

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.

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Celebrating Memorial Day at Martha Jones

Important Dates

Mon., May 27	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Wed., May 29	All School Enrichment: Fire Safety Trailer
Thu., May 30	STEAM Fair 6:30-7:45 pm
Fri., May 31	Field Day
Tue., June 4	Gr. 4 Field Trip: Moose Hill
Wed., June 5	Student Council 8:00AM ----- Early Release 11:50 ----- Gr. 5 Celebration: DHAC 1:30 - 4:30
Thu., June 6	Gr. 1 Field Trip: Stone Zoo ----- Gr. 2 Field Trip: Harvard Peabody Museum
Fri., June 7	SPIRIT DAY
Thu., June 13	School Committee Meeting, 7:00PM, WHS
Fri., June 14	Gr. 3 Field Trip: Plimoth Plantation
Mon., June 17	Gr. 5 Move-up Ceremony 9:30 - 11:00
Tue., June 18	Last Day of School NOON Dismissal

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

Calling all 5th Graders! *Save the Date!*

The 5th Grade End of the Year Celebration will be held **Wednesday, June 5th from 1:30-4:30pm at Dedham Health Athletic Club (DHAC) Summer Club.** RSVP for the Celebration by Wednesday, May 29.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Message from the Principal



This was another exciting week at Martha Jones School, but especially exciting for the students because we had our first ever "play day." On Wednesday, May 22nd, students spent the day focused on

engaging and having fun with classmates, grade level peers, and even students in other grades. Students played board games, painted, went on nature walks, and built amazing structures with legos, blocks, and other building materials. This was a chance for students to step away from technology for the day and to keep their hands, bodies, and minds moving. Figuring out the rules of a game on their own, negotiating critical moves to support a building's growth, and deciding who should pick the next game, all led to students utilizing their problem-solving skills and understanding the need for give-and-take when thinking about the needs of multiple people at once. It was great fun for me to see them so engaged with each other in very kind and supportive ways and to see their creative juices flowing. I think we'll make it a yearly event.



MJ & District News

Grade 3 Fisher School

Every year our 3rd grade students spend the day at the Fisher School in Westwood. The Fisher School, a restored schoolhouse, is a living history setting for school programs for students from Westwood. The students dress in period costumes and spend the day as if they are students in the late 1800s. A special thank you to Charlie Donahue for keeping the program running and to the amazing volunteers who teach the students for the day. You can see the students, in their 1800s attire, marching in the Memorial Day parade.



STEM Fair and ART Show - Thursday, May 30th at 6:30. All students will have artwork exhibited, our Jazz Band will be playing, and many of our students will be showing off their science and engineering projects. We know it is a busy time of year, but please take a few minutes to stop by and check it out.

Friday, May 31st is Field Day - Please be sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather and have on sneakers or other athletic footwear. Students in grades 3 - 5 will spend the morning in field day activities, have lunch, and return to their classrooms for the afternoon. Students in grades K-2 will spend the morning in their classrooms, have lunch outside, and then have field day in the afternoon. Pizza lunch and slush is provided for all students. Your child may bring his or her lunch if they can't have pizza. Water bottles will be provided. If your child brings his/her own water bottle, please be sure it is labeled.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT EMAILS AND CLASSROOM MEMOS FOR END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT MAY BE OCCURING IN INDIVIDUAL CLASSES. **S**

Classroom Happenings

News from 4W (Mrs. Waldner) In 4W, we have been reading historical fiction books. Within the unit, we read *Number the Stars* as a class read aloud. Additionally, the class was broken up into historical fiction book clubs. Daily, groups would meet to discuss their reading and their thoughts about the story. The clubs had wonderful, deep conversations about their favorite parts, questions they had, and applied the class reading lessons to their book club stories. In addition to the reinforcement of conversational skills and comprehension skills, students' friendships were strengthened through their clubs. Our lessons during this unit focused on character traits, different characters' perspectives within the story, and theme. As a concluding project for the unit, students in 4W created movies to demonstrate their thinking around one of their historical fiction books and the reading skills of the unit. Students used the Chatterpix and Toontastic apps to describe how characters changed in the story, the character's perspective, and identified the themes of the story and supported their theme with scenes from the book. Chatterpix is an app that allows the user to insert a "talkable" mouth onto a picture. This allows the students to take a picture of a character from their book and have that character "talk." The Toontastic app allows students to create backgrounds, characters, and create scenes where characters talk and move. Then students merged their work from the two apps together using iMovie. Within iMovie, students edited and revised all their pieces into a cohesive movie about their historical fiction book. This project allowed the class to apply their reading skills in a creative way, support their thinking with examples for the text, merge several apps together, and create a movie! They loved the project and are very motivated to continue to use these apps at home and school. The whole class did a great job! This class is full of great readers and producers.



