

# Jennings School

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Dear Jennings,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Jennings community a Happy New Year! It is amazing to me that 2014 is already upon us. With the challenges of the 2013 year in our rearview mirrors, we look optimistically ahead.

For me, the New Year brings a time to reflect. It allows you to take stock on all the positives, accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year. We often talk about resolutions. Many of us make them...and some of us keep them! Either way, I hope that your promises to yourselves, your family and your community are fulfilling!

I saw the movie *The Polar Express* (again) over the break and it aptly reminds us of the joys and magic of the season-especially as seen through the eyes of young children. I witnessed this firsthand with my son Derek and daughter Miranda and I will cherish each and every moment! I hope all of you had the opportunity to build those special memories over vacation and are able to take stock in all of the positives in your lives.

I feel that 2013 brought me many great things-one of which is the Jennings community. I am extremely proud to work with such a talented staff, creative students and supportive parents. I eagerly await the wonderful things 2014 will bring to all of us! We will continue to work on building a strong and connected community. Although it is hard to find a true Utopia, Jennings is close!

With progress reports just behind us, the staff will continue to use the recent assessment information to differentiate the curriculum and instruction. January is a busy month filled with a renewed focus. The winter is often looked upon as a midyear point and many of our reading, writing and math Universal Screening assessments are taking place. The teachers and curriculum support team will be looking at the updated data and designing plans that meet the needs of the whole class and the individual students. Feel free to contact your classroom teacher if you have individual questions.

I wish each and every one of you the absolute best for 2014!

Warmest Regards,

*Tony Vuolo*

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