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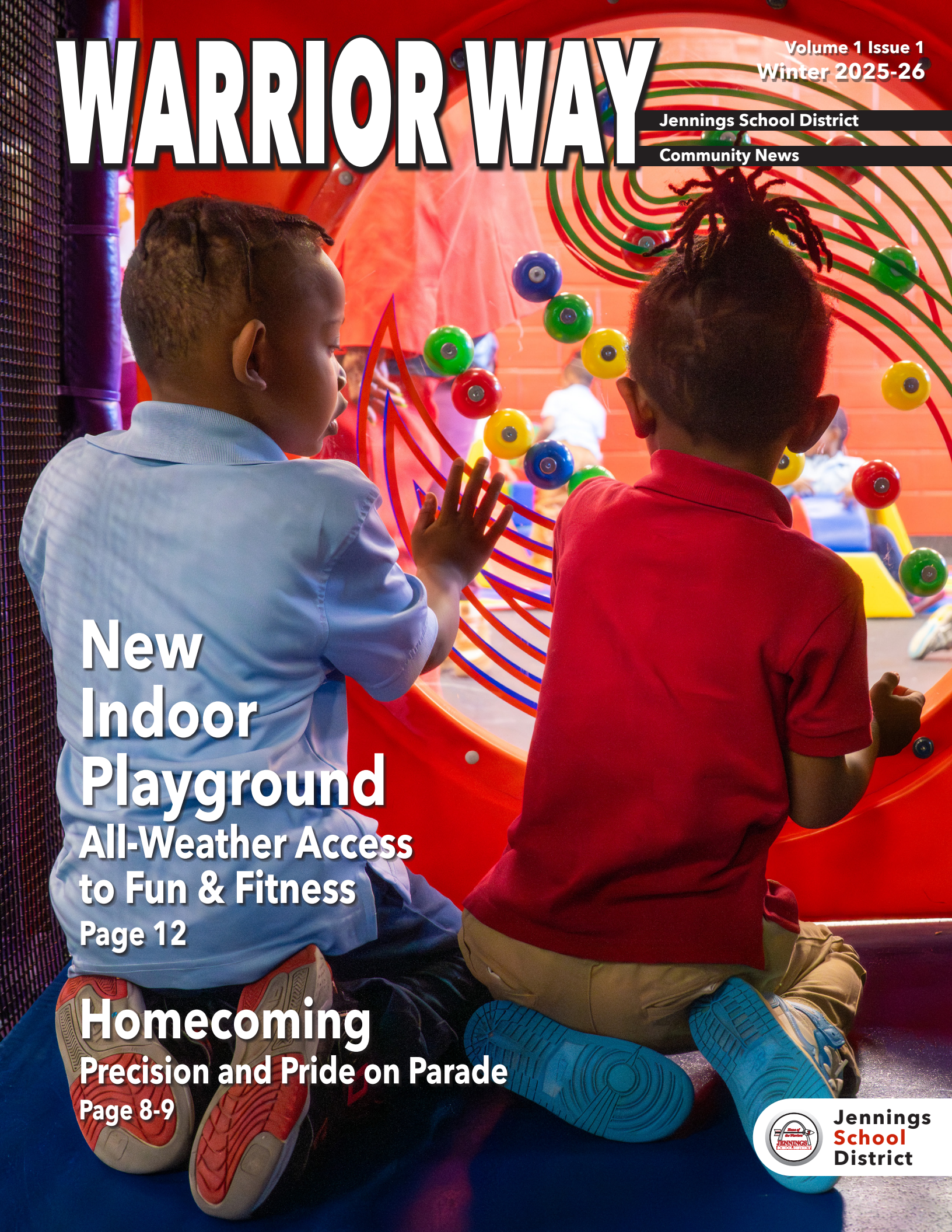

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Superintendent's Message

Thank you for opening the first print edition of the Warrior Way newsletter! We hope it will grow to become a true community newsletter, with information shared from the Jennings School District for the communities of Jennings, Country Club Hills and Flordell Hills. Our goal is to keep stakeholders informed by highlighting our collective work in supporting children and families.



Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.

This publication augments our more frequent **Warrior Way News** e-newsletter for parents and staff, which is available online at www.JenningsK12.org. Community members may opt to receive the e-news via linktr.ee/JenningsK12.

