism and other related developmental disabilities.

Location: Westwood High School, 220 Nahatan Street
Park in the front horseshoe parking lot off Nahatan Street. Go through the doors marked "District Administration". Once inside follow signage to Professional Development Room.

[ALEC](#)

Join our closed Facebook Group: [Westwood SEPAC-Special Education Parent Advisory Council](#)

To volunteer, questions, or submit ideas [email: westwoodsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodsepac@gmail.com)

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