



Jennings
Elementary School

April 6th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings.

I had a smile on my face as I drove away from Jennings on Friday. I walked to my car and could hear the sounds of kids playing. I looked at the large playground and saw kids playing hoops and running on the fields. I pulled out towards Fairfield Woods MS and saw tons of action on the Primary Playground. These are the true signs of Spring and it is LONG overdue!

Staying afterschool and playing for a bit of time has been a tradition forever. To me, it is a wonderful opportunity for kids and parents to forge some new friendships. While supervising your kids, make it a point to reach out to someone you have not met and introduce yourself. As small of a community as we have...there is always room to make a new friend!

Another great part of this time of year is Opening Day for baseball! We all hope our teams have a successful season and of course hope the Yankees can get back on those winning ways! It is also the time of year when many of our kids are getting started in their Spring sports. For my household, getting into a good routine for homework and night time is essential. With practices and games running late into the evening, we have to be more structured with Derek and Miranda. They may fight it a bit...but kids yearn for rules and routines during this busy time of year!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

Important school information...

Calling All Dads!

Our first ever Father's Club meeting took place on Thursday evening. There were some great ideas thrown out there and even some planning for our first event. Although all the details are not quite worked out...hold Friday May 1st for a Spring event that is sure to get your wheels spinning! Keep an eye out for a flyer with more information.

SBAC

Compliments to our grade 4 students! They have been working very hard and putting in great effort through some very difficult testing. They will wrapping up this week and have earned a well-deserved April vacation rest!

Recess is Outside

As Spring is upon us we are happy to get outside a bit more. Admittedly, with all the melting the areas around the pavement are a bit 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

It is FINALLY here! Our creative scientist get to show off their ideas on Thursday. The Science Expo begins at 6:30 and all are welcome to visit the displays. Scientist should arrive around between 6:30-6:45 to set up. This is ALWAYS a wonderful display of learning!

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>

Lastly, if you are planning a trip to NYC over April vacation, 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/>

Maybe I'll see you there!

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.

Character Assembly

Our grade 3 students hosted our March Character Assembly. The theme of Spring was abundant with songs, poems and Student Leadership presentations igniting our students' Spring Fever...now if Mother Nature would just follow suit! The newest Persons of Character were celebrated and are now displayed in the front foyer. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the latest video showing all the happy happenings this past month!

School Climate

The recent school climate survey data has been published. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the information on the FPS website. Information regarding how Jennings fared was presented at the last PTA meeting. Please contact Mr. Vuolo if you have any questions.

This Week's Reminders...

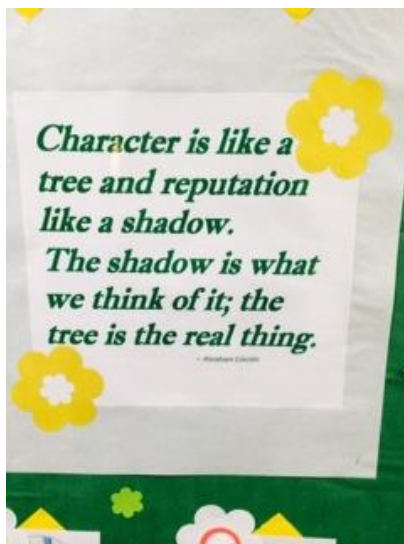
"E" Monday	8:00 Book Club Mill River - Grade 5: 5R and 5F
"A" Tuesday	Mill River – 5C 3:30 - Girl Scouts – Grade 1 SBAC – Grade 4 ATB – Basketball, Fish Kids
"B" Wednesday	9:30 – Author visit...John Hendrix ATB – Action Games, Running
"C" Thursday	1:15 – Reading Incentive Assembly 6:30 – 8PM – Science Expo
"E" Friday	8:00 Band Earth Day Art Contest Deadline

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) for our weekly Digital Message

Please see below for the pictures of the week!



The use of technology is an essential part of the educational experience at Jennings. Here you see grade 1 student in the LLC using the tablets for research and a hard working grade 4 student on the desktops during SBAC.



These bulletin boards say so much about our school. The Person of Character board is proudly on display and our reading incentive program was a huge HIT!

Keep an eye out for Next Week's Pictures!