



## *March 23rd Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

I wanted to express how proud I am of our grade 3 students as they began their SBAC testing last week. They have shown great effort and concentration as they tackle the computer based assessment. The testing continues this week and will start in early April for grade 4.

I am also extremely proud of how much reading our students are doing during the Reading Incentive Program. We have surpassed our school goal by more than 25, 000 minutes in the first two weeks! We hope that this pace keeps up and most of all we hope that everyone in your house is enjoying the love of reading a bit more during this time of year!

We welcome Helen Margolnick as our newest building substitute. Helen was a student teacher in Mrs. Cabezas' class earlier in the year and also substituted for a few days in Spanish. She will now rotate through the multiple classrooms in supporting the entire building. I am sure your children will enjoy getting to know her. Please welcome her warmly!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information...**

#### **Conferences**

As conferences are coming up I felt it important to share a few helpful hints to assist in maximizing your time with the teacher.

1. Make sure you "walk the walls" and take a look around the room at all the wonderful work samples that are hanging in both the halls and classrooms.
2. Bring your listening ears as there is so much information to be shared.
3. Be sure to think about some questions you may have walking into the conference and let the teachers know what you are wondering about. You may want to refer to the Progress Report.
4. Walk away with a plan on how you are going to continue to stay informed as a partner in your child's education.

5. Take a way some proud talking points to have with your child. They have been working hard and deserve your praise.

### **Recess is Outside**

As Spring is upon us we are happy to get outside a bit more. Admittedly, with all the melting the areas around the pavement are a bit muddy and messy. Well, you know what happens when you combine mud and kids...yes many trips to Mrs. Britell in the nurse's office. We would like to save you a trip to school...and your children from missing time away from class...so please send in an extra set of clothes they can keep in their lockers. This saves many tears from both adults and kids!

### **Jennings Science Expo**

A reminder that our Science Expo that was originally scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

Whether you have a child taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests this year or not you've likely heard a great deal about it as well as The Common Core standards with which it is aligned. Unfortunately, the shared goal of teachers and parents to educate and prepare children for the future can often become clouded as various groups present a one-sided view of the Common Core. If you'd like some information about the Common Core and what it is all about please follow this link to answers to the most frequently asked questions. At least this will offer you some perspective to formulate your own thoughts regarding this topic.

<http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/frequently-asked-questions/>

Happy Reading!

Mr. Therriault

### **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**

Mother Nature threw a curveball with the snow on Friday. Our March Character Assembly was postponed to this Friday at 2:30. Grade 3 is hosting and our theme is Welcome Spring. All parents are welcome and we ask that you alert the main office of your attendance.

### **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.

### **Calling All Dads!**

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in what happens at Jennings School...but just were not sure how to do so? We are beginning discussions around forming a Dads Club at Jennings School. WE NEED YOU and your ideas at our kick off meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in our Library. We will take this meeting as a brainstorming session for ideas that can be fun and engaging to our dads and will support our school. All ideas are welcome

### **This Week's Reminders...**

<b>A” Monday</b>	<b>READING INCENTIVE Ongoing 8:00 Book Club 9:15 – 12:15 SHAPE program - 5th Grade</b>
<b>“B” Tuesday</b>	<b>SBAC Testing for Grade 3 (for remainder of week)</b>
<b>“C” Wednesday</b>	<b>Parent conferences 2-4PM Early Dismissal – 1:40</b>
<b>“D” Thursday</b>	<b>Grade 3 SBAC Evening Conferences 6-8PM Early Dismissal – 1:40 PTA General Meeting 7:00</b>
<b>“E” Friday</b>	<b>8:00AM Band End of Reading Incentive Program</b>

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

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



FPS Officers Clark and Victoria deliver the SHAPE lessons to all grade 5 students. The officers have complimented our students often!



Our students truly work in the digital age...whether working wirelessly in the hall or having some fun in the snow at recess.

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!