



**Jennings**  
**Elementary School**

## *November 24th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that the Jennings School Community is one of the things I am most thankful for this year. I enjoy getting up each and every day to come to work...how many can truly say that! I have an opportunity daily to see fantastic teaching and learning happening in our classrooms. I also get to be part of many special connections with our students and their families.

When you sit down this holiday season and reflect upon the things in your life that make you thankful...we hope that your experiences at Jennings are on the list! I wish everyone a safe and restful Thanksgiving break!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information**

#### **Diversity Day**

On Friday the grade 3 students participated in one of the best experiences throughout their year. Diversity Day provides our students insight and hands on experiences that help them to understand what it is like to have various disabilities. The station discussions and activities afford our students first hand understanding of the challenges that some face each and every day.

We had a wonderful addition to this year's event with St. Vincents adding some equipment and a station. Thank you to Mrs. D'Amura, Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Brooks-Moore for the time and effort in coordination. We are also thankful for the many parent and staff volunteers that manned the various learning stations. This day could not happen without all of them. We say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs. Brooks Moore for 3 wonderful years of organization and support. There are some pictures below.

#### **RECESS REMINDER**

**BRrrr....It's getting cold outside!**

It seems like Mother Nature has finally sent us chilly weather. We make every effort to take the students outside for recess, even when it is cold. Last week there were a few students who were

not properly dressed to go out? PLEASE dress your children appropriately for our colder weather...even if they challenge you! ☺

### **Curriculum Corner**

Parenting is hard work. Of course that is no revelation to any of us, but it can become doubly difficult when your children differ, as they invariably do, in abilities, interests or talents. The attached article is written with parents of gifted children in mind but as a parent of two wonderfully typical, but not quite gifted, boys, I found these suggestions were equally relevant for my family. I hope you can find some useful advice or reminders as well. [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the article

Enjoy,

Mr. Theriault

### **Curriculum Sharing**

Mrs. P has worked extremely hard to get to know Jennings School, its students, staff, curriculum and technology! One of our goals is to create learning opportunities that assist our students in gaining skills and thinking critically. We also want to share our learning with the outside world. The grade 2 students culminated their research by creating community helpers project involving technology. They used multiple research tools and the i-pods to demonstrate their learning. Click on the link below to see Mrs. Roxbee's class...however stay tuned for other grade levels sharing their learning on our virtual page of the website. [CLICK HERE](#) to view their presentations. AS one second grade said...I want to see myself on the internet...well here they are!

### **Instructional Rounds**

Last week our staff participated in a professional development opportunity named instructional rounds. During these "rounds" we have teachers being observed and observing. We visited the K-5 classrooms looking for very focused information. The observing team had riveting conversations and summarized the "data" collected. They will also present the information learned from rounds to the rest of the faculty and each grade level will have a chance to give and offer feedback! This information directly influences our School Improvement Plan.

This Week's Reminders...

**“D” Monday** Poinsettia orders are due  
Jr. Great Books registration is due  
Grade 1 First Thanksgiving 1R 10:45, 1J 11:00, 1C 11:15

**“E” Tuesday** SCRIP gift card orders are due  
Grade 4 Orchestra at 8am  
Turkey Trot at 8:30am  
Grade 3 Brownies Troop #33038  
Grade 4 Mini performance at 7pm

**“A” Wednesday** Kdg field trip to CT Audubon at 9:15am  
Early dismissal at 1:40pm

**Thurs & Friday** No school & Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



The grade 3 students learn a ton about the challenges people with disabilities face. They participate in the various stations during our Diversity Day!



Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!