



April 20th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

Welcome back! I hope everyone truly enjoyed the beautiful weather we had over break. The students and faculty should be rested and recharged for the homestretch of the school year. We are almost into May and June is right around the corner.

Right before vacation we had our first ever Father's Club meeting. Although the timing of the meeting might not have been the best, the few gentlemen who were able to attend had some great ideas. The purpose of the Father's Club is to have our wonderful dads have a way to be active in the school, network and have fun doing thing with and for their children. The first event will be coming up shortly and we hope the kids and community will get excited.

The "Bike Rodeo" is designed to set up a time and a place to bring our community together for a Spring activity. On Friday, May 1st we will have a few fun events, a few capable mechanics on hand to "tune" up your bike, a safety talk from the Fairfield Police Department, a bike swap and it will all culminate with the FPS motorcycle unit leading our kids on a short bike ride around the school and neighborhood. The event will begin at 5:30 and a more detailed schedule of activities will be sent out in next week's Journal and via IC blast.

We will run some "races" for all ages and Jennings alumni will be on hand to show off some BMX bike tricks. If you have been itching to clean out your garage and have a bike that no longer fits your children, donate it and swap out for one that might be more their size. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the PTA website for details and registration forms. Let's hope for nice weather and a great turnout!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information...

Character Assembly

On Friday the first grade students will host our monthly Character Assembly. The assembly is scheduled to begin at 2:15 and families are welcome. As always, we ask that you call the main office to alert us of your attendance. We appreciate your continued support of our safety and security efforts.

SBAC

Grade 4 students will be wrapping up their testing schedule this week and our fifth grade students will soon bring a close to the SBAC testing season. Thus far we have been very proud of how our students are persevering through the various tests.

Recess is Outside

The snow is officially gone! However, in its place we have a few spots on our playgrounds that are 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

Many thanks to Mrs. Ruppert and Mrs. Taft for taking the lead in organizing an extremely successful Science Expo prior to break. The experiments were well done and engaging to all audience members. What was most impressive to me was the students obvious excitement and the ability that demonstrated in sharing their projects with each visitor. The true measure of learning was them showing the ability to explain their thinking. Great job young scientists!

Curriculum Corner

Did you know that April kicks off Mathematics Awareness month? This year's theme is Mathematics Drives Careers! If you are interested in exploring this, check out the website: <http://www.mathaware.org/index.html> This website highlights real people using math to drive their careers. There are interviews of 17 people who turned their aptitude for and love of math into rewarding and diverse careers. (click on Profiles)

To celebrate Math Awareness month here is a video of a mathematician/engineer who figured out how snakes move....using math, of course! It is a five minute video that demonstrates how math, science, engineering and technology help us to understand the world and develop new technologies.

<http://www.fieldguide1966.com/incredible-animals/the-mathematics-of-snake-movement>

Did you know there is a Museum of Mathematics? Here's a description from their website: *"Mathematics illuminates the patterns and structures all around us. Our dynamic exhibits, gallery, and programs will stimulate inquiry, spark curiosity, and reveal the wonders of mathematics. MoMath has innovative exhibits that will engage folks from 105 to 5 years old (and sometimes younger), but with a special emphasis on activities for 4th through 8th graders."* Check out their website at <http://momath.org/>

Mrs. Ruppert

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. As you look at the posting do not forget to click on the link to the 5th grade projects. They have been working hard integrating technology into their reading and creating “trailers” to the recent books they have been reading.

Author Visits

Thank you to the PTA and Mrs. Kane for bringing amazing authors and illustrators to Jennings School. Before vacation John Hendrix inspired our grade 3-5 students with stories and his journey to become a talented illustrator. This week K-2 welcomes up and coming author Kristine Lombardi. This is one of the many special ways the Jennings PTA enhances the educational experience for your children.

This Week's Reminders...

“E” Monday	10 – 11:30 Stepping Stones - Kdg
“A” Tuesday	SBAC Grade 5 12:30 – Out of Africa – Grade 3 Brownie Troop – Grade 3 ATB Basketball
“B” Wednesday	SBAC - 5C and 5R 1:00 Author visit – K – 2 Kristine Lombardi ATB - Running
“C” Thursday	8:00 Jennings Times 9:30 FAY Performance – Gr. 3,4,5 ATB Clay Creations
“D” Friday	8:00 – Band Mill River – Grade 4 2:15 – Assembly ATB – American Girl

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Please see below for the pictures of the week!



Our kindergarten class looks ready to welcome in the warmer weather!



The Science Expo was a huge success. Above you see a few of our creative young minds displaying their projects at this special event!

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!