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From Mrs. Aaron, our math specialist

Fourth graders working on multiplication with large numbers got a chance to apply their skills as we froze this video to find out just how many students from China were training for this amazing event caught from a satellite in space!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p075ttf4>

Kindergarteners worked hard to put together boxes of Stern's blocks with all the combinations of sums from 1-10. There were so many patterns to notice!



News from 2M (Ms. Mundy)



In science, Ms. Mundy's second graders learned that friction is the force that works against motion to slow an object down when two objects are rubbed against each other. The amount of friction depends on the properties of the surfaces. Objects that are smooth have less friction and objects that are rough have more friction. The less friction an object has, the faster it can slide down a slope.

In a recent science lesson, Ms. Mundy's students worked as engineers to design an experiment to help them discover which solid materials cause the least and most friction. Students made a model of a slide with a piece of cardboard leaned against a stack of books and created model "sliders" with different materials weighted down by pennies. Using a ruler to line up the sliders at the "starting line", students released the sliders and kept track of which ones slid the fastest, and which ones only slid a little bit, then stopped. From our results, we discovered that plastic (bottle caps) has the least friction and sandpaper and felt have the most friction. We thought about how to apply this knowledge to real life by discussing which materials we would want to use (and which materials we would not want to use) if we had to design a pair of shoes that would allow us to walk across an icy path without slipping.



News from KL (Mrs. Layton) Solving Story Problems in Kindergarten



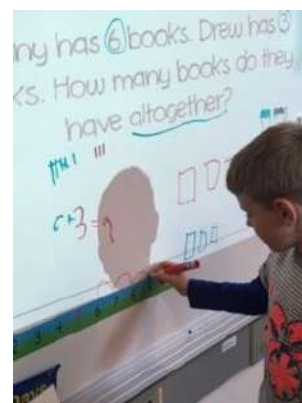
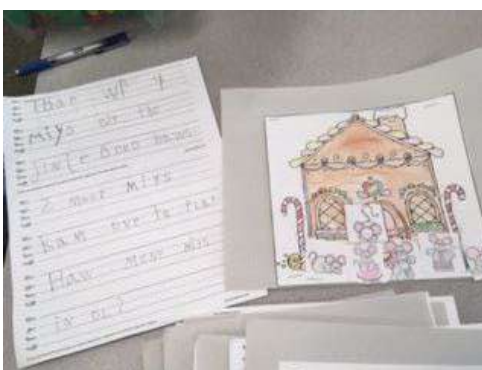
In KL, we have been working on solving story problems during our Math Workshop. Students are being taught to build the habit of thinking before acting. They are learning to take the time to truly understand the story problems instead of computing them right away. We have been focusing on these simple steps:

Understand- Focus on the action and relationship of the situation in the story problem

Plan- What strategy can be used to solve the problem? (count on fingers, draw pictures, use a ten frame, use a number line, write a number sentence)

Solve- Explain your thinking using "math talk". Stop searching for the answer, but rather the process of how the problem can be solved.

Check- Double check your work and make sure it makes sense.



PTO News

STEAM Fair volunteers needed May 30th

The STEM fair and Art show is just around the corner, and our students are working hard on their projects for display. The STEAM fair committee is seeking volunteers for set-up (6:00-6:30pm) and break down (7:30-8:15pm) of tables in the cafeteria/gym. Also needed are 2 greeters to hand out programs (6:30-7:00pm) and 5 scientist "judges" to interview participants (6:30-7:15pm). Thank you for your help. Please [Click here](#) to volunteer.

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Field Day Volunteer Opportunities — WE NEED YOU!!

