

Growing by... & Leaps & Bounds

Martha Jones School - Westwood, Mass.
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Important Dates

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| Mon., June 6 | Gr K Enrichment - Force & Motion ----- Gr 5 Field Trip Hale Reservation |
| Tue., June 7 | Gr 5 Band Concert 7:00PM - WHS |
| Wed., June 8 | Early Release 11:50AM |
| Fri., June 10 | Field Day |
| Sun., June 12 | PMC KIDS RIDE |
| Tue., June 14 | Incoming K: Wheels on the Bus WHS 6PM |
| Mon., June 20 | NO SCHOOL Juneteenth Observed |
| Wed., June 22 | Last Day of School Dismissal NOON |

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Message from the Principal



What a talented bunch of students we have. Last night we had our STEAM FAIR and ART SHOW and if you were here, you saw the amazing artwork that our students produced under the direction of Mrs. Pasquan, Mrs. Friberg, and Mr. Hagel. Each piece - from the drawings, to the pottery, to the dioramas - was creative and impressive. In addition to our young artists, we had a number of young scientists participate in our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Fair. I learned many new things and hope you did too! The range of projects - from the importance of washing your hands, to the impact dancing has on your heart rate, to understanding the "five second rule" highlighted our students' different interests and talents. We had over 85 students participate and 42 projects. It was hard to visit them all, but I hope you got a chance to check out many of them. A special thank you to Jemma Wilks and Beth Klaene for leading the charge and for the many, many parent volunteers that helped get the art show set up, helped with the "judging" and "expert" visits to each project, to the clean up of the school last night. We could not have these terrific events for our students without your support.

I also want to thank Top Secret Science for giving each student a hands-on learning experience during the STEAM fair. The activities were fun and engaging and a nice addition to our STEAM Fair. Check out pictures of the event, below.



We also had our grade 3 Fisher School Program today as well as Grade 4 Sounds Waves Enrichment and the Grade 5 Water Conservation Program. We'll end the week with our Talent for A Cause Play this evening! I can't wait to see our 5th grade performers!

MJ & District News

Pride Month - Teachers have started projects to celebrate pride month in support of our MJ LBGQT families. Over the next two weeks we will be decorating the fence along the bus lane with messages around kindness and inclusion. Feel free to stop by, this weekend or next, and add any messages of support and kindness to the fence.



PMC KIDS RIDE - One of the most popular PMC Kids Rides is held right here at Martha Jones School. We hope for a great turnout of live riders this year, after two years of virtual rides only. Kids can decorate their bikes and there are different routes for different ages so everyone can participate, even our kindergarten students. [Please link here for additional information.](#)

Westwood Celebrates Juneteenth - We will be closed on Monday, June 20th in recognition of Juneteenth. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday. We look forward to the celebrations of Juneteenth that are being planned, including [events hosted by Westwood METCO and Hale Education on Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19 linked here.](#)

Masons Angel Fund - The Mason Angel Fund is a fund supported by the Mason's and provides resources such as grocery store cards, clothing gift cards, glasses, camp fees, etc. to families in need. This program is confidential and the funds are administered through Westwood Public Schools and/or Westwood Youth and Family Services. If you need assistance, please reach out to me or to WYFC and we can reach out to the Angel Fund on your behalf. The Angel Fund does not collect names and information is confidential.



Field Day will be held on June 10th (raindate, June 13th). Thank you to Pat Foley and Tina Collins for organizing this event. Parent volunteers are welcome, sign up sheets went home last week. If you did not yet sign up and would like to, or have questions, please reach out to Tina Collins, Any questions please email Tina Collins at teemarie_collins@yahoo.com, or Pat Foley, pfoley@westwood.k12.ma.us

The end of the year is fast approaching. A few reminders:

- Please be sure to stop by lost and found on field day to gather any belongings left behind this year.
- Donna Olson, the MJ principal for 2022-2023, will start on July 1st. She can be reached at dolson@westwood.k12.ma.us after July 1st.
- Class Placement letters will go out mid to late August - class placements are final.
- Information regarding the start of the year, important dates, etc., will go out in the summer letter. The first day back for students in grades 1-12 is Wed., August 31st. [The 2022-2023 calendar is here.](#)

Classroom Happenings

News from 4W (Mrs. Waldner) Fourth grade is currently reading and writing poetry as a fun way to wrap up all of our hard work this year. It is amazing how deep and thoughtful the students' poems are becoming. When our class learned that not all poetry is limited to rhyming, the creative piece of writing poetry opened up to them. As authors, we are learning that poets use strong images and emotions, repeat key words, use thoughtful similes, include specific details, and write from our heart.



writing after our mentor poems. This helped us automatically start including line breaks. This week we learned how to raise the quality of line breaks to convey certain images, emotions, and stress different parts of the poem. It was amazing to see their creativity and how thoughtful they were. One activity that we did was taking the same poem and adding our own line breaks. We discussed the different impact of our line break choices. This provided an opportunity for ALL students to apply a skill in a safe, comfortable environment. Here are examples of how different line breaks impact the same poem.

