



## *September 28th Jennings Journal*

Hello Jennings.

We are already 1 month into the school year and the staff and students are in a great routine. It is amazing what just a few weeks back in school can do. It is so nice to have the energy of the students and staff filling the classrooms and halls. We hope that your families are also back in the swing of things. It is very important to establish positive homework routines early in the school year. Establishing a proper space, whether up in an office or bedroom or at the kitchen table when dinner is being prepared, it is essential that kids have a space with all their materials.

Homework is habit building and an extension of the day that is supportive of reinforcing concepts taught at school. Find ways to foster your child's independence with it and reach out to your classroom teacher if homework becomes too difficult to manage. We want to have strong study habits develop in the elementary years and homework plays a role in helping students become more organized.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Vuolo

### **Open House**

It was great to have Open House so early this year. It is our hope that families received the important information early in the year. If you have questions please do not hesitate to visit our school website and specifically your teacher homepages. We will also communicate through Infinite Campus blasts...be sure you have the correct boxes checked off to receive important school information. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website and view the video shared that evening.

### **Jennings Shows CARES**

We have many new families this year and events are planned to assist families connecting to our wonderful community. Please be sure to take a moment to welcome our new friends to our family. I also am asking for some assistance when it comes to showing CARES during arrival and dismissal. As you are aware our school is in a residential area. We ask that you continue to drive slowly and safely without using cell phones on or near our campus. Additionally, we ask that you are mindful of not blocking driveways as you arrive through the car loop lines. We want to be kind to our neighbors during these busy times of the day. If you are asked to move...please be respectful and assist by moving your vehicle. Please continue to foster independence with seatbelts and entry and exit from your car. Car loop is meant to be a quick process. If you need to park until they are ready...we kindly ask you to do so. Thank you in advance for demonstrating what happens being part of our wonderful school community

## **Character Assembly**

On Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will host our first Character Assembly of the school year. The main attraction of all of the assemblies is celebrating our Persons of Character. Every classroom will have students receive positive praise for showing good character or working hard in school. Soon the front bulletin board will have pictures of all the students honored. Let's show our JENNINGS Spirit by wearing spirit wear or school colors. (Blue)

## **I-Ready and STAR**

Last week Mr. Hyder and Mrs. Ruppert presented at the PTA general meeting regarding standardized assessments. Two of the assessments will begin soon. During the next couple of weeks the students in grades K-5 will begin taking I Ready math and grade 3-5 will begin taking STAR reading. The assessments will be taken on the computer and will be used to assist our staff in supporting the learning of all the students. The data collected, along with daily performance and curriculum based measures, will allow the teachers to target the instruction each student needs in both whole group and small group instruction. It will also allow individualized support to be strategically planned based upon what the relative areas of strength and focus are. The assessments will be taken again in the winter and spring and we will analyze the growth of all students. [CLICK HERE](#) for a letter that shares more detail.

## **PTA Presentations**

Our October 8<sup>th</sup> PTA general meeting will have 2 presentations. Mrs. Roxbee will talk about our school theme of "grit" and "perseverance" and how we can partner with families to instill these positive character traits in our kids. There will also be a review of the SBA results that have been shared with the schools as of this point. The PTA is so kind in offering free babysitting to assist families in their attendance...take advantage and come learn more about PTA and the school.

## **Allergy Policy**

Please refer to the [Opening Day Guide](#) and [District Letter](#) for information regarding the new BOE policy and administrative regulations. We have always taken the safety of our students very seriously and ask for you to continue to partner with the school in all areas.

## **Father's Club**

The Sports Equipment Swap was a great idea that never gained any traction with the busy start to the year. However, we would like to continue to collect equipment throughout the next few months and host a swap in preparation of spring sports. Please keep the equipment in a safe place as we will have a few collection dates in the next few months. In the meantime we will begin a bin to collect cleats of all shapes and sizes. I will place a bin in the front foyer. Feel free to clean up some older cleats and donate them. If your child needs a pair feel free to "go shopping" once we have some pairs to sift through. In this way the Father's Club wishes to support our community in a positive way...look for more information on other ideas in the coming weeks.

## **Walkathon**

The weather looks tricky for our walkathon this Thursday. We will update you as the day draws nearer. However, please consider taking a few moments to pledge and reach out to family for

their pledges. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS! The goal is around \$12.50 per child and there are wonderful opportunities for some great prizes for those who set even higher goals. This is one of the largest fundraisers of the year and currently we are far from reaching our goal of \$5,000. Thus far we have only collected \$750. This healthy event will be a huge support to our wonderful PTA. Remember that all the funds collected go right back to your kids in the form of programming and materials donated to the school.



Grade 2 students working with our new hybrid laptops in the Library Learning Commons



Kindergarten students get their first taste of checking out books from the Library...how EXCITING!

This Week's Reminders...

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