



**Jennings**  
**Elementary School**

## *May 26th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings,

What a beautiful weekend we were treated to. My hope is that everyone had an opportunity to get outside and also took time to celebrate the meaning of Memorial Day! I cannot believe that there are only a few weeks of school left in the year...time truly does fly when you are having fun!

As we wind down towards the end here are a few reminders to help make the year wrap up on a high note. We all realize how busy the Spring can be...but also know that kids thrive on maintaining as much routine and structure as possible. During these busy times try and keep the routines that have worked all year in place. Maintaining good homework routines and getting to bed at a decent time helps them to be more successful throughout their day. Thank you for your support of your children!

Have a Wonderful Week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Other important school 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.

#### **Character Assembly**

On Friday the Student Leadership Team planed and delivered another great assembly. With our focus on Memorial Day, the Jennings students learned the importance of this holiday and the key differences from Veteran's Day. The third graders treated us to songs on the recorder and we celebrated our newest Persons of Character. Feel free to stop by the main foyer to see their

pictures on display. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website and watch the latest Character Assembly video. It should be loaded up today.

## **SBAC**

The grade 3 students are looking to wrap up their SBAC testing this week. We are very proud of all of the 3-5 students as they worked through this new assessment. We all took much learning from this field test and await the next steps with this assessment for the upcoming school year.

## **PTA Support**

This week the Jennings Students will be quite busy with outside presenters and even a field trip or two. It's all about science this week! The kindergarten students have an insect program, grade 1 goes to Beardsley, grade 3 polymer program, grade 4 electricity and grade 5 is off to the Ct. Science Museum in Hartford. Many of not all these activities are a direct result of the wonderful Jennings PTA. We thank everyone for their support and participation in the PTA.

Our Walk-a-thon was rained out last week and has been rescheduled for this Thursday. We are hopeful our entire school participates in donating and volunteering for this great event. The PTA is still accepting donations and the main office window is slowly being filled with the colorful sneakers the kids are sending to be hung. Thank you for all your support as it goes directly back to all the wonderful students of Jennings.

## **Car loop Dismissal**

Our dismissal time is 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:

Tuesday Grade 3 SBAC

Kindergarten Insect Presentation

Grade 3 Polymer Power Presentation

Wednesday Grade 3 SBAC

8:30-4:00 Grade 5 trip to CT Science Museum

Grade 4 Electricity Presentation

6:30 PM Invention Convention

Thursday 9:15 Jennings Walk A Thon

1:30 Grade 3 Kite Assembly

Friday 9:45-2:00 Grade 1 Beardsley Zoo Field Trip

2:35 Community Club

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