



February 3rd Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

After a disappointing Super Bowl Sunday, unless you are a Seattle Seahawk fan, we look to gear up for Variety Show weekend. I am sure that our talented students will deliver a better show than the Denver Broncos! Speaking of delivering...last week Mrs. Ruppert and a host of staff and parent volunteers held our first ever Math, Science and Technology Night. Around 160 people were treated to an engaging evening of learning and fun. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a success. Click [HERE](#) to visit some of the websites used by the students and parents that evening.

We also had a wonderful FAY presentation of Frog and Toad for the K-2 students. The students and staff truly enjoyed the performance. This week we welcome in the Winter Olympics and have the annual rite of passage of our Kindergarteners through the 100th day of school. This is always a fun benchmark that the month of February brings. The staff has an extended session of Professional Development on **Tuesday** and therefore we have a **1:40 dismissal** for the students. Please be sure to review dismissal plans with your children.

Have a Wonderful Week!

Mr. Vuolo

Other Important Information...

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.

New Family Member

With the transition of Ms. Roberts into Mrs. Jacobs' grade 1 classroom, we have the opportunity to welcome Mrs. Jamie Kaiser to the Jennings family. Mrs. Kaiser has been a daily substitute for Jennings many times throughout the year and now will join our family as the building substitute. She will have interactions with all of the children in some way in the next few weeks. We welcome Jaime to our family!

Extra Clothes

The office staff and Mrs. Chapman would like to remind families that it is a good practice to have your children keep an extra set of clothes in their locker. There are times, such as a slip at recess or a spill at lunch, that the children may need to change their clothes. It is helpful if they can quickly do this and a phone call home is not needed. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this regard.

Carloop Arrival and Dismissal

We would like to remind parents of a few things when dealing with carloop. We ask that you make every attempt to have your children exit and enter on the right hand side of the car.

Carloop is meant to be a free flowing line of cars in the AM and PM timeslots. If you need a bit more time to assist your child, we ask that you park and walk them in.

It is also important to look for the supervision staff to direct you to pull all the way up. This makes the traffic more efficient and safe. If you have an issue, or your child is not ready, feel free to pull up past the large orange cone and put on your flashers. This indicates to the cars behind you that it is safe to pass on the left. This is the ONLY time passing on the left is appropriate. Please also remember that cell phones should not be in use during this process. We thank you in advance for thinking of the safety of all our families!

We are continuing to pass out our carloop pick up signs. Our original distribution list was gained from our non-bus student list in Infinite Campus. We realize that this did not capture everyone's name and ask that you contact both your classroom teacher and Lisa Goven lgoven@fairfieldschools.org if you still need a sign. We will pass them to the students to bring home as soon as possible.

This week's reminders:

Monday	Grade 3 Nagliari Testing
Tuesday	Grade 3 CogAt Testing 1:40 Dismissal for all students
Wednesday	Grade 3 CogAt Testing
Thursday	Grade 3 CogAt Testing 100th Day of School
Friday	Variety Show Dress Rehearsal at FWMS 4:00-9:00 PM
Saturday	Variety Show 1:00-4:00 at FWMS