

Jennings School

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Dear Jennings Families,

Starting in the 2014-2015 school year, the elementary schools in Fairfield will be using a five-day rotating schedule using letter names for each day (Days A, B, C, D, E). This means that your child's class will be assigned a specials schedule (Physical Education, Art and Music) that meets on a given letter day rather than a day of the week. By doing this we achieve the goal of having more equitable distribution of special area class meeting times. Under the old Monday to Friday system, students who had Art on Monday would not have had the same amount of instructional time as students at the same grade level who had Art on a Wednesday due to the nature of the school calendar. With a rotating schedule, the school days missed due to holidays or professional development will no longer impact the special areas instructional time.

Additionally, we will be introducing a new specials class to elementary students called Tech Time. To provide consistent direct instruction in technology, our Library Media Specialists will be teaching students during Tech Time based on the Library Media curriculum. Tech Time will also follow the five-day rotating schedule.

The five-day schedule is "locked in" so that it does not create confusion. In other words, if there is a snow day, and students miss "B Day", we come back to school on "C Day" as shown on the calendar. Missed days will be added at the end of the year. This "locked in" format allows everyone to know what letter each day is well in advance.

We plan on reviewing the effectiveness of this five-day rotating schedule to inform our plans for the 2015-2016 school year. We will be sure to include an opportunity for parents and students to provide us feedback.

Attached you will find a FAQ sheet about the five-day schedule and a 2014-2015 school calendar with letter days identified. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 203-255-8316

Sincerely,

Tony Vuolo

