



## *March 24th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings,

It is hard to believe that March is almost over and Spring is finally here! Although the thermometer does not register Spring just yet, the cooler temperature could have a direct link to the continued positive Reading Incentive minutes turned in. An amazing 71,000 minutes were read in week 2. That is an increase of about 20,000 minutes from week 1 and more than doubles our school goal. Keep up the incredible reading Jennings!

This is a busy week with the beginning of conferences and the SBAC testing for grade 5. There is information below on both of these topics. We have kindergarten going on a field trip and the Book Swap this Thursday. What a wonderful concept...turn in books you are all done with and pick out some new ones of interest for free! This will surely lead to even more minutes read!

We also have our rescheduled Character Assembly and Community Club. It seems like we better all be rested for the happenings that will end our month of March!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Other important 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.

## **Lost and Found**

Conferences are a great time for everyone to take a look through the lost and found. We will display the items throughout the next two weeks in hopes that our conference visitors will sift through and find that missing item that has eluded you. Please take a moment to look through the table of items upon your visit to the school.

## **Events rescheduled**

Due to several conflicts last week, we had to reschedule both the Character Assembly and Community Club. Our March Character Assembly will be on Tuesday at 2:30.

Parents are welcomed however; we ask that you let the office know you are coming either via note or phone call. This helps with our new security procedures. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

March Community Club will be held on Friday. "Club" has been a success this year. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see photos on our school website.

## **SBAC**

As you are aware the Smarter Balanced Assessment was delayed last week. The following dates are the scheduled windows for our students to take the assessment. As we have in the past, we continue to make efforts to lessen any anxiety that standardized testing can cause for students. Especially with this year being a field test, we have asked the students to help "test" the "test". We want all students to put in their best effort and thank all parents for their support. Getting a good night's rest along with eating a healthy breakfast are simple yet important ways to support your child.

### Testing Windows:

Grade 5	March 26- April 9
Grade 4	April 22-May 7
Grade 3	May 12-May 30

### This week's reminders:

Monday	Kindergarten Filed Trip to Quick Center 9:30 AM Bring in Books for the Book Swap All Week!!!
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Tuesday	Character Assembly 2:30 PM
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Wednesday	Early Dismissal for Conferences 1:40 PM Grade 5 SBAC Testing
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Thursday	Grade 5 SBAC Testing Book Swap 6-7:30 PM
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Friday	Grade 5 SBAC Testing Community Club 2:35 PM
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