



November 3rd Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

The Jennings staff wanted to thank all the wonderful story tellers from last week. The passion and engagement was high throughout the grade levels all week. A special thank you to Wendy Rappel for all the years of organization! These weeks are always a huge success. The unique talent for telling a good story was truly appreciated by all!

The curriculum support staff is beginning a weekly addition to the Jennings Journal. Each week you will find some tip or tidbit of information from Mrs. Hyder, Mrs. Schaper, Mrs. Ruppert or Mr. Therriault. If you are interested in hearing about anything specific, please let us know. Our hope is that this additional section to the Journal will be informative and supportive .

The week ahead finds us already in November! As the Nation embarks on another Election Day, the Jennings staff will engage in a day of professional development focused on improving the teaching and learning that happens every day. We hope the students enjoy the day off as the teachers are hard at work!

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. The bulletin board has already taken shape and is drawing the attention of the students and visitors. We would love to add to it!

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

Curriculum Corner

Sometimes reading at home can be challenging for both you and your child. The link below provides some tips to make it less challenging while actually making it fun. What better way to spend quality time with your child than talking about a good book together!

<http://readingfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/read-out-loud-SchoolAge.pdf>

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Hyder

Conferences

The Jennings staff hopes that our families gained valuable information during conferences. We value the partnership between home and school and realize that together we can make a difference in the educational experience for every child! Additionally, we hope that families have a better understanding of where their child's strengths and areas of focus are and support the plan of action moving forward.

Character Assembly

Mrs. Fiero and the Student Leadership Team did a wonderful job hosting the **October Character Assembly**. The theme was from the book "One", which is our all school read this year. We acknowledged our Person's of Character, gave some Halloween safety tips and celebrated by singing a new song. The students always enjoy the video put together showing the hard work and fun that happens at Jennings every day! [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the school website and view the latest addition to our video archive.

School Climate Survey

We wanted to thank those of you who were able to spend a few minutes answering the survey questions. Although the data is not all finalized, we look forward to analyzing it and creating a solid plan to respond to what it tells us about our school climate.

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
Tuesday	No School – It's Election Day!
"B" Wednesday	ATB Fishkids & Soccer
"C" Thursday	PTA Board meeting at 9:15am ATB Action Sports
"D" Friday	Grade 5 Band & Orchestra at 8:00am Arithmetickles assembly K-2 9:15a, 3-5 10:20am ATB Tennis

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

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



The story tellers were just as engaged as the students in this grade 2 classroom. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



Mrs. Cabezas and her 1st grade class celebrate filling their warm and fuzzy jar with a shhhh....SPY DAY!



A few of our parent story tellers prepare for their time in the classrooms. Some even brought props!

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!