March 9th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

Well another March Madness event that is a success...at least it was for the real winner...the Jennings PTA! The staff and parents laced them up for a hard fought and fun basketball game that ended in...what else...a parent victory! Our community came together on the court and in the stands to celebrate a tradition that supports our PTA and school. Thank you to Kim Spangler and all the parents that worked to organize the event. We also have to thank Dr. Title and Hal Schwartz for sharing their expertise as the guest referees. We hope the voice of March Madness, announcer Jason Neff, will come back and visit...at least for an afternoon next year?

The Jennings community wants to congratulate Julia Rottkamp for placing 2nd at the State Level Reflections contest. Jennings has a proud history of students doing well in this competition. There will be a ceremony honoring all winners on March 13th at our own Fairfield Woods Middle School. GREAT JOB Julia!!

This week the season of standardized testing begins. On Tuesday, March 10th, our grade 5 students will be taking the Science Connecticut Mastery Test. A bit later this month the grade 3 students will be taking the SBAC. Please stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming testing.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information

Conferences

Believe it or not our Spring Conferences are almost here. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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).

Lockdown Drill

On March 12th the Jennings staff and students will be participating in a Lockdown Drill. To date all of our safety drills have yielded much success. We often reflect on each drill in order to improve our natural reactions in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mr. Vuolo.

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 curiously 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...or <u>CLICK</u> HERE to see a video about all the activities the students participated in to celebrate Dr. Suess.

SBAC and **CMT** Testing

The time of the year where our grade 3-5 students will be participating in some standardized testing. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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

If you did not get a chance t view the latest video... CLICK HERE to visit the website.

School Climate

The recent school climate survey data has been published. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the information on the FPS website. More information regarding the school climate data results will be shared at an upcoming PTA meeting.

This Week's Reminders...

"A" Monday READING INCENTIVE Ongoing

8:45 Book Club

9:15 - 12:15 SHAPE program - 5th Grade

3rd Grade Polymer Power-Ct Science Museum

"B" Tuesday 3:30 - Girl Scouts, Grade1

"C" Wednesday 11:00 Downtown Cabaret - KDG

"D" Thursday 6:30 PM – PTA Book Swap

"E" Friday 8:00 - Band

For more information **CLICK HERE** for our weekly Digital Message

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



These signs say it all!
March welcomes in Reading Incentive and hopefully
SPRING!





Kindergarten student take out their Dr. Suess books and March Madness comes to a close!



Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!