Throughout this issue, you'll find news and triumphs of our students, staff and partners. Community engagement is vital to our success, and I invite you to get involved. Join us for upcoming concerts, plays and athletic events; become actively involved as a volunteer; tour our schools and learn more about what is happening in the J!

Watch for key topics as you read this issue. We are proud that Proposition J projects are running smoothly, on budget and on time.

Daily, you will see evidence of our Portrait of a JSD Warrior (graduate) across the District. This framework outlines six areas of mastery development for pre-K through 12th grade. Learn more about it at JenningsK12.org/Portrait.

This issue also includes information about our schools, leaders and events.

Learn more about our amazing early childhood education program, which is especially close to my heart. As a former early childhood educator, I strongly support starting children in school at age 3 to ensure kindergarten readiness by age 5. Although not mandatory in Missouri, we see firsthand how early childhood education gives children a critical jumpstart – not only in kindergarten but in life.

You'll seeinformation regarding our intentional planning, interventions and opportunities including references to what I call "**evidence of impact**." Programs that move students forward show impact. Those that do not are eliminated or adjusted.

Some of you may remember a lovely old custom of calling cards, offered in hopes of a face-to-face introduction. Please consider this publication our "community calling card." In addition to learning more about the District, you will also learn how our school board and administrative team serve our community every day.

We maintain beautiful schools, manicured grounds and try to be good neighbors in all that we do in order to ensure that every day is **a great day in the J!**

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Partners Make History

On Nov. 1, history was made as the **Historical Society of Jennings**, established in 1985, opened its doors to its new space in the lower level of the Gary Gore Education Center. The relocation provides improved access to historical materials and artifacts for schools and the community. More than 50 guests attended as Historical Society Board Member **Susan Sneed** shared the museum's history and accepted resolutions from Senator **Angela Walton Mosley** and State Rep. **Yolonda Fountain Henderson**, formally affirming the new partnership with the Jennings Board of Education.

Jennings historian and author **Linda Schmerber** *(photo right)* shared her excitement for the museum and hinted at a follow-up to her book, *Jennings: The Man, the City and Its People*, that focuses on the stories of enslaved men and women who helped build the community.

Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.**, called the event historic, highlighting the museum's national recognition. She pledged ongoing support and reminded her community, "I am THAT superintendent who will ask 'What is the evidence of impact?'" She added, "There is major impact in this partnership. Thank you for coming out this morning on this truly historic day in the J!"

Historical Society Board President **Yolanda Austin** added, "I often look for teachable moments. The JSD Historical Society is truly that. My hope is that those who visit will reflect on the past and that it brings peace, excitement and love to our community for many years to come."



Check out links to District websites, social media, registrations and more at linktr.ee/JenningsK12

Three Board Members on April Ballot

*(Below: left to right) Jennings Board of Education President **Miranda Walker Jones**, Vice President **Tammy Dailey** and Director **Margie Jones** are seeking re-election to three-year terms on the Board. They are running unopposed in the April 7, 2026, election. We thank all of our school board members for their dedication and service.*



Proposition J Projects Are in Full Swing

The August 6, 2024, passage of Proposition J, no-tax-rate-increase bond issue, has kicked off revitalization across the Jennings School District. Projects are progressing from planning to implementation and completion. Each school and facility is receiving special treatment.

One of the most noticeable changes is the installation of **electronic marquees** at each school, programmed with important community information and strategically positioned for maximum visibility. This project also includes the installation of **two new scoreboards** at Jennings Senior High School: one on the football field and the other inside the A-gym basketball court.

Added **security measures** have been implemented at specific locations, including the installation of security gates, bollards (traffic guideposts) and fencing. Additionally, several buildings are undergoing parking lot upgrades.

Corey Hellems, director of facilities, said that **HVAC systems** have been installed at Fairview Elementary School, one of the older buildings in the District. The school received two 100-pound units for the gym, an 8.5-ton unit for the early childhood wing and a 7.5-ton unit for the kitchen. Other systems will be installed in more buildings over the summer of 2026.

All school buildings were **soft-washed** prior to the start of the current school year.

Fairview classrooms and the library have also benefited from **painting** and **flooring** refreshes. Northview Elementary School interiors have also been freshly painted.

A portion of Prop J funds was utilized to construct a new, 3,000-square-foot **Stay & Play indoor playground** *(see story on page 12)*.

