



Jennings
Elementary School

October 20th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

This past week we had a very successful Book Fair and Reading Fun Night. A special thank you to Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Feay, Mrs. Minogue and Mrs. Testani for all their dedication and efforts! They worked extremely hard organizing and running this fabulous event. I am sure the students are eager to read all those new books!

Speaking of reading books, on Thursday we welcomed back 4 Jennings alumni as readers to our K-2 students at Reading Fun Night. Cole Jennings, Molly Meehan, Megan Hios and Tommy Flynn all entertained our students with bedtime stories. We loved seeing our "old" friends and believe they loved coming back to Jennings too!

This week we have our first night of evening conferences. Please remember that on Thursday we have an early dismissal at 1:40. I am sure that you are eagerly awaiting hearing about your child's progress and included some helpful hints below. Additionally, we have our annual Spooktacular on Saturday the 25th. There are new events and fun is sure to be had by all. We hope to see the entire Jennings community come out and enjoy the beautiful day!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Conferences

As conferences are coming up I felt it important to share a few helpful hints to assist in maximizing your time with the teacher.

1. Make sure you "walk the walls" and take a look around the room at all the wonderful work samples that are hanging in both the halls and classrooms.
2. Bring your listening ears as there is so much information to be shared.
3. Be sure to think about some questions you may have walking into the conference and let the teachers know what you are wondering about. You may want to refer to the Progress Report.
4. Walk away with a plan on how you are going to continue to stay informed as a partner in your child's education.
5. Take away some proud talking points to have with your child. They have been working hard and deserve your praise.

Lost and Found

Conferences are a great time for everyone to take a look through the lost and found. We will display the items throughout the next two weeks in hopes that our conference visitors will sift through and find that missing item that has eluded you. Please take a moment to look through the table of items upon your visit to the school.

School Climate Survey

On Monday, October 20, 2014 all parents will receive an email via Infinite Campus to complete a School Climate Survey. This survey has been designed to help each school's School Climate Team to better understand the perceptions of all stakeholders (student, parents, and faculty). The survey will be open from October 20th until October 31st. All staff and students in grades 3-5 will also be asked to participate and complete a survey as well. Students in grades 3-5 will be completing the survey during school time. Parents will have the opportunity to complete the survey in their homes or at school during conferences. We would like 100% participation as it provides insight on how our community members perceive our school climate. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Therriault or Katie D'Amura.

Jennings Goes "Global"

Our 4th and 5th grade students are participating in the Global Read Aloud of the book "The Fourteenth Golfish" by Jennifer Holm. While all 5th graders are being read the book by Mrs. Rooney, the 4th graders are participating in a group read aloud in the Library Learning Commons.

We are posting questions and responses regarding the book using Padlet, a free, online tool that functions like a piece of paper on the Web. Padlet offers a "virtual wall" for students to ask questions, discuss, and summarize. Each post has 150 characters and all posts on our Padlet wall are monitored and submitted for approval. Posting a question or response does not require a log in username and password and we do encourage participants to post their location (state and country) in order to get a feel of the globalization part implied by this project. We do not require anyone to use their full name. First name only, or just initials.

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/library/global-read-aloud/>

Click on the link above to check out the questions raised by our fifth graders and the responses coming from as close as New Haven and as far Spokane Valley, Washington and Sao Paulo, Brazil!

Our next step will be connecting with other students via Skype.

Happy Reading and Globally Collaborating!

This Week's Reminders...

- “A” Monday** **ATB American Girl & Legos**
- “B” Tuesday** **Grade 4 Orchestra at 8:00am**
ATB Golf
Grade 3 Brownies
- “C” Wednesday** **ATB Running at 8:00am**
ATB FishKids, Garden & Soccer
- “D” Thursday** **Early dismissal at 1:40pm for evening conferences**
ATB Halloween cookie decorating
Evening conferences 6:00-8:00pm
- “E” Friday** **Grade 5 Band & Orchestra at 8:00am**
Grade 2 trip to Fairfield Historical Society 9:00am
Life Safety Trailer 3Ax 11am, 3G 12:30, 3M 1:15p
ATB Tennis
- Saturday** **Jennings Spooktacular 11:00am – 2:00pm**

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

Dr. Melvin was spotted in the Jennings LLC participating in our Global Read Aloud!



Megan Hios, Jennings 6th grade alumni, reads to the Jennings 1st graders at Reading Fun Night



Kindergarten students and their bedtime friends listen to a story at Reading Fun Night



Grade 5 students work on math testing with the laptops in their classrooms

