



Jennings
Elementary School

March 10th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

March Madness was truly madness again as the parents and staff went head to head on a Sunday afternoon. Although bodies were flying on the ground, the smiles as we picked each other up tells the true story. This event illustrates how special our community is and how we can have fun and come together for a good cause...our school.

I would like to thank all the parents, especially Joe Cetta, for this unique experience and for the kind words about Jennings he said as he passed the coaching clip board to Molly McHugh! What sums this game up for me is hearing how Tyler Balavendar was overcome with excitement when his dad hit the improbable winning shot with about 4 seconds left in overtime...saying to everyone "that's my dad!". We would also like to thank Dr. Title and Hal Schwartz for their patience and expertise as the referees for the game. We all realize this was no easy task!

I am very proud of the staff, parents and the students who performed. Mrs. Spangler and all the PTA volunteers outdid themselves in organizing this event to support the real winner...our school! The staff pledges to play more than two times a year (practice and game day) to try and eek out a win ourselves some day!

Have a Wonderful Week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other Important information...

SBAC

Last week there were 3 separate presentations on the new Smarter Balance Assessment for grades 3, 4 and 5. [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the presentation given by Central Office Leadership and principals. If you have any questions regarding the assessment and Jennings School, feel free to contact either myself or Mr. Theriault and we would be happy to field your questions.

Kindergarten Registration

Calling on Jennings families to get the word out. It is the time of year we begin our planning for the incoming kindergarten class. We need the help of our community to get the word out and send potential new families to the [DISTRICT WEBSITE](#) to begin the registration process. Please also have them call the school directly if they have questions or concerns. Our current numbers are really low so we appreciate the assistance in getting the word out!

Reading Incentive

We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to tally up the first week's reading incentive minutes that are handed in on Monday. We encourage everyone to participate in some way in order to assist with individual, class and whole school goals. If you have any questions please consult your classroom teacher. Let blow our record from last year of more than 375,000 minutes away!

Middle School Math Transition

Grade 5 families should be aware that information regarding Math articulation to the middle school was recently posted to the [DISTRICT WEBSITE](#). After reading the information feel free to contact Mrs. Ruppert, Ms. Fasano or myself with questions.

Conferences

In last week's Jennings Journal there was information about upcoming parent teacher conferences. Families should also have received a letter to assist you in communicating with your classroom teacher the best time to schedule your individual conference. If you have questions please contact your classroom teacher or the main office and we will do our best to assist you. It is also important to note that currently Teachers are inputting scores into the current progress report card. During the input window certain functions within Infinite campus are closed to parents. AS soon as all grades are in and finalized the portal will reopen with all views accessible.

Earth Day.

The town of Fairfield celebrates Earth Day each year around this time. Please see the [DISTRICT WEBSITE](#) for information regarding events and contests. There is a box in our main foyer for any students wishing to participate in this year's contest.

This week's reminders:

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| Monday | Grade 5 Garden Catering Fundraiser 2:00 to Close. Save 10%-20% and support grade 5! |
| Wednesday | Kindergarten Talking About Touching Program
2 Bolton Weather Kids with Paul Piorek |
| Thursday | Kindergarten Talking About Touching Program |
| Friday | Happy Pi Day!
3:30 PM Free Pi Activity for grade 3-5 girls |