



Jennings
Elementary School

March 31st Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

It is amazing to think that April is almost here and the baseball season has officially started. It was a great weekend if you are a UCONN fan as both the men and women took home victories. We have been very busy gearing up for spring as well. The flowers are beginning to pop through as all the snow finally melts away!

The students are eager to get outside more as they take breaks from the hard work in their classrooms. The 5th graders tackled the first week of SBAC testing very successfully and the entire school continues to amaze us with their reading minutes totaling over 82,000 last week!

We look forward to another busy week here at Jennings.

Have a Wonderful Week,

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other Important Information...

Mrs. Staples

I have had many families inquire about Mrs. Staples. We want to thank you for your kind words and caring thoughts. She is recovering from her surgery nicely and wanted to send out thanks to all who have reached out to her. As a school we continue to offer support to the family and some parents have asked if they can join. You are more than welcome to send in a donation that will be used to purchase gift cards to local supermarkets and restaurants. This is the best way we can support Nicole and her family at this time. If you have questions Mrs. Coleman has offered to be a parent liaison or you can call the school directly.

Character Assembly

Last week the Student Leadership Team organized our March Character Assembly. The theme was Spring and Earth Day. The grade 2 students contributed with a poem and songs. The newly nominated Persons of Character are displayed as you enter the school and an updated video is now posted on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the March video. It makes all of us happy for sure!

Family Life

There will be a parent informational night for grade 5 parents on April 8th at 7:00 PM at FWMS. Lori Mediate, Health Coordinator for FPS, will present the grade 5 Family Life Curriculum and provide an overview of the instructional materials, including the girls' and boys' video. There will be an opportunity for questions. This presentation is for parents only. More information will be sent to grade 5 families this week.

SBAC

The grade 5 students have done a wonderful job during their first week of testing. The testing will continue this week. We have been pleased with the approaches our students have taken and have the opportunity to learn about this new assessment. Although we have been debriefing with the students at school, we are interested on what they are sharing about this experience at home. Feel free to email either Mr. Therriault at etherriault@fairfieldschools.org or Mr. Vuolo at avuolo@fairfieldschools.org with your questions or feedback.

Conferences

As conferences continue this week, 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.

This Week's Reminders:

Monday Last day to order a yearbook
 Earth Day Posters due

Tuesday April Fools Day

Wednesday 1:40 Dismissal for day conferences

Thursday 1:40 Dismissal for Evening Conferences