



## *October 22nd Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

The last two weeks have highlighted the special community that exists here at Jennings. Our Walkathon was a huge success...even if we had to dodge a few raindrops. We exceeded our goal, had a healthy start to the day and welcomed our friends from Fairfield University Athletics. Thank you to all the families that donated and to the many parents that assisted with organization.

Additionally we had a fabulous Book Fair. It is so nice to see kids excited about getting new books...and trinkets too! Mrs. Minogue and Mrs. Feay and all the volunteers did a super job with this event. In conjunction with the Book Fair, the K-2 students came back to school for Family Reading Night. We again had our friends from Fairfield University here to support our school. The men's basketball players read stories and even held a dunk contest to wrap up all the fun.

Ahead of us are parent teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled at a great time...enough into the year for the teachers to get to know your children...and enough time for you to see how they have settled in. Conferences are always so quick, thus teachers try their best to provide you an overview of how they are progressing both academically and socially. I also suggest that parents come in with some questions. This allows the conference to run as efficiently as possible. We want everyone walking away with good information and a plan to move forward.

I hope the information this edition is helpful! Feedback is always welcomed.

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information**

#### **Halloween**

We will have our annual Halloween Parade on Friday at 2:15. Please read the [HALLOWEEN LETTER](#) for clear information regarding celebrations and costumes. The parade will follow our October Character Assembly.

#### **Standardized information in Infinite Campus**

All families should have received a blast from the district regarding I-Ready and STAR scores being available in the parent portal of Infinite Campus. Please use the conferences to talk with your classroom teachers about these data points and how they fit into the entire picture of student progress.

### **Arrival for Before School Activities**

We ask all parents to watch their children enter the building before driving away during morning drop off. There is not a secretary in the main office at that time. This means that the teacher who is teaching the class must be present to open the door. Please ensure your child gains entry prior to leaving the school parking lot.

### **LLC News**

Check out the latest blog from Mrs. P. Lots of great things happening in the Library learning Commons. [http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/library\\_blog/celebrating-reading-in-the-llc/](http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/library_blog/celebrating-reading-in-the-llc/)

### **PTA Presentation**

At our last PTA General meeting Mrs. Roxbee, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, share a presentation put together by herself and the staff regarding our focus on “Grit” and “Perseverance”. Although the entire context of the information shared could only be gained by being there, feel free to take a look at the presentation by [CLICKING HERE](#). We look forward to partnering with parents in building these very important character traits in all our students.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays**

This year we are making efforts to share the digital learning that happens across all grade levels. The teachers and kids are excited to see their hard work displayed on our digital message board. Most projects are also linked on the grade level website or virtual library pages. Make sure you take a look at your child’s grade level throughout the school year.

### **JANO Auction Winner**

For those new to Jennings, every other year the PTA sponsors Jennings Adult Night Out (JANO). The night of fun includes many prizes and auction items. A new item added last year was a Prime Parking Spot in the front of our parking lot. We had maintenance put up a sign to alert everyone to this information. We would ask that our community be aware and respect that this is a reserved space for the auction winner. Thank you for always showing CARES!

### **Character Assembly**

The grade 3 teachers and students will be hosting our October Character Assembly celebration on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. The Halloween parade will follow directly after the assembly ends. Please let the main office know if you are able to join us. We appreciate your assistance with our safety protocols.

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



The community surpassed our goal of raising \$5,000 and our thermometer was exploding by Walkathon day!



Top fundraiser, Nico Testani, poses with our good friend Lucas from Fairfield University



Staff and students truly enjoyed participating in our walkathon. The smiles on their faces tell the whole story! Thank you for all your support Jennings!





Members of the Fairfield University basketball team shared their talents and love of reading at our Family Reading Night.