At Jennings Senior High School, two 100-gallon **water heaters** were installed in restrooms. **Two boilers** and **pumps** were installed in the lower East Wing (E-gym side), which was not affected by the sprinkler pipe break that happened over winter break (*see story on page 5*). Carpeted classrooms throughout the school have also been painted.

We are grateful to our community for making these upgrades possible and for ongoing support.

For more exciting updates on Prop J, stay informed at JenningsK12.org/PropJ.

Timeline for Prop J

Snapshots of key project milestones to date

Proposition J Passed
Prop J passed on Aug. 6, 2024, marking the start of a **"New Day in the J!"**



Marquee Updates
Electronic signs installed at all schools in fall 2025. Scoreboards installed at JHS field and A-Wing.



Facilities Upgrades
All schools were soft-washed last summer. Interior painting nearing completion at Fairview and Northview. New flooring was installed at Fairview.



Safety/Security
New traffic bollards and signage installations began in September 2024.



Playground Completion*
Fairview's new Stay & Play indoor playground was completed Jan. 15, 2026.



HVAC Installations
HVAC upgrades at Fairview (kitchen and classrooms) were completed in November 2025. More systems are to be installed in summer 2026.



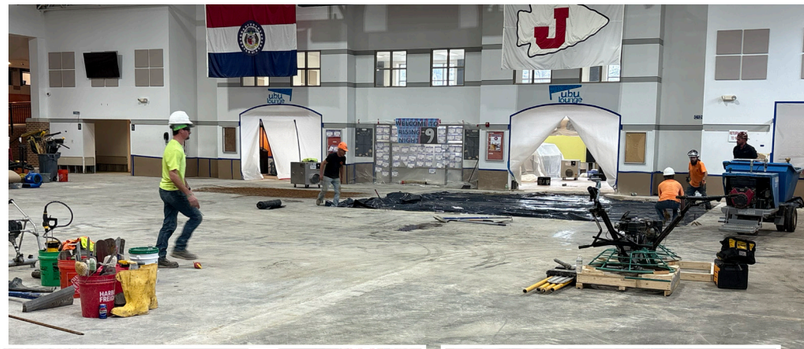
JHS Restoration*
A pipe break caused significant damage at JHS on Dec. 22, 2025. Prop J work paused to reroute pipes along the ceiling.

This Phase One timeline shows Prop J projects completed or nearing completion as of January 2026.

**Funded in part by Prop J*

Pipe Break Leads to Emergency Restoration at JHS

During winter break, the Jennings School District was in the news while working to mitigate damage caused by a broken sprinkler pipe in The Commons area of Jennings Senior High School.



On Dec. 22, a weakened pipe, buried seven feet underground, burst and sent water gushing through the school's cafeteria *(photo upper right)* and along adjoining hallways. Those pipes have since been rerouted along the ceiling.





"The building sustained considerable damage, but we feel very fortunate to have had the support of our community, restoration partners, administration, staff, students and families," Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.,** said on Jan. 20 as students began to return to the building. "I am pleased to say that today, we are well into the recovery and restoration phase. Prior to welcoming students back into the space, Town Hall tours were offered to our community. Parents, students and staff were equally amazed at the damage and our progress in ongoing recovery efforts."



Students will remain on a hybrid schedule, alternating in-person and virtual learning with "grab 'n' go" breakfast and lunch meals *(photo right)* for all students and staff, until repairs are complete.

"We are especially grateful to all partners, including **First Onsite, American Water**, the **Jennings Police Department** and **North County Fire and Rescue**," Knight added. For more information, updated in real time, visit JenningsK12.org/JHSReturn.



