



Jennings
Elementary School

March 2nd Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

My apologies for the hiatus the Jennings Journal took the past two weeks. It has been a busy last few weeks with the variety show, skating party and many other events across the grade levels. With all that is going on, the Jennings community rises to the top yet again. The courage and creativity that found its way to the Fairfield Woods Middle School stage was wonderful...and even more sensational was the support that the students showed for each other. It makes me proud to hear our students cheer on their peers. The smiles at the Skating Party were abundant as well. Mr. Stanton added extra laughs as he skated with one of his patented custom made outfits.

Last week our grade 4 students were randomly selected to take a standardized assessment called NAEP. Although we do not receive back any individual or school information, the assessment data is combined with other school and used in our National Report Card. Several educational consultants joined as proctors of the exam. I was proud to receive feedback on our students and school from them. They commented on how hard working and respectful the 4th graders were and that overall the staff and students of Jennings were outstanding. It was so nice to hear the perspectives of educators that travel to many schools across the state and nation. It validates all of our work as a community to make this the best school it can be!

This week begins our annual reading incentive program. Please encourage your children to invest some free time into enjoying a good book or two. Let's work together to reach our individual, class and school goals. We also have MARCH MADNESS coming up this Sunday at Warde. I am sure the staff and parents are hoping to put on a good showing as we come together to celebrate our community.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Conferences

Believe it or not our Spring Conferences are almost here. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the conference form posted on our website. We will do our very best to accommodate the varying needs of our community but sincerely hope everyone takes advantage of finding a time to meet with your child's teacher. The conferences dates are also scheduled as early dismissal (1:40).

Dr. Seuss

This week Mrs. P has scheduled multiple fun activities for our students to share in celebrating the birthday of one of the most famous and revered children's author. The classes are getting together throughout the week...make sure to ask them about it at dinner time!

Jennings Science Expo

A reminder that our Science Expo that was originally scheduled for March 19th has been reschedule to April 9th. Mrs. Ruppert demonstrated several lesson to spark the curiosity and interest of the students. We look forward to

Curriculum Corner

A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help your child to learn new words.

- Keep your ears open. When you and your child go places, point out words people use. Encourage your child to figure out what the words mean by the way they're used.
- Go beyond nouns. Help your child add verbs and adjectives to his vocabulary. When your child writes thank you notes, suggest descriptive words, feelings and verbs that are new for him/her.

Happy Reading,
Tara Hyder

Library Learning Commons

Mrs. P has been very busy engaging all of our grade levels in activities that stretch the minds of our students. You can keep up to date on what is happening by reading her blog. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest posting.

SBAC and CMT Testing

The time of the year where our grade 3-5 students will be participating in some standardized testing. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the recent letter sent out by the district regarding the testing. If you have any questions please refer them to the classroom teachers. If they are unable to assist then either Mr. Vuolo or Mr. Therriault will be happy to help.

Character Assembly

Last week the Student Leadership team led the school in our February Character Assembly. They decided to combine themes of Black History and President's Day. The Kindergarten students led us in song and the Persons of Character were celebrated. Please come visit our front foyer to take a peek at the bulletin board housing all the pictures of those honored this past month. Please also [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the website for the latest video.

School Climate

The recent school climate survey data has been published. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the information on the FPS website. More information regarding the school climate data results will be shared at the PTA meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.

Recess during the Winter

As mentioned in previous Journals, we want our families to know that we prefer to send students outside, as appropriate, during the winter months. Research supports the need for children to be as active as possible during the cold weather months. Therefore we urge families to send their children to school with proper winter attire. Unless it is deemed too dangerous or too cold, the students will have their 20 minutes outside to release their energy. In an effort to keep our students healthy, staff retains the right to keep students inside if appropriate attire is not worn.

This Week's Reminders...

“A” Monday	READING INCENTIVE STARTS
	8:45 Book Club
	9:15 – 12:15 SHAPE program - 5th Grade
“B” Tuesday	*****
“C” Wednesday	*****
“D” Thursday	7:00 PM - PTA General Meeting
“E” Friday	8:00 AM Band

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) for our weekly Digital Message

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



While the Jennings students had a day off for President's Day, the Jennings Staff worked hard and participated in professional



Whether in the computer lab or gym...the students are always engaged in fun activities that challenge their minds and bodies!



The skating party was fun for everyone who was able to attend. Whether you were an expert skater or novice...wore your spirit wear or a "Custom Made Outfit" ...all had a great time on and off the ice!

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!