In 4W, everyone did a great job modeling their

Firefly

Sliver of moon.
Slice of star.

Rhinestone
In a jelly jar.

Twinkling treasure
Snatched from sky;
Neon sparkle.

A
Firefly!

Sliver of
Moon.
Slice
Of star.
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Twinkling treasure
Snatched
From sky; neon sparkle.
A firefly.

Poetry

Sliver of Moon

Slice of star

Rhinestone in a jelly jar

Twinkling treasure snatched
from

sky; neon sparkle.

A firefly!



At the end of the year, our class will leave with a compilation of poems that describe their likes, interests, and observations of the world around them. These poems are a true reflection of the growth they have made this year as writers.



News from 2M (Ms. Mundy)

The second graders are learning about animal adaptations in our life science unit on animal and plant biodiversity. Earlier this month, Ms. Mundy's class, along with Ms. Hartwell's class, enjoyed a Children's Museum enrichment program on Animal Habitats. The students had the opportunity

to meet and touch some of the museum's Wildlife Sanctuary animals, including a stick bug, snake, box turtle and a chinchilla. Students learned the role that adaptations like camouflage, sharp claws, hard shells and whiskers play in keeping animals safe and allowing them to find food in their habitats.



News from KL (Mrs. Layton) Recently, in Kindergarten, we have been learning about the needs of plants and animals. We have looked at the needs of all living things (food, water, air, shelter and room to grow and move) and have learned that all animals get what they need from the habitat in which they live. We have just started to focus on the life cycle of a plant and that each part of a plant has a specific job. The roots hold a plant in place and drink up the water, the stem brings the water up the plant, the leaves soak up the sunlight and the flower holds new seeds. We set up a science experiment to see if seeds need soil in order to grow and planted marigold seeds in soil. What will sprout

first?

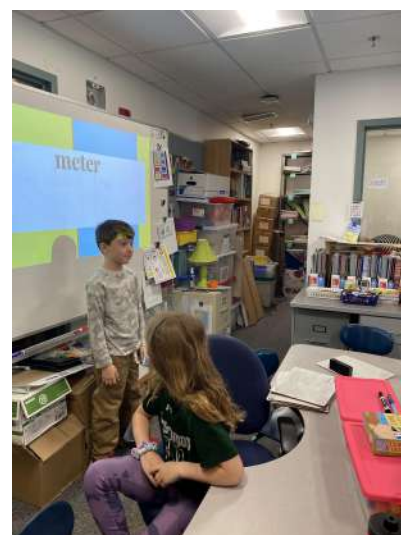
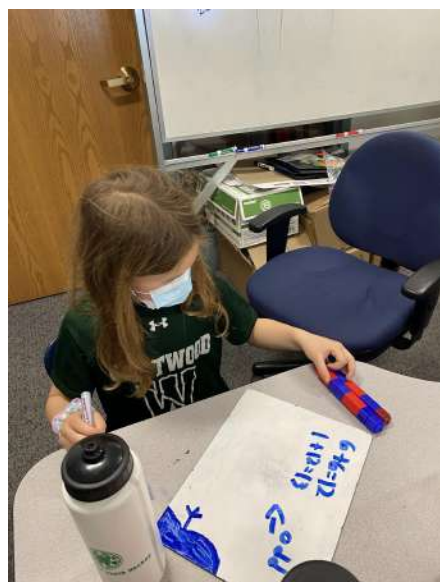


News from the Math Office (Mrs. Aaron)

All of our second graders are working on a unit about patterns of numbers and things that come in groups. They are considering whether numbers are even or odd based on the way you can split them into pairs or equal teams. They are also laying the foundation for future multiplication work as they solve problems about groups of eyes, legs, fingers, toes and even buildings with multiple floors and noticing all sorts of patterns and structure in our number system..

Second graders are also continuing their work on fluency with making landmark numbers like 100 as they play some favorite games like [Close to 100](#) and [Clumsy Thief](#). Both are lots of fun to try at home!

All grades have been enjoying Math Yappers - a game where they try to describe a math vocabulary word to their group by explaining the concept and not using the word - a really fun way to practice vocabulary for any subject!



Classroom and Other Happenings

ENJOYING THE STEAM FAIR AND ART SHOW



Our 3rd Grade Fisher School Program



PTO News

PTO Update 6/1/22 FIELD DAY - JUNE 10

Students will wear their MJ shirts or the equivalent color and participate in a variety of games and enjoy a pizza lunch. Rain date is June 13th. Any questions please email Tina Collins at teemarie_collins@yahoo.com

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER? NEED LABELS?



Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and enter "Martha Jones PTO" as the fundraiser you would like to support. You can even order the "combo label pack" with the MJ logo. By purchasing any of the labels via our fundraiser, you will receive free shipping (labels are mailed directly to your address) and the PTO will receive 20% of your purchase.

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 Cat Sonis at catkell23@yahoo.com or Beth Klaene at baklaene@gmail.com.

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