



Jennings
Elementary School

January 12th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

This past week our grade 4 and 5 students received a taste of University life. On Thursday the Student Leadership Team members attended a conference at Sacred Heart University. The conference focused on communication, productive thinking and problem solving. The students attended many engaging workshops and will bring the learning back to our classrooms.

On Friday they had a unique opportunity to attend a Fairfield University basketball game. The students participated in some fun and educational activities both at the University and in class. Adam Kamin represented Jennings well by winning a contest on the court with his partner Bella Ibanez. Karla Namee, Mr. Curesky and I participated in special activities on the court but were not as successful as the aforementioned pair.

At each event the students did a nice job representing themselves, their families and the school. An extra special thanks goes out to Mrs. Lewin's class for cleaning up all the extra garbage in the bleachers at Fairfield University. They did so even when it was not their section and all received a High 5 for helping to make a difference! There are some pictures of the game on the last pages of the Journal.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Mrs. McCulloch

Jennings School welcomes Mrs. Sherry McCulloch to our family. This week Mrs. McCulloch takes over one of our permanent building substitute positions. We are very excited to have her start and know she will receive a warm welcome from our entire community. She will be in many classrooms throughout her time here and hopefully will get to know all of the children in this capacity.

Character Assembly

Please join us for our January Character Assembly this Friday at 2:00. The theme of the assembly will be MLK and 5th Grade is in charge of presenting. Hope to see you there!

Curriculum Corner

This past week Mrs. Schaper gave a wonderful presentation at the PTA meeting. She discussed how to support your children with literacy at home. Although there is no substitute for actually being at the presentation, she posted the presentation and handouts on the LAS webpage.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the main page and view the materials.

Library Learning Commons

Mrs. P has been very busy engaging all of our grade levels in activities that stretch the minds of our students. You can keep up to date on what is happening by reading her blog. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest posting.

Building Use and Variety Show

This is an exciting time of year as all the students and parents are gearing up for the Variety Show next month. Often the building is used for rehearsals by the various groups performing. We ask that all of you are considerate of Jonesey and Joe in taking good care of the areas and monitoring the students you are in charge of. It makes a huge difference when we all work together to show CARES during this thrilling time.

Music News

Our Winter Concert is this Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00.

Beginning this month, all classes will be treated to a Composer of the Month. I just received 9 biographies and compact discs, of music, of very famous composers such as: Mozart, Purcell and Beethoven, to name a few.

I am looking forward to sharing the great stories and musical works with your children!

Ms. Fiero

Mitten Tree

We wanted to say a huge thank you to the Jennings Community for the support of this year's Mitten Tree. Over 75 items were collected and donated to local shelters. Our community continues to show how caring and thoughtful of others we can be. This message finds its way to our students and assists in making them the well rounded ladies and gentlemen they are!

Recess during the Winter

As mentioned in previous Journals, we want our families to know that we prefer to send students outside, as appropriate, during the winter months. Research supports the need for children to be as active as possible during the cold weather months. Therefore we urge families to send their children to school with proper winter attire. Unless it is deemed too dangerous or too cold, the students will have their 20 minutes outside to release their energy. In an effort to keep our students healthy, staff retains the right to keep students inside if appropriate attire is not worn.

This Week's Reminders...

- “D” Monday** **8:00 – Book Club with Mrs. Nolan**
3:30 Floor Hockey ... Grades 3 – 5
- “E” Tuesday** **Kindergarten Program – Jurassic Jr.**
3:30 – Chess
3:30 – 4:15 ... Only “You “ Foundation Basketball Clinic
- “A” Wednesday** **2:45 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal**
3:30 After the Bell, Grades 1,2 Games w/Mr. C
- “B” Thursday** **3:30 Clay Creations – Grade 2-5**
- “C” Friday** **2:00 Character Assembly**
3:30 Minecraft – Grades 3-5
3:30 American Girl – K- 5

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) for our weekly Digital Message

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



Fairfield Ward students share their projects with grade 4 and 5 students. The high school students had various ways to demonstrate their learning.





Student Leadership members pose at the University Commons at Sacred Heart prior to attending workshops as part of the CAS Leadership Conference.



Grade 1 students work with our new tablets in the Library Learning Commons.



Jennings School 4th and 5th graders enjoyed their trip to Fairfield University despite the snow. They saw a great game and learned a bit about the hard work that goes into being in college!



Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!