May 5th Jennings Journal

Hello Jennings,

This past week the Jennings PTA transitioned to the 2014-2015 new board. We are very excited to work with these new members moving forward. The community also would like to take a moment to thank those Executive Board members that are finishing their positions. The dedication of the following volunteers assist in making our school a special place. Leaving their respective positions are Monica Fahrer, Vicki Ihlefeld, Pam Rottkamp, Nicola Minogue, Wendy Rappel and Jen Hios. Another big thank you to outgoing President Jen Tierney for her positive leadership throughout the year. Without the superb efforts of the entire PTA, our school would not have as many wonderful things going on.

Additional thanks goes out to all of our storytelling volunteers. The engaging stories are always well received by both staff and students. In fact, they are talking about them at recess, lunch and on the way home! Wendy Rappel deserves much credit for her organization and her wonderful stories. In thinking about creativity, we would like to thank everyone for coming out to the annual art show last week. Miss Ciarletto, our long term substitute for Mrs. Staples, worked extremely hard to put on her first ever show. I think it is important to note that as a substitute she did not have to organize such an event, however she never once thought of doing anything less. With the help of her parents and with the tireless efforts of Heather Neff, the art show was a huge success! If your child was accidentally not represented by at least one piece please let us know and we will find alternate ways to showcase their talents.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo :)

Other Important school information...

Extra Clothes Please!

With the recent wet weather impacting our playgrounds, we are again asking parents to send in an extra set of clothing just in case there are accidents with the water and mud. We make every effort to have the students outside for recess and admittedly, at times, their energy gets the best of them. Slips and falls are part of growing up and Nurse Chapman is always there to help. However, things would be much easier if those who may have gotten a bit wet and muddy could quickly change with clothes from their lockers. Thank you for your consideration.

Grade 4 SBAC

Our fourth graders will be wrapping up their SBAC testing this week. They have done a wonderful job on this new assessment. We have been most impressed and proud of how they have persevered through some really challenging content and questions. We will soon be starting our grade 3 students. They will be our final grade level to take the field test this year.

Kindergarten Class of 2020

This past week we welcomed our newest members to the Jennings family as we hosted Kindergarten Orientation and Visitation. The incoming kindergarten students and their families visited and caught a glimpse of their new home. It is our hope that our "veteran" families will extend an extra special welcome to the new families to ensure their first experience at Jennings is a positive one. If you know of any families who have yet to register please direct them to call the school or go to Central Office to begin the registration process.

This week's reminders:

Staff Appreciation Week

Monday 9:30 5F Mill River Lab

10:30 5C Mill River Lab

Tuesday 9:15 1C Birdcraft Museum Fieldtrip

12:00 5R Mill River Lab

12:30 Grade 3 Jambo Africa presentation

1:00 1R Birdcraft Museum Fieldtrip

Wednesday 9:30 Grade 2 Southport Beach CANE Fieldtrip

Thursday 8:00 Jennings Times

Saturday 7:00 Jennings Adult Social at Pequot Library

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