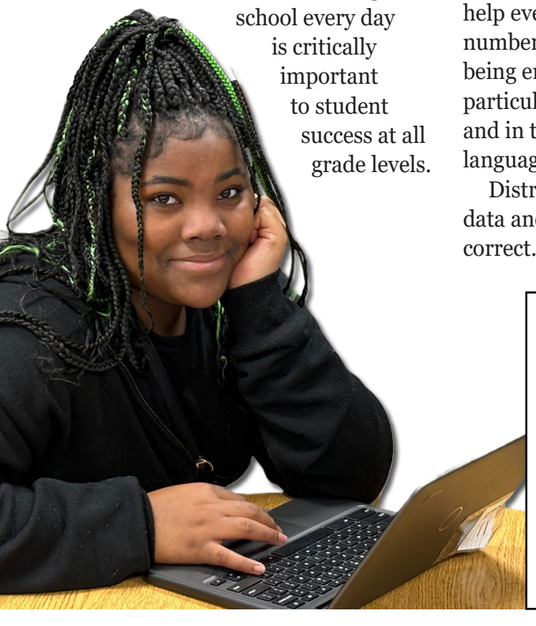
Jennings School District leaders (photo left) accept a $25,000 ***Workforce Grant*** *from* ***American Water*** *to help support student work experiences and exploration of new and emerging career pathways. District officials thanked* ***State Sen. Angela Mosley*** *for nominating Jennings for the grant, which will help expand opportunities and prepare students for future success.*

Working Together to Improve Student Success

Jennings School District leaders are working to provide parents/guardians and the community with more context for the December-released **Annual Performance Report** (APR) scores for 2025. While experiencing slight dips in ELA (English language arts), math and social studies since the previous year, the composite score for JSD, which is based on three years of APR data, remains within state accreditation range.

Recognizing the work ahead, targeted interventions have been implemented to boost elementary reading and deepen critical and strategic thinking in the upper grades. JSD looks forward to sharing more about improvement plans and next steps this spring.

For now, parents and guardians are encouraged to partner with school teams in renewed efforts to personalize learning for every student. That especially includes supporting regular school attendance. Being in school every day is critically important to student success at all grade levels.



New Proficiency Scales Provide a Detailed Road Map for Student Success

This school year, the Jennings School District introduced new Proficiency Scales, an assessment tool to support teachers and students accurately review individual progress and target areas for improvement. It helps identify gaps in teaching and learning as a first step in creating personalized education plans. Personalized Competency Based (PCB) instructors have undergone extensive training. This includes demonstrations on how the new, nationally-recognized tool can assist students, parents and teachers in creating actionable, personal improvement plans for each student. The PCB team will expand the training to all teachers next school year.

What Do the APR Numbers Mean?

Last December, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch outlined details from the 2024 APR released by the **Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**. The scores show the results of last school year's assessments, but they only tell part of the story.

The Jennings School District is in the process of engaging with parents and community members to help everyone understand what the numbers mean and the strategies being employed to improve scores, particularly in the transition grades and in the areas of ELA (English language arts) and mathematics.

District leaders are analyzing the data and reviewing ways to course-correct. The team is particularly focusing on students who are new to the District and those in transition grades, where students often need additional support. More information along with personalized student improvement plans and targeted interventions will help ensure greater student success.

Behind these numbers are teachers, counselors, coaches and staff working hard to address any instructional gaps, propose interventions and create personalized improvement plans for students.

Details about more in-depth presentations, including the Feb. 26 MSIP6 Learners Café featuring APR, will be posted to the District website. In the meantime, school principals are available to answer any questions.





Students Honor Veterans with Moving Tribute



On Nov. 11, Jennings Senior High's annual Veterans Day program, "A Salute to Our Veterans: Honoring All Who Served," offered an emotional tribute to veterans within the District and beyond. Principal **Cryslynn Billingsley, Ph.D.,** staff and students led the ceremony, with JSD 10th grader **Mason Jones** serving as master of ceremonies. The event opened with the JROTC Color Guard, directed by **1st Sgt. Robert Newsbitt,** followed by recognition of District partners including the **Daughters of the American Revolution**, represented by **Jill Morris**, who presented student awards.

Keynote speaker **Lorenzo Boyd** *(photo right)*, a managing director at Stifel Financial and a U.S. Navy veteran, reflected on how his Desert Storm service shaped his career in K-12 school finance and his lasting contributions to the Jennings community. His message that "freedom is not free" emphasized the values of respect, sacrifice and service.

The CALL Learning Lab: Dedicated to a Late Administrator's Legacy

The Jennings community and the family of the late **Charmyn Andrews, Ed.D.,** former assistant superintendent of secondary education, gathered to formally dedicate the Dr. Charmyn Andrews Learning Lab, known as The Call, to honor her legacy and lifelong dedication to teaching and learning.

The newly remodeled learning space in the lower level of the District's Central Office heralds a lasting tribute to an administrator, wife, mother, colleague and friend who impacted generations of children and colleagues, locally and across the globe.

