



May 19th Jennings Journal

Dear Jennings,

As we head towards the end of May our staff is looking to take final steps to measure the growth of our students. You may hear from your child that they took a reading assessment or maybe a Blue Ribbon or Aimsweb math assessment. They may even be taking an On Demand writing assessment. These are the Universal Screening tools our district uses to measure the growth of students across the year. We use these data points to measure our own success as classroom teachers and a school. Feel free to inquire with your child's teacher in June when all the assessments are completed.

I wanted to thank the community for coming out to our annual Bluefish game. It was a beautiful night and we actually were treated to a double header! I also am very humbled by the honor and recognition at the game. I would consider myself far from a Hometown Hero, however the nice things mentioned were very special. I feel extremely lucky to be a part of the Jennings community and love the relationships we have with staff, students and families!

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other Important School Information...

Walk-A-Thon

This Thursday Jennings will host a school wide walkathon. This event will be fun, promote healthy activity and is the last fundraiser the PTA has planned for year. Please consider participating and having the students gain sponsorship for this wonderful event. There are great prizes for the students and all the money raised goes right back to our school to enhance programming and to support additional technology. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the PTA website for additional information.

Progress Reports Online

The district is continuing to focus on being efficient and green with communication. With a year of using Infinite Campus under our belt, we are hoping to harness its effectiveness by posting more information via the parent portal. The last Progress Report was sent out via IC and also printed. For the upcoming Progress Report we will be looking towards only posting on the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. We will, as always, make accommodations for families that

have limited access to computers. Please contact the main office to clear up any questions or concerns with your Infinite Campus account. This will also help prepare us for the summer posting of class assignments. You must have an active account in order to receive this type of important school information. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Parent Survey

Recently all parents in the Fairfield Public Schools were sent out a survey through Infinite Campus. This survey is supportive of helping the schools gain valuable information for reflection on current practices and planning for the year to come. This survey is also directly linked to our administrative evaluation process. Although at the middle and high school level you are evaluating the entire administrative team, at the elementary level the team only consists of the building Principal. For this reason your input is very valuable to me directly. Please consider taking a few minutes to take the survey. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact the main office.

This Week's Assemblies

On Wednesday our grade 4 and 5 students will be performing at the end of the year Spring Concert. The band, orchestra and 5th grade chorus will showing off their hard work in a dress rehearsal on Wednesday morning at 9:15 and evening performance at 7:00. The community is welcome to attend these events and as always we ask you to let us know in advance so we can best plan for your arrival. Simply send in a note or call the main office prior to the morning concert.

On Friday the Student Leadership Team will be hosting our May Character Assembly. The grade 3 students will also be sharing at the assembly. Our theme for this month will be Memorial Day. Families are welcome to attend and we appreciate a note or phone call prior to the event to assist with our planning. The town would also like to see our students attend the annual parade. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for link to flyer regarding a special activity during the parade.

Car loop Dismissal

Our dismissal time is a very busy time for staff and students. Although it is well organized and safe, there are things that we ask to assist us in providing safe transitions into your vehicles.

1. The use of cell phones is a very dangerous practice with little kids around. Please use hands free devices if you truly need to be talking while picking up your child.
2. The use of the signs handed out is very helpful for staff. If they are displayed on the rear-view mirror, the staff is better able to identify the connections for students. This assists with safety and efficiency.
3. Please have your children enter the car on the right side of the vehicle. At times cars are waved to pass on the left and we wish to keep all members of our community safe.
4. Car loop is not the appropriate type of pick up if an adult needs to exit the vehicle. All children should be able to get settled in their cars without support. If you feel like your child

needs extra help please take an extra moment to park and pick them up at their door or in front of the building. We like to keep the carloop moving in an efficient manner to support the needs of our community.

5. If your child is not ready when you arrive into the loop, please place your flashers on and move forward and towards the right as directed by staff. This way cars who are ready to exit the loop have the opportunity while we await your child's arrival.

This week's reminders:

Monday 9:00-3:00 3-5 gifted field trip to CT Science Museum

Tuesday Grade 3 SBAC

12:00 Grade 5 Orchestra visit FWMS

Wednesday Grade 3 SBAC

9:15 Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal

7:00 Spring Concert

Thursday 9:15 Jennings Walk A Thon

10:30 1C Rainforest presentation, 2:15 1R Rainforest Presentation

Friday Grade 5 Art in the Classroom

2:30 Character Assembly (Grade 3 Presenting)