



March 17th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate! I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has been participating in our Reading Incentive Challenge. It is amazing to say that after the first week's minutes were tallied up, Jennings School students read for more than 56,000 minutes combined. This totally blows away our school goal of 35,000. Keep up the great work!

Please take a few minutes to read the important information in this week's Journal. Some of the information is repeated from last week, however it is all essential to stay up to date.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Other important information...

SBAC

There is updated information from the [CSDE](#) regarding a delay in testing on the district website. Although grade 5 will take the Science section of the CMT on Tuesday, the SBAC testing schedule will be revised. Additional information will be sent to all parents this week. [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the presentation given earlier in the month 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. Therriault and we would be happy to field your questions.

Volunteer Recognition

This past week Jennings School recognized 2 outgoing grade 5 parents for their steadfast support of our school and PTA. Maria DiPierro and Vicki Ilfeld joined Mr. Vuolo and PTA leadership at a banquet that celebrated all the "silent heroes" who help Connecticut schools. A tradition of recognizing outgoing PTA members is a small way we thank all the wonderful people who give so much to make our school special. Maria and Vicki exemplify the positive impact over 20 years of dedication combined to our school has. A plaque with their names and former honorees hangs in our front foyer.

Progress Reports

On Friday the students will receive their latest Progress Report Card. The Progress Report will be available on Infinite Campus parent portal and paper copies will be given for the students to take home. It is important to note that until their release on Friday afternoon, the section on the portal is temporarily unavailable.

Type to Learn

This computer program is used to assist our students in learning and practicing foundational typing skills. Mrs. Millington has created a link to information for parents to download this program at home. It is a free download and helps those parents who have been asking for support with helping their children learn this extremely important skill. Please email her at vmillington@fairfieldschools.org with any questions. [CLICK HERE](#) for the download directions.

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!

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. The release of Progress Reports is a great way to foster conversation about your child's performance in school.

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 | Happy St. Patrick's Day |
| Tuesday | Grade 5 Science CMT testing |
| Thursday | First Day of Spring!!!! Jennings Times 8:00 AM |
| Friday | Community Club 2:35 PM Progress Report Cards Issued |