To watch a video of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, visit JenningsK12.org/CallVideo.





The late Charmyn Andrews, Ed.D., (right) served the students of the Jennings School District as assistant superintendent of secondary education.

Jennings Marching Band: Precision and Pride on Parade











Homecoming 2025

The Jennings Homecoming Parade was ushered in by a lineup of brightly colored Jeeps rivaling the beauty of the autumn trees. They led dance squads, JROTC, the JSD Warrior Marching Band and themed floats along the route. Moving to the beat of the band, the parade passed through neighborhoods of cheering families and waving local business owners along Jennings Station Road. The support meant a lot to students, families and staff.

Congratulations also to Head Football Coach **Darrell Green**, his coaching staff and athletes for an exciting football season, finishing with an 8-2 season. JSD Athletic Director **Marlos Reynolds** said that the coaches are developing more than a team, they're building character and a strong mindset for success on and off the field.



Jennings Unveils New Mascot

After a full week of exciting student and alumni events, including the unveiling of the new mascot, the Jennings Warriors remained undefeated at the Homecoming 2025 football game. Thanks to JSD Athletic Director Marlos Reynolds and his team of students, staff and alumni, the Warriors have a mascot that unifies the District in its spirit of strength, courage and determination.

Band Places Third at Ameren Event

Nov. 22 was a beautiful day in downtown St. Louis and the sun shone even brighter after a third-place finish.

The Jennings Marching Warrior Band joined other bands in practice before the Ameren Thanks-for-Giving Parade. Band Director **Brittney Dickson** called it a great bonding opportunity. "The high school musicians and one college band were receptive and courteous as they treated onlookers to a sort of pre-show," she said. "There is nothing like the sound of music notes and drum beats bouncing off the downtown buildings."

Saving their best for the judges, the band performed "The Show" by Doug E. Fresh with precision and flair. "This was the first time we marched in this parade. I knew we would perform well, but I was blown away when we were awarded third place!" Dickson added. At just 51 members, the band was small but mighty.

Afterward, students visited the Christmas town and food trucks along the route, proving even high schoolers love a Kid Zone every now and then!

Stallone Helps Etiquette Students Dress for Success!

Dressing for success is a key lesson in the District's six-week Etiquette course, but students recently learned an unexpected lesson about community from a local family-owned business.



Stallone Formal Wear Owner **Phillip Stallone Jr.** *(center right of lower right photo)* and Manager **Louie Perez** *(far left of lower right photo)* recently fitted 20 sixth- through 12th-grade young men with suits for their culminating Etiquette Banquet. Their generous support helped to elevate the students' style. It also boosted their self-esteem to augment the new skills learned in the Etiquette class.

The young ladies *(photo above)* received their attire courtesy of the school district, making the event a true celebration of teamwork, confidence and shared investment in student success. The experience gave all students not only the chance to practice professional presentation but also to feel the support of their broader community.

For more information on the Etiquette class, contact Instructor **Debbie Jones-Fowler, Ed.D.,** at JonesFowlerD@JenningsK12.us.



Stallone Formal Wear owner and manager proudly present clothing donated for JSD Etiquette students.

Alliance Credit Union Offers Star Student Savings



Alliance also offers a GenFree Checking account for individuals ages 13 to 25.

Real World Learning Consultant **Shinita Jones, Ed.S.**, walked parents and guardians through community, learning, health and financial resources during the November MSIP6 Café. Special guests from Alliance Credit Union spoke about their **Star Student Savings** incentive program and similar opportunities for children, birth through age 12 years. Students earn cash incentives for saving and for top grades. Learn more at alliancecu.com/youth-savings.html.

Hosted by Director of Assessment and Data **Monica Barnes-Boateng, Ed.D.**, the District's MSIP6 Community of Learners Cafés offer timely, real-world topics with food, fun and door prizes. Reserve your seats now for the MSIP6 Café sessions on Feb. 26 and March 26 by visiting JenningsK12.org/MSIP6Cafe.

Affinia Partnership is Just What the Doctor Ordered

Thanks to a new partnership with Affinia Healthcare, Jennings parents can enjoy greater peace of mind knowing they have access to the Fairview Clinic. Staffed by a roster of doctors, nurses and dentists, the clinic serves both the insured and uninsured. The new Affinia partnership started on Nov. 12, 2025, and the clinic will be open every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. when school is in session. The clinic is located in the back of Fairview Elementary School, but is open to all District families each Wednesday with visits coordinated by the nursing and social worker teams.

