



**Jennings**  
**Elementary School**

## *September 22nd Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

It is hard to believe that Autumn is upon us. As the weather and leaves begins to change, we begin to see the students and staff "falling" into their routines. When I go into classrooms or even the cafeteria, it already seems as if we have been in school for months. Even our newest family members, the Kindergarteners, are following directions and learning the path to success.

The staff has begun to get to know the students academically through various assessments. These assessments will afford the teachers the opportunity to plan and deliver individual and small group instruction across all content areas. The ability to gather this information and data allows the teachers to target the strengths and areas of focus for each member of their class. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Important school information**

#### **Only You Foundation 5K Fundraiser**

Thank you Jennings! PJ's and sport shirts were abundant on Friday and we raised close to \$800 for the Only You Foundation. I also know that many Jennings students, staff and parents participated and volunteered for this wonderful event. We appreciate the school spirit and fun this provided our community. If you wish to learn more about the foundation follow the link: <http://www.onlyyoufoundation.org/>

#### **Infinite Campus**

It is extremely important that our community takes the time to update all of the important contact information in the parent portal. As we have discussed, this is our primary resource for communicating. Mrs. Chapman and the main office rely upon the information you provide in order to contact you if there is a situation at school or if your child is not feeling well. Please help us to efficiently be able to contact you in these situations.

#### **Type To Learn**

As parents in our school system, you are able to download a program called Type-To-Learn 4 (TTL4) and have your child practice keyboarding skills from home.

For instructions on using TTL4 at home please visit

<http://schcdn.fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/content/uploads/2014/01/Using-TTL4-at-home-instructions.pdf>

## **Character Assembly**

For those new to Jennings, our Character Assemblies are one of the most important traditions we have. It is a time that our entire school community gathers together to celebrate. Our first Character Assembly will be hosted by grade 4 students on Friday the 26th at 2:30. Parents are always welcome, however, we ask that you send in a note or call the main office to alert us of your attendance. We thank you in advance for assisting with our safety and security procedures.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

**Please do not drop off or pick up in the back parking lot.** Some of our students board the bus and extra cars create an unsafe environment. Thank you in advance for your adherence to these reminders.

## **Walkathon**

One of our first major fundraisers is quickly approaching. Please consider taking a few moments to pledge and reach out to family for their pledges. This healthy event will be a huge support to our wonderful PTA. We will keep the community up to date on achieving our goal by recording our total donations on the thermometer in the cafeteria. Click on the following link for more detailed information: <http://jenningschoolpta.org/2014/09/18/walk-a-thon/>

## **Food and Allergy Awareness**

The Jennings community is invited to come together around this very important topic. A small committee, which will include parents, faculty and administration, will be formed to begin a positive discourse around research, procedures and community educational opportunities. The committee will be small and ideally have a cross representation of grade levels and perspectives. It will also be responsible for planning opportunities to include the larger Jennings community. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email Mr. Vuolo at [avuolo@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:avuolo@fairfieldschools.org). Since the committee will initially be small, the first to respond will have priority keeping in mind the aforementioned cross representation balance.

This Week's Reminders...

<b>"B"</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
<b>"C"</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>First day of Grade 4 string lessons Grade 3 Brownies at 3:30pm</b>
<b>"D"</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4L RiverLab at 9:30am 4C RiverLab at 10:30am</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No school – Rosh Hashanah</b>
<b>"E"</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Grade 5 orchestra at 8:00am  Character Assembly 2:30pm</b>

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