



## *January 26th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

With the recent “Deflategate” situation happening leading up to the Superbowl, it has my family (especially Derek) talking a lot about the lack of ethics that sometimes finds its way into our everyday lives. We talk so much about fostering positive character traits within our community of learners....honesty and integrity are far from overlooked.

Often the kids find themselves at crossroads in making decisions that may be wrong. Although we want everyone to exemplify CARES all the time, the reality is that we are dealing with young learners who are going to make mistakes. If you ask any student who has come across this conversation with me hopefully they will say “...it’s ok to make mistakes because it is how we learn.”

My 2 big mantras are...it is better to be honest than get caught in a lie and we must learn from our mistakes so as not to repeat them. Often I put the responsibility for them to talk to you prior to me. I do this to assist in teaching life lessons

I hope you use the recent national issue to spark up some good conversation with your kids. It is amazing to hear their perspective if we just give them time to express it!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information**

#### **Blizzard Fun**

With the impending weather and snow...we thought it would be fun for the Jennings community to take and share some of your fun pictures during the Blizzard. Feel free to show off your fun and creativity side. Send the pictures to Mrs. Walker and Mr. Vuolo at their emails. [swalker@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:swalker@fairfieldschools.org) and [avuolo@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:avuolo@fairfieldschools.org). We will use the pictures in our digital message and possibly in an upcoming video.

#### **Dismissal (Extra Reminder)**

We are reminding one more time...last week we had 2 incidents of miscommunication so please be diligent. This is a good time to remind our community of the importance of communicating regarding changes in dismissal. Inevitably the Variety Show schedule brings many changes to

the typical routine. We ask that you PLEASE adhere to the change of dismissal protocols. Fill out a form for every day that there is a change. We prefer over communicating in this regard. There are times the main office is trying to figure out where a student may be? This is difficult at the end of the day and often creates a stressful situation. A simple note or call to the main office regarding changes lessens the anxiety during dismissal. Thank you very much for being diligent with this form of communication all year!

### **Jennings “STEM” Night**

We are excited about the upcoming Science Technology Engineering Math night coming up this Thursday. We hope the weather does not keep you away from coming out to this fun and engaging evening. The hands-on experiments promise to have you thinking and enjoying time with your child.

### **Curriculum Corner**

It's easy to read to our younger children at home. But as our children become older and more competent readers, we tend to allow them to read independently more often. But there are several reasons why we should continue to read aloud even to our older children. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out why in this article! The article is posted on our Language Arts page on the website.

Happy Reading,  
Tara Hyder

### **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**

Thank you for continuing to keep this in mind. 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.

### **“Souperbowl”**

The Jennings staff and students would like to share some NFL spirit while supporting a great cause. Please consider joining us in a football spirit day. Whether you have a Seahawks, Patriots or any other sports shirt...wear it on Friday! We are also collecting non-perishable food items including “soup” to be donated to a local shelter.

## Art Room

Art room donations.... There are still some things that we could use in the art room! If you are unloading any large appliance boxes, I could take them off your hands! Also, old costume jewelry, crayons, fake flowers, and bottle tops of any size!

Thank you!

Mrs. Staples

## 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...

- “C” Monday**            **8:45 – Book Club**
- 3:30 – ATB Games with Mr. C, Gr. K,1,2**
- “D” Tuesday**           **3:45 – Chess**
- “E” Wednesday**      **3:30 – ATB Games with Mr. C, Gr. K,1,2**
- “A” Thursday**        **3:30 Clay Creations, Gr. 1, 2   Minecraft, Gr. 3,4,5**
- 6:30 STEM Night**
- “B” Friday**             **11:15 Downtown Cabaret, Kdg.**
- 3:30 Minecraft, Gr. 3,4,5**

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

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



The Jennings Staff participated in some of the STEM activities planned for this Thursday. If they had fun...you are sure to as well!



Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!