"Our aim is to promote preventive care and increase access to fast, quality, affordable health care for all Jennings families," **Leslie Thomas-Washington, Ed.D.,** Student Support Services administrator said. "We are excited to welcome Affinia onboard as they have an efficient delivery system that provides skilled medical staff to diagnose, treat and prescribe as needed. The Fairview Clinic is a full-service operation with spaces dedicated to health and dental care and designed primarily to serve students but it's also open to staff.

"In addition to treating the ailments of this cold and flu season, the Affinia team ensures that, with parental permission, we are equipped to offer immunizations, checkups, physicals, treatment options and referrals. Through the clinic, we are teaching our students the importance of being proactive with health care by getting regular checkups. Students must feel well in order to fully receive the great instruction happening in our classes."

Thomas-Washington said the mobile dental van makes monthly visits and the service is well-received by students who appreciate being treated in comfort and privacy.



Left: District Social Worker Heather Simpson and Affinia's "Nurse Sue" administer immunizations to a Woodland student.

EdZone Lockers Opened by Little Bit and Chris Long Foundations!

As one of two local pilot programs in the metro St. Louis area, Jennings Middle School students delivered a resounding display of appreciation for the **Chris Long Foundation** and the **Little Bit Foundation** during the Dec. 4, 2025, installation of new EdZone supply lockers *(right)*. The lockers are installed in the school's Little Bit Boutique and provide easy access to hygiene and personal-needs items. Both foundations engage a network of suppliers to help ensure EdZones in the St. Louis area and other cities stay stocked with quality, name brand items that appeal to students, boost confidence and make it easier to be in class every day.





New Indoor Playground Invites Preschoolers to Stay & Play!

Following a Jan. 15 ribbon-cutting, Fairview Primary School's Early Childhood Education students explored their new 3,000-square-foot indoor **"Stay & Play"** space, featuring safe, state-of-the-art equipment for children ages three to five districtwide, allowing them to climb, crawl and swing safely on layered soft padding.

"Playtime is serious business for three- to five-year-olds," **Kimberly Wooden,** JSD director of early childhood education and extended programs, said. "It's primarily a physical course, but strategically designed with sensory elements to ensure preschoolers are always learning and building skills."

Fairview serves 84 of the District's 134 preschool students and was selected as the site after two years of planning. Wooden noted the indoor play space is a passion project of Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.** *(photo bottom right)*. It provides preschoolers a place to play and exercise, rain or shine.

"Our preschool team researched state-of-the-art equipment," Knight said. "We built our playground on a scale that beckons young students and emboldens them to be adventurous in the safety of a carefully designed space."

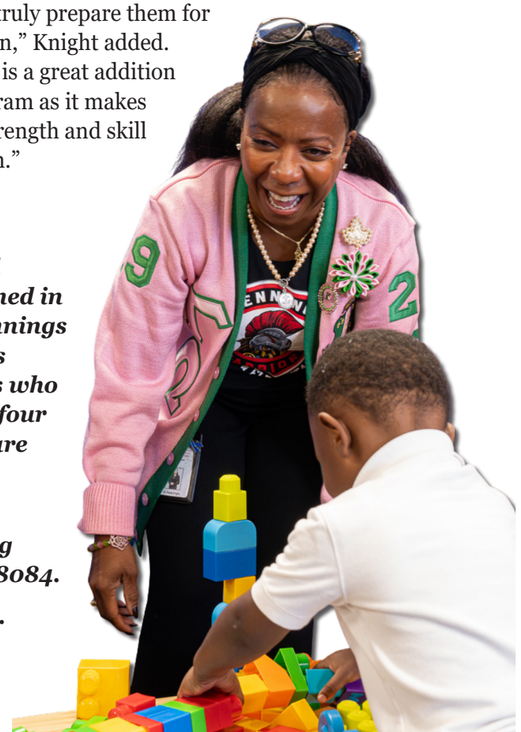
The space supports all learners, including special education students, helping bridge academic, social and emotional gaps between preschool and kindergarten.

The area and hallways feature colorful murals by local artist **Brock Seals** *(photo bottom left with Principal Duncan)*, Jennings High School class of 2011. Professional athletes and musicians sport Seals' custom sneakers, and his paintings have hung in the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis and Art Basel in Miami. He said, "I'm always tapped into my inner child," evidenced in his Stay & Play murals.

