



February 10th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

I want to start this week off by congratulating all the students and families that participated in the Variety Show on Saturday. Jennings School is surely not short on talented and courageous kids. From the opening act by Kindergarten to the finale from the 5th grade, everyone in attendance was treated to an afternoon of singing, dancing, acting and much much more! I hope when one of our friends makes it famous they remember that it all started at Jennings! A special thank you to Mrs. Lamparski and Mrs. Henry for their time, effort, passion and relentless energy to organize this wonderful event. The dedication of these two ladies, and their families, was amazing to see come together in an afternoon of fun!

With the Winter Olympics getting underway, I am sure some discussion about pride and patriotism has come up. We have several things scheduled this week that will make us proud of our Jennings community. We are proud of our school each and every day and continue to work to maintain a special learning environment for everyone! Please take a few minutes to scroll down to see what is happening!

Have a Wonderful Week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other Important information...

Random Acts of Kindness Week

This week is National Random Acts of Kindness Week and the Student Leadership Team is leading the way bringing awareness to Jennings School. This effort fits right into our everyday theme of Bucketfilling. Take an opportunity to pay it forward this week to someone at home, school or in the community. Our school will be celebrating in several ways including bucketfilling nominations being collected outside of the cafeteria and read on announcements, potentially putting names in a hat and picking random friends to do something special for and other creative and fun ways to make others feel special! The outcome is to put a smile on someone's face while warming your own heart! We hope everyone will participate in some way!

Valentines for Vets

The Student Leadership Team is also spearheading our participation in a program that will bring smiles to the men and woman who have served our country. Our students across the grade levels will take a few moments this week to create Valentine's Cards for local Veterans. The cards will be collected on Wednesday and delivered to the Bridgeport office and eventually placed in the hands of these special men and woman on Friday. If you want to create some at home with your family feel free to send them into the main office or put them in your child's backpack. This is a wonderful way we can give back!

The Globetrotters are coming!

This Thursday members of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters will visit the staff and students of Jennings School. Thanks to Mike Foley, our students will be treated to an assembly

where the Globetrotters will deliver a great message and show off a few fabulous tricks. The assembly begins at 10:30 and as always families are welcome. We ask that you plan accordingly and either send in a note or call ahead to alert the main office who may be attending. This greatly assists our safety and security efforts!

Extra Clothes Please!

The main office makes an additional plea to have families send in an extra set of clothes to keep in students lockers. Whether it is a slip at recess, a spill at lunch or even a student not feeling well, the extra clothes assist our staff in helping the students feel comfortable and saves a call to mom and dad to come to the rescue! Please consider sending in a set to be stored in your child's locker...and hope you never need it!

Valentine's Day

This Friday is that special day where we celebrate the people we care for the most. Please remember that Jennings School has had a long tradition of celebrating without food items of any kind. If you are planning on putting together any treats for the students, it is imperative that you remember the **NO FOOD** policy. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as this helps us to keep those students with life threatening food allergies safe from any potential harm.

Carloop Signs

We continue the quest to get these signs printed and handed out to those families who frequent the carloop for dismissal. We will be sending home signs with the students through their classroom teachers this week. We thank you for your patience and follow through with this safety initiative. Please contact Mrs. Goven in the main office if you have questions. Her email is lgoven@fairfieldschools.org

Bus

It is important to remember that riding the bus is a privilege. The bus drivers have a difficult job and work really hard to deliver the Jennings students safely to and from school every day. We often remind students to say thank you to their drivers and ask that they adhere to the safety rules for the sake of all the riders. If your son or daughter rides the bus, we appreciate you supporting the same message at home.

Another important bus procedure to remind our community of is riding home on a different bus.

This is a practice that should be very rare. If you need your son or daughter to take a different bus home it should be for **child care or emergency situations only**. The proper procedure is to write a note that states you need to switch stops or buses due to child care or an emergency situation. The note should be seen by our teachers and then handed to the bus driver receiving this student. The transportation department also likes to have parents make a phone call to their office (203-255-8385) to let them know of the change. All of these steps are ways we can ensure knowing where our students are and expedite the safe transportation of your children.

Making changes to bus dismissal in order to arrange a "playdate" is prohibited. We thank you for following these procedures as it assists the school in maintaining the safety and security of all the students.

This week's reminders:

Monday	Grade 5 Art in the Classroom
Tuesday	PTA Executive Board Meeting 9:15 AM
Wednesday	Grade 5 introduction to 6th grade Band at FWMS
Thursday	Harlem Globetrotters Assembly 10:30 AM
Friday	No School for Teacher Professional Development Happy Valentine's Day!