



Jennings
Elementary School

October 27th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

We had a spectacular day at the Spooktacular on Saturday. This event brought out the true Jennings spirit and community and fun was had by all ages. A huge thank you goes out to Eileen Sequeira and Jeannine Swaim for tireless hours preparation and organization. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers...without the giving of your personal time this event could not be a success.

Last week the School Climate Survey opened for all Fairfield Public Schools. I would like to encourage everyone to take a few minutes to fill out the survey before it closes Friday. Currently we only have 4.8% of our families who have responded. Your feedback and opinions matter and will help us to make Jennings and even better place. The survey can be found in your Infinite Campus process inbox. Computers will continue to be available during conferences in rooms 4 and 13.

The week ahead finds us at the end of October. A busy week of Storytelling, conferences, a Character Assembly and Halloween parades is ahead of us. Please see information below about all these topics and more! Please also take a moment to read about our upcoming desire to celebrate our Veteran's. Your help in honoring these men and woman is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Veteran's Day

On November 11th our nation recognizes the service of our veterans and the freedoms they selflessly protect. Our tradition at Jennings has been to honor any veterans who are connected to any students or staff within our community. To show our gratitude for their service we will display the pictures of our community's veterans in our front foyer from Oct 27th through Nov 14th. If you would like to include a veteran in our display please submit the following information.

- veteran's name and rank (i.e. MSGT Eugene Therriault)
- branch of service (i.e. USAF)
- dates of service (i.e. 1941-1965)

- name of the community member they are associated with (i.e. Mr. Therriault's dad)
- a picture of the veteran. If at all possible please include the picture within your email, we will however, will return any original photos you submit.

Email all submissions to Susan Walker at swalker@fairfieldschools.org

If your family provided a veteran for the display last year, we still have the information and will display it again unless we hear otherwise from you. There is no need to resubmit information in these cases.

Thank you for joining us in honoring the sacrifices and contributions they have made.

Halloween

Weather permitting; we will be celebrating with our traditional parades and activities. [CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information and refer specific questions to the classroom teachers.

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.
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 a way some proud talking points to have with your child. They have been working hard and deserve your praise.

Character Assembly

Mrs. Fiero and the Student Leadership Team are hosting the **October 30th Character Assembly at 1:00P.M.in the APR**. The theme is from the book "One". Some fourth graders are playing recorders and the double congas.

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...

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| "A" Monday | Cookie & Pie Fundraiser begins ATB Legos & American Girl |
| "B" Tuesday | Grade 4 Orchestra at 8:00am
ATB Golf |
| "C" Wednesday | Early dismissal at 1:40 for evening conferences
ATB Running at 8:00am
ATB Hands on Pottery at 1:40pm

Evening conferences 6:00-8:00pm |
| "D" Thursday | Early dismissal at 1:40 for day conferences
Jennings Times at 8:00am |

3M RiverLab trip 10-12pm
Character assembly at 1:00pm
ATB Halloween cookie decorating

“E” Friday

It’s Halloween!!!
Grade 5 Band & Orchestra at 8:00am
Halloween Parade – Kdg at 9:00am, Gr 1-5 at 2:15pm

Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends (turn your clock back 1 hour)

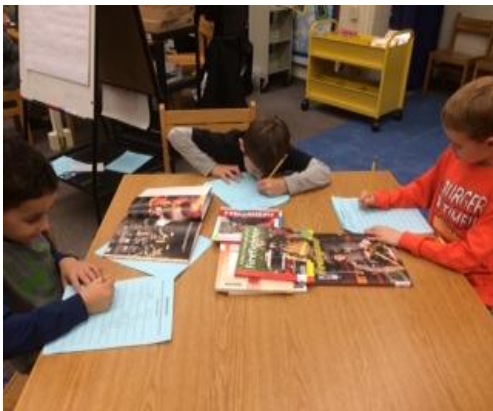
For more information [CLICK HERE](#) for our weekly Digital Message



2nd Graders take a few moments to read their newly checked out books in the LLC. They love this cozy area!



A spooky visitor showed up at Jennings on Saturday...can you guess which staff member is that tall!!!



There are many research projects currently being worked on in the LLC. It surely has become a very busy place!



Chief Tracy discusses fire safety with 3rd graders in the Life Safety Trailer sponsored by the Fire Department.