An interactive whiteboard allows the space to double as an activity classroom. Staff plan to schedule regular use, field trips and special programs throughout the year.

"It's important to get young students into school early in order to truly prepare them for kindergarten," Knight added. "This space is a great addition to our program as it makes learning, strength and skill building fun."





FREE preschool enrollment opened in January for Jennings School District's young residents who will be three or four by July 31 and are potty-trained.

Apply online at JenningsK12.org or call 314-653-8084.

Space is limited.

Jennings Is Rolling With Enterprise Mobility



A $100,000 grant from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation to the Jennings School District's Friends of Jennings Foundation helped offset a significant portion of the District's transportation costs for the 2025-26 school year.

The funding supported the purchase of a second shuttle bus, which is being used for daily transportation for students across the District. It also provides out-of-town travel for field trips and athletics events; expanding opportunities for student participation and learning.

Synapsory Rooms Offer a Complete Sensory Experience

Fairview Primary (K-3) and Intermediate (4-6) school students are excited about the addition of two sensory rooms. Designed with state-of-the-art sensory activities, the new spaces were sponsored by The Synapsory (thesynapsory.org).

According to founder **Terrie Desloge**, every item placed in the rooms is of the highest quality and built to last for years. "(They) will bring sensory regulation to the child, improving behavior, anxiety and helping them learn. Because a child, unless they're sensory regulated, can't learn and can't behave properly."

Desloge says that by watching their students engage with the equipment and activities, teachers and parents can learn more about what is needed. Students will find the activities calming or stimulating, and will gravitate toward what they need at the time. Every station within the two Jennings locations has a specific sensory function. Some activities bring the "razzle-dazzle" (an interactive light box) to stimulate and excite through lights, sounds and touch. Exercise becomes fun thanks to a special slide with rolling bars and trampolines. Using the same methods, other activities are designed to calm and soothe through colorful visual displays and mirrors. These elements help each student become part of the learning process – finding out what works best in the moment.



Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.,** learned of the program through a partnership with the St. Louis County Police Department.

Sgt. Brendan McCrary, who attended the unveiling said the finished rooms surpassed his highest expectations. "What I really appreciate about Terry is that these kids have the talent, but some don't have the opportunity – and she's bringing the opportunity."

Hoo-Ah! Angel Coleman – *Graduate Spotlight*

Few people can say that they graduated from college BEFORE they graduated high school. Thanks to the Jennings School District's Early College Academy (ECA), **Angel Coleman**, JSD Class of 2025, earned her associate degree from St. Louis Community College in February 2025–becoming one of the youngest graduates at age 17. She went on to complete her Jennings High School studies and graduate with her 2025 cohort last May.

Angel, a church leader and praise dancer, excelled in JROTC and athletics before surprising her family by enlisting in the U.S. Army. Supported by her parents, **Sherry and Pastor Ronald Coleman**, she completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, just before Thanksgiving and will now spend the next 16 weeks training in her chosen specialty.

"I am excited that basic (training) is over and she won't have to endure that," Angel's mother said. "She was a strong basketball and softball player thanks to her coaches, but I was glad she was able to come through the basics without quitting or getting hurt." She added with a smile, "She's stronger than I thought!"

The Coleman family spent Thanksgiving near the base due to Angel's limited time off. Her mother said they expected her to pursue an aerospace-related career. "When she was just 15, she learned to fly an airplane," referring to the ECA and Wings of Hope partnership, which introduced students to MEDIVAC aviation and piloting.



Above: Cadette Angel Coleman with Cadette Sgt. Sinclair await "tap out" following basic training graduation parade.



Left: Angel Coleman with supportive parents, Sherry and Pastor Ronald Coleman

Eager to keep learning, Angel surprised her parents again by electing to study chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defense, which focuses on protecting soldiers from CBRN threats. Interestingly, Fort Leonard Wood also refers to its soldiers as "Warriors!"

Jennings welcomes stories about JSD graduates. Share yours by emailing communications@jenningsk12.us.

Superintendent Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

The University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL) recognizes the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients during its annual Founders Celebration on Sept. 25.

