



Jennings
Elementary School

January 5th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

Welcome to 2015! I sincerely hope this note finds everyone healthy and relaxed after the long winter break. I am sure that the holiday season brought much joy to our friends and families. As we reflect upon the successes of the past year, the staff looks to continue to work hard in providing a positive learning experience for every student.

New Years often finds us making "resolutions" or "promises" for the upcoming year. If your family is anything like mine, you probably discussed this exact topic at some point during the vacation. I might offer a suggestion...that you think of ways to better your body, mind and spirit with the resolutions you set forth. Choosing resolutions that support our overall quality of life will surely translate into great things in 2015! I wish you all the best as you and your family embark on a promising new year!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Ms. Dias

Jennings School welcomes Ms. Sarah Dias to our family. As you are aware, Mrs. Perez delivered a beautiful baby girl last month. Mrs. Capuano filled in for a few weeks and now Ms. Dias takes over the social worker position for the remainder of the maternity leave. Sarah joins us with prior experience in Stratford and has already stopped in over the break to get started. We are very excited to have her start and know she will receive a warm welcome from our entire community. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns we can assist you with.

Curriculum Corner

The teachers and students recently have been working on questioning and feedback throughout all curriculum areas. One way to developing math thinking and teach students to think flexibly is to ask good questions. [CLICK HERE](#) for some good questions you might ask at home!

Happy Questioning!

Mrs. Ruppert

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 which has information about the highlights of 2014

Person Of Character

As you know, each month we take time to come together as a school community to learn, sing and celebrate. A highlight of these monthly character assemblies is hearing the nominations for Person of Character. December's assembly was replaced with our annual sing along...which was a wonderful community event. In order to recognize the students nominated last month we read the nominations over the morning announcements and Mrs. Walker created the bulletin board as you enter the front foyer. She also created a slide show with the honorees and a few key words identifying why they were chosen. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the school website and watch who was recognized. We are proud of all the hard working and caring students at Jennings!

Mitten Tree

We would like to thank those who have already generously donated to our Mitten Tree. We will take donations for an additional week before boxing up and sending them off to those in need. The grade 5 students are getting set to sort the items and send them off to local shelters...so send in any last minute hats, gloves or scarves by the end of the week.

Thank you again for your kind and generous donations. It demonstrates how Jennings CARES each and every day.

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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 15-16 school year opens this week. Pass the word along to your friends and neighbors and send them to the district website for more information. Families are always welcome to call Jennings with questions, however all registrations are done at Central Office located at 501 Kings Highway East.

BOOK CLUB for Grade 4

Mrs. Nolan, one of our dedicated building substitutes, is starting a book club for those early risers. Breakfast and books is a new club for us at Jennings. [CLICK HERE](#) for a flyer.

This Week's Reminders...

- “D” Monday** **Floor Hockey 3-5...3:30 PM**
Variety Show Registration Begins
- “E” Tuesday** **Grade 4 Orchestra... 8:00 AM**
Chess and Snow Globes...3:30 PM
Grade 3 Brownie meeting
- “A” Wednesday** **Games with Mr. C K-2...3:30 PM**
- “B” Thursday** **Student Leadership Conference at Sacred Heart University... 8-3 PM**
PTA Meeting Reading Presentation w/ Mrs. Schaper...9:15 AM
- ATB Minecraft 3-5...3:30 PM**
ATB Clay Creations 2-5...3:30 PM
- “C” Friday** **Fairfield U Basketball Game (Grades 4/5)... 10:30-2:00 PM**
- Grade 5 Band... 8:00 AM**
ATB Minecraft...3:30 PM
- American Girl K-5...3:30 PM**

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

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



Mrs. Staples displays creative artwork throughout the halls and café. These grade 5 pieces are hanging outside of the Library



Olaf is now surrounded by snowballs that represent ideas for Random Acts of Kindness. The Jennings students were challenged to think of ways to be kind and write them on a snowball for the PTA board. The students are now challenged to put their words into action...pay it forward in 2015!



Student Leadership Team members take on the responsibility for planning and delivering morning announcements each and every day!



Buddy the Elf visited prior to break. He expertly directed traffic and sent many home smiling for the holiday break! We hope he continues to visit in the years to come!

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!