



March 3rd Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

I cannot believe that March is already upon us. March brings us many things, one of which hopefully is some warmer weather.

The staff would like to thank everyone for the quick adjustment to some of the new safety procedures. The patience, understanding and follow through is greatly appreciated. We hope that you still feel welcomed as we continue to refine the implementation of these policies. Please take a moment to read through the important information below.

Have a Wonderful Week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other important Information...

Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the end of this month. Conferences are a wonderful time to discuss your child's progress towards the grade level standards.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the website where the parent sign up letter can be found. As a reminder student progress reports will be sent out prior to conferences. Currently the teachers are working on updating the scores in Infinite Campus. Parents please note that functionality to view this tab on Infinite Campus is restricted while teachers enter this data. As soon as the entry window closes the parent portal will be reopened. All other functions in Infinite Campus should be available.

SBAC

Last Friday there was an informative parent session regarding the SBAC. As you may know from previous entries, the SBAC is the standardized assessment that will be replacing the CMT (Connecticut Mastery Test). The Director of Elementary Education, Math And Language Arts Curriculum Leaders, along with myself and 3 other Elementary Principals shared various details regarding this assessment. The presentation will soon be uploaded to the FPS website. I will also briefly review some information at this week's PTA meeting on Thursday evening. There is another opportunity for parents to hear about the SBAC on Wednesday evening at Tomlinson Middle School. This presentation is at 8:00 PM in their auditorium. **Please note that this was originally scheduled for Monday evening and recently was changed due to potential weather concerns.**

Character Assembly

Last Friday Jennings School had their February Character Assembly. The Student Leadership Team, along with students in grade 5, shared information regarding President's Day and Black History Month. We celebrated the newest honorees for Person of Character Awards and their pictures will soon be up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please take a moment to visit the school website to see the latest [Character Education Video](#).

Bucket Filling and Random Acts of Kindness

The last couple of weeks our Bucket has been filling up with peer and teacher nominations for acts of Kindness. The Student Leadership Team announce a few nominations each morning as highlights to showing CARES. During the 2 week period the staff and students had over 270 acts of kindness reported. Way to go Jennings!

Lockdown Drill

Later this week Jennings School will be having our second Lockdown Drill of the year. [CLICK HERE](#) to link to the letter sent out earlier this year explaining Lockdown. The main difference with our second drill is that the specific day and time **will not** be communicated. The rationale for holding a drill of this nature is to observe a more realistic response to this type of emergency situation. We have done this for Fire Drills as well. During this drill we will observe very closely in order to improve our procedures and have our reactions become more second nature like in Fire Drills.

The staff and I will discuss with the students that this week there will be a Lockdown Drill and discuss proper responses for various places in the building such as being in a hallway. We will highlight that this is just a drill and we are using it to learn. We will pay close attention to student reactions and work to minimize any anxiety these drills can sometimes create. During the drill the building will not be accessible and office phones will not be answered. I will place a sign at the front door to alert parents that may show up unexpectedly and will do my best to communicate with parents scheduled to pick up their child during that time slot. Be sure to communicate all visitation appointments to avoid potential issues. Feel free to come to the PTA meeting this Thursday evening to hear directly from the Fairfield Police Department about this and other safety protocols. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Reading Incentive

The Reading Incentive Program begins this week. More information regarding the program will be sent out throughout the month of March. We hope everyone participates and assists us reaching our class and school goals

This Week's Reminders...

Monday	Reading Incentive Program Begins
Wednesday	8:00 PM SBAC presentation at TMS
Thursday	8:00 AM Jennings Times 6:30 PM PTA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM PTA General Meeting
Sunday	3:15 PM March Madness at FWHS