



## *October 6th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

Last week was just another example of how special the Jennings community is. It was amazing how the school came together to celebrate our walkathon. A huge thank you goes out to Jen Balogh and Misa Davis for the time and dedication they put into making the event a success. The students had a wonderful time getting their day off to a healthy start. We were joined by some members of the Fairfield University athletic program, including "Lucas" the Stag. Even though many of the students thought Lucas was a reindeer (lol), he led the excitement and the first steps of the walkathon.

This week we will be busy with continued math assessments, smiling for picture day and our annual walk to school day activities. Each week, I am amazed at how much is planned and accomplished. The parents, students and staff sure earn their paychecks keeping up with all the activities that help us to learn and be a close community.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information**

#### **Walkathon**

The walkathon was a huge success as we raised almost \$6,000 for our school. The Jennings families really worked hard the final week. Mother Nature was kind and held off the rain so we were able to start our day off with a healthy walk around the building. There were many wonderful prizes earned and raffled off and we truly enjoyed meeting our new friends from Fairfield University. Additionally we would like to thank our sponsors...Chips, Yellow Moon, 16 Handles, Magic Beans, Rockin Jump, Bounce U and Hands on Pottery. There are Chips scratch off coupons on the front counter in the main office. Feel free to grab one upon your next visit.

#### **I-Ready**

During the next couple of weeks the students in grades 1-5 will continue taking a new math assessment. The assessment will be taken on the computer and will be used to assist our staff in supporting the learning of all the students. The data collected will allow the teachers to target the instruction each student needs in both whole group and small group instruction. It will also allow individualized support to be strategically planned based upon what the relative areas of strength and focus are. The assessment will be taken again in the winter and spring and we will analyze the growth of all students.

## **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.

## **Type To Learn**

As parents in our school system, you are able to download a program called Type-To-Learn 4 (TTL4) and have your child practice keyboarding skills from home.

For instructions on using TTL4 at home please visit

<http://schcdn.fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/content/uploads/2014/01/Using-TTL4-at-home-instructions.pdf>

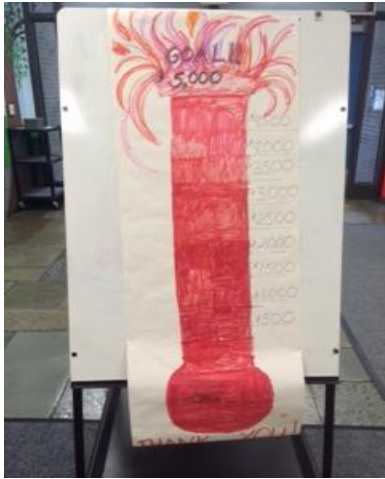
## **Walk to School Day**

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Jennings will be participating in National Walk to School day. We encourage families to participate if they can. It is a great way to celebrate health and fitness and supports getting our minds and bodies ready for a great day of learning. Several staff members will walk around and meet students for their walk. Additionally, our bus students will be getting in a short walk as well. All bus students will be dropped off at the access road near the Fairfield Woods Branch library. Staff and parents will meet the student and assist them in walking down the hill to school. We look forward to a great turn out!

This Week's Reminders...

<b>"A"</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>CogAT testing 10:30-11:45am Kdg trip to Jones Farm 11:45-2:00pm ATB Legos</b>
<b>"B"</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Early Dismissal at 1:40pm - Professional Development Day CogAT testing 10:30-11:45am</b>
<b>"C"</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Picture Day &amp; Walk to School Day ATB Running 8:00am CogAT testing 10:30-11:45am</b>
<b>"D"</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PTA Board meeting 6:30pm PTA General meeting 7:00pm</b>
<b>"E"</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Gr 5 Band &amp; Orchestra 8:00am Gr 1 Recycling program 1C 9:30, 1R 10:15, 1J 11:00 ATB Tennis</b>

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



We learned that Mrs. Walker was a Fairfield U alumni and once dressed up as the mascot at Madison Square Garden



“Lucas” poses with our top pledge winner Nico Testani

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!