It's BAAAAAACCCK! Field Day 2019 coming soon.....This year it is scheduled for Friday, May 31st (rain date June 7th). 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](#) to volunteer.

Any questions, please email Tina Collins at teemarie_collins@yahoo.com or Stacy Kaplan at ssiegle@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION PTO COMMITTEE MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS

If you are requesting a reimbursement for an expense incurred during a PTO event or fundraiser, you will need to fill out a form for the PTO board, and it must include your receipt. All requests MUST be received by June 15th.

[Click here for the reimbursement form](#)

MJ PTO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

We are looking for an incoming treasurer to shadow for the 2019/2020 school year and take over for the following year. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to our current Treasurer, Kathryn Travers at kramos16@yahoo.com.

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.

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WHO WILL YOU RIDE FOR?

Westwood's 12th Annual PMC Kid's Ride

REGISTER TO
RIDE OR
VOLUNTEER!

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Martha Jones School

8:30-11 am; Ages 3-15

Register @ kids.pmc.org/westwood

Join us in the fight against cancer. The PMC Kids Rides give children the opportunity to make a difference one mile at a time. Every rider-raised dollar supports Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

Courses for all Ages!

- Allisa's 1-mile Kids Loop
- Five for Fighting 5-mile
- Westwood Strong 10-mile

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WITNESS THE STUDENTS OF MARTHA
JONES SHINE!

S.T.E.M. Fair/ Art Show

Please join us as students present projects that explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to the Martha Jones community. The evening will be accompanied by artwork by all students from their Art classes, as well as music from the Jazz band.

S.T.E.M. Fair will be held in the Gym from 6:30-7:15
Art Show will be throughout the school from 6:30-7:45

**THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT
6:30-7:45PM**

Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Ice Cream & Popsicle Social

Sunday June 2, 2019

2:00 PM -4:00 PM

**Downey Elementary School
Playground**

**Connect with other local families who
have children receiving special
education support services.**



**The kids can play while we socialize.
All ages welcome!**

RSVP: westwoodsepac@gmail.com or on the Facebook Event

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)
Board: Megan Brenk & Meggan Flaherty, Co-chairs • Angela Pomarole & Aravind Movva, Co-Secretaries •
Kelly Anderson & Jennifer Ellis, Co-Treasurers



Summer Math Camp

For ALL Westwood



Students Entering Grades 2-5

Come and have fun doing some math!
Tell your friends, all Westwood students are welcome!

Where: Sheehan School Library
When: Tues. Aug. 20 and Wednesday Aug. 21
From 1:00-3:00

With Math Specialists Beth Cormier & Erin Guadagno
ecormier@westwood.k12.ma.us or
equadagno@westwood.k12.ma.us

Cost: \$35 for one day and \$70 for both
Cash or Check made out to Beth Cormier

A popsicle snack will be provided.

Send this to the Sheehan office right away to reserve a spot!
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Child's Name _____ Going into grade _____

Parent(s) Name, Email and Phone #(s) _____

Date(s) Attending: Tues. 8/20 _____ Wednesday, 8/21 _____

Any allergies or other information we should know about _____

PLEASE try to pass this in before school ends. If you need to sign up after the last day of school please just contact one of us!



Camp for Incoming 6th Graders!

Dust off the summer cobwebs and have some fun getting ready for middle school math! Students will have time to work on the summer math required by Thurston Middle School.

For ANY Westwood student entering grade 6!
Tell all of your friends!

Teachers: Beth Cormier & Caitlin Dunn

Where: Sheehan School Library

When: Tues. Aug. 20 and Wed. Aug. 21

Time: 10 am-12:30

Cost: \$40 for one session or both days for \$80

Popsicle snack will be provided!

Send this form in soon to reserve your spot!

Cash or check made out to Beth Cormier or Caitlin Dunn

Child's Name _____

Parent(s) Name(s) and phone number(s) _____

Date(s) attending: Tues. 8/20 _____ Wed. 8/21 _____

OR my child will attend on both days 8/20 & 8/21 _____

Any allergies or other information we should know about your child _____

Please try to pass this in before school ends to reserve a spot!

You can still contact us to sign up after the last day of school!

cdunn@westwood.k12.ma.us or ecormier@westwood.k12.ma.us