

Fairview Elementary

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Principal DeAun Blumberg, Ed.D.

Fairview Friends and Families,

During the Black History Month program, our children became our teachers. They showed us how *together* they create beauty. *Together* they create harmony. *Together* they create laughter and joy and pride.

Cross the river in a crowd and the crocodile won't eat you.

~ African proverb

In our community, there are many crocodiles. There is poverty, racism, hunger, drugs, crime and so much more. But I believe when we lock arms, when we decide that we are all accountable for the safety and well-being of our children, then we can provide a safe haven for our children right here in Jennings. We can cross the river safely together.

I grew up in a small town and my mom was the high school counselor. Every adult in that town felt free to correct my behavior. The elders in the Methodist Church and my teachers at my school believed that my actions didn't just reflect upon me and my family, but on my extended family as well. I needed that support to grow into a successful and loving adult.

Today we live in a different world. We are sometimes more connected to people through social media who live across the country than we are to our neighbors. But we also have the ability to create community by reaching out through our children.



March is National Reading Month

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 10

District Fine Arts Night

Jennings Sr. High School

6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14 – Friday, March 18

NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Friday, March 25

NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess

Thursday, March 31

3rd Quarter Honors Assemblies

Friday, April 1

NO SCHOOL – Conferences

Family Literacy Event

– “Book” a Reservation

Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 22

Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, April 18 – Friday, May 13

M.A.P. Testing (Grades 3-6)



I have a couple of ideas that will bring us closer as a community. I'd like to hear back from parents about events and activities that they think would be helpful in building community as well. For example:

- Community garage-sale – We could hold it on a weekend in May. Tables would be set up in the gym or on the parking lot. Maybe we could also arrange to have sandwiches available for purchase.
- Pastries with the Principals – Perhaps once a month right after morning announcements (8:15 a.m.) We could use these informal gatherings to discuss issues that impact our children and their learning.
- Grade-level pot-luck dinners.
- Lunch and Learn – Lunch for parents with topics such as Social Media Safety.
- Munch and Learn – Breakfast or dinner discussions for parents with administrators, counselors or other local leaders.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of the events mentioned above, or feel free to suggest other events. Either give me a call, or send me an email.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Principal Blumberg

On the Road to Queeny Park Science Fair

Check out the deadlines that are quickly approaching for Science Fair Projects.

March 21 – Written/typed report and log book due

April 11 – Science Fair Projects Due

April 14 – Science Fair Display Night 3:00 – 4:30 pm

April 26-29 – Queeny Park Science Fair

Tips for M.A.P. Testing

The students have been well-prepared for M.A.P. testing. The teachers address the Missouri Learning Standards multiple times throughout the year and the goal is for students to demonstrate mastery of those standards.

Students know what kinds of questions to expect and they have strategies to help them answer different kinds of questions. We have also been helping students to build stamina for reading and responding to test items.

All that remains is for students to give their best effort to this assessment. You can help in the following ways:

- Students need to be at school, on-time, every day.
- Students need to arrive at school well-rested.
- We provide breakfast, but some children choose to eat breakfast at home. Please ensure that your child gets a well-balanced breakfast that is low in sugar and high in protein.
- Write a letter of encouragement for your child to read before each testing session. Notecards will be provided during parent-teacher conferences for this purpose.