



## *February 17th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings,

Mother Nature continues to play a huge role in our lives. With all the snow it is hard to maintain consistency both at home and at school. Believe it or not I had a student come up to me and suggested we have what she called a "Blizzard Bag". This bag would contain extra work and activities to do while stuck at home. Now that shows true commitment to learning...and she is only 8! Although we are not going the "Blizzard Bag" route, I have some suggestions that may help with consistency. Remember I am a parent too...and my school district is off way more than Fairfield!

In my house, consisting of a preschooler and second grader, we have the 20/20/20 rule. In this design my kids have 20 minutes of reading, 20 minutes of math activities and 20 minutes of writing. To offer some control to my 7 year old, we give him choice of what subject and when he does it throughout the day off. While he independently works we do similar activities with our 4 year old. This simple routine keeps them cognitively engaged and maintains some sense of routine for school. I am sure there are many ideas other than this that you have in place.

Please feel free to share them with friends, neighbors and even me!

With hopes of warmer weather!

Mr. Vuolo :)

### **Other important information...**

#### **Harlem Globetrotters**

My hopes of calling the visitors from the Globetrotters employees (since technically they would have worked at our school for a day) and placing them on the roster of our staff basketball team is shattered! I know many people have asked but the Globetrotters were unable to reschedule their visit to Jennings. Thank you again to Mike Foley for reaching out and organizing the original date and for trying to reschedule.

#### **Carloop Signs**

The staff has given me the indication that most, if not all, the carloop signs have been passed out to the families that needed one. We ask that parents begin to display these at dismissal car pick up. The staff will begin to take note of those cars that do not have signs and double check to assist with safety and security. If you do not have a sign, or need a second one, please contact Mrs. Goven [lgoven@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:lgoven@fairfieldschools.org). Thank you in advance for your assistance and follow through.

#### **Valentine's for Vets**

I had the pleasure of delivering a box of beautiful Valentine's cards to the Bridgeport office of Congress. The cards were going to be forwarded to the local Veteran's hospital to brighten up their day. Thank you to all who participated!

### **FWMS visit**

This Tuesday some of our Jennings alumni will come back from the middle school to show off their musical talents. The fifth graders and staff will be treated to a performance by the select choral, strings and band students at 11:45. This performance allows the grade 5 students insight into some of the musical offerings at FWMS. It is always nice to see our old Jennings friends doing so well!

### **Olympic Spirit**

With the Olympics coming to a close this weekend we thought we would bring a little spirit to Jennings. On Friday we will have a spirit day where the staff and students are invited to wear Red, White and Blue for the USA or any other celebratory colors from other nations. It will be a nice way to highlight the end of the Winter Olympics!

### **Character Assembly**

Our February Character Assembly was canceled with the Harlem Globetrotter visit taking its place. With that event being cancelled we will plan another time for the February assembly. The staff will look to identify a new date and communicate to the community when it is chosen.

### **Family Skating Outing**

This Saturday our community spirit shines through on the ice in Milford. We hope to see many of our families coming out for this family event that truly supports our positive culture. Even if you do not skate, which defines my feeble attempts, it is a nice night to drink cocoa, eat a cookie and hang out with some friends! Tickets are still available! See the PTA Monday Memo for more details.

This week's reminders:

Monday	No School (President's Day)
Tuesday	FWMS music visits grade 5 at 11:45 AM
Thursday	Jennings Times at 8 AM
Friday	Jennings Community Club at 2:35 PM
Saturday	Jennings Family Skating at 4PM