



Dear Jennings Community,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! The Jennings School PTA extends a warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school and a 'welcome back' to all those returning! We are all very fortunate to be at Jennings School, which is filled with an amazingly dedicated staff, enthusiastic kids, and wonderful families.

We have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which provides many programs and opportunities for learning and community building at our school. Your PTA is the provider of so many wonderful things that enrich the experience at Jennings for our children, our families and our teachers. The Walk-a-Thon, Variety Show and the Science Expo are just a few of the fun events the PTA organizes and sponsors. Through fundraising efforts, wonderful authors are invited in, CANE and Mill River Programs are organized, additional science programs that enhance the curriculum are provided and field trips are subsidized. In most recent years, the PTA has been able to donate funds to outfit each classroom with a Smart-Board. To keep this up, we need your help! Your time, participation and financial support are so important to the success of Jennings Elementary School.

Mark your Calendar and join us for the following PTA "Welcome Back to School" events:

**1. Welcome Back Ice Cream Social - Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Please join us on the primary playground at Jennings where **Ron's Ice Cream Truck** will be supplying sweet treats - courtesy of the PTA! So come out and enjoy one last summer hurrah and some yummy Ice Cream. This is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet new families! We will also be having our new Jennings spirit wear available so make sure to stop by to check it out. Note: this event will only be held if weather permits.

**2. Welcome Coffee & Volunteer Fair - Thursday, September 3rd, 9:00 am - 10:00 am**

Join Mr. Vuolo, fellow parents and the PTA Board for some refreshments in the Cafeteria on the 1st morning of school. Come and learn about our PTA programs and find the right opportunity to get involved in your child's school experience. Whether you are "cheering" or "tearing" about the first day of school, please join us! Siblings are welcome!

\*In addition, below are some items for you to take care of ahead of time:

1. Jennings PTA Membership Form is available online at [www.jenningsschoolpta.org](http://www.jenningsschoolpta.org) for your use with electronic payment options. Joining the PTA does not automatically volunteer you for something. By joining you are simply supporting our PTA, our teachers and staff, and all of our students!
2. PTA Jennings School Directory. We are currently working on the 2015-2016 Jennings Directory. It contains the Fairfield Public School and PTA calendar, pertinent school information, class lists and contact information for each family. The PTA provides one copy to each registered PTA family. Everyone will have access to the online directory at **My School Anywhere**.

If you have a family business and would like to advertise in the Jennings Directory, we are offering the Jennings community a special rate of \$30 for a business card-size ad. This is a great way to reach over 200 Jennings families and staff to promote your business. Please look for more information under the Directory on the website or contact Christine Brewster at [cbrewstr@optonline.net](mailto:cbrewstr@optonline.net).

Be sure to check out our PTA website and bookmark it. You can find all the information you need at [www.jenningsschoolpta.org](http://www.jenningsschoolpta.org). Portions of the site are password protected - please use the password: **jaguars**

A weekly newsletter will be sent out each week in the form of the *Monday Memo*. It will arrive in your Inbox every Sunday evening in the hopes that you can plan for the week ahead. Our website along with the *Monday Memo* will hold important information about all School Events, Deadlines, and Programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [jenningspta@hotmail.com](mailto:jenningspta@hotmail.com).

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the Ice Cream Social on September 1st!

Sincerely,

Jen Balogh  
Jennings PTA President