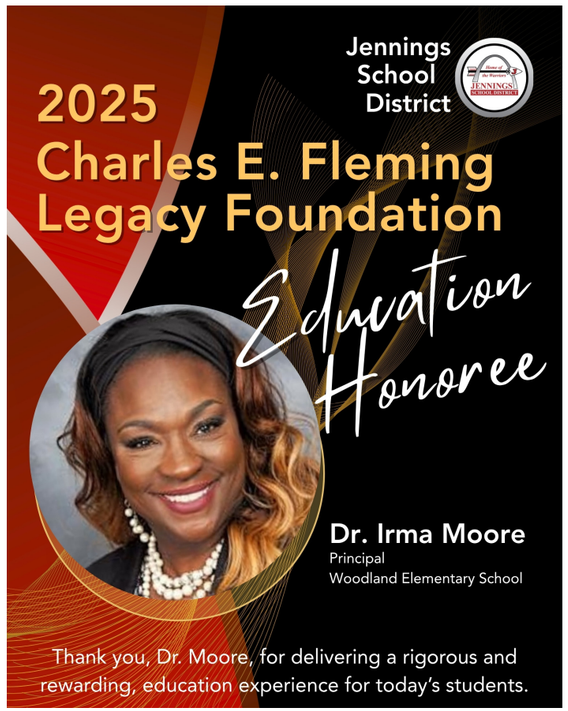
Congratulations to JSD Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.**, who was among four accomplished honorees and the third member of her family to earn a degree from UMSL. She accepted her award from **Kat Riddler** of the UMSL Alumni Association.



JSD Superintendent Paula D. Knight, Ed.D., (right) shakes hands with UMSL's Kat Riddler (left) after receiving 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Jennifer Tausig, associate vice chancellor for UMSL Alumni Engagement, explained that there is an exhaustive vetting process each year, "This (Distinguished Alumni) award is the highest honor bestowed by the UMSL Alumni Association."

Alumni honored with the coveted Triton pin are **Mary Troy**, B.A. 1970; **Paula D. Knight**, M.Ed. 1996, Ed.S. 2008, Ed.D. 2014; **Sam Ganga**, M.B.A. 1989; and **Luke Coffey**, B.A. 2002. **Eric'el Johnson**, B.S.E.E. 2019, is the recipient of the Desmond Lee Philanthropy Award.





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Partners Team Up to Provide Meals for Winter Break

On Dec. 17, the District's J-Town Food Market hosted a major holiday food distribution organized by The Little Bit Foundation and Operation Food Search, with support from the St. Louis County Children's Services Fund. The event provided 200 fresh produce boxes and 480 food boxes filled with meal kits and healthy snacks. Superintendent **Paula D. Knight, Ed.D.,** noted that food insecurity increases during long school breaks and praised the partners for offering stability and hope to families.

The Little Bit president and CEO **Miranda Walker Jones** said this year's effort distributed 4,300 kits to about 8,000 families, across the metro area.

Operation Food Search president and CEO **Kristen Wild** highlighted rising costs, SNAP uncertainty and last summer's tornado as reasons these events are critical.

J-Town also partners with **St. Louis Food Bank** to support families with bi-monthly Friday distributions.

For more details or to support J-Town, visit JenningsK12.org/121725JTown or contact Leon Hite, Ph.D., at 314-653-7810 or HiteL@JenningsK12.us.

Upcoming Calendar Highlights

Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
Feb. 26: MSIP6 Café (5-6:30 p.m., Gore Center)
March 9-13: Conference Week
March 12: End of 3rd Quarter
March 12: Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:30 p.m.)
March 13: NO SCHOOL - Conferences (8-11 a.m.)
March 16-20: NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
March 26: MSIP6 Café (5-6:30 p.m., Gore Center)
April 3-6: NO SCHOOL – Spring Recess
April 16: Friends of Jennings Reception - *Details to Come*
May 18-21: Finals Week at Jennings High School
May 21: End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School
May 22: Last Day for Teachers
May 22: Jennings High School Graduation
May 25: Memorial Day
May 26-28: Possible Make-up Days
August 8: District Jamboree for SY 2026-27

Friends Foundation Reception: April 16

The Friends of Jennings Foundation invites the community to an evening of food and music on April 16, 2026, at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, featuring saxophonist **Tim Cunningham**. Proceeds support students and teachers. *For details on ways be involved, email Debbie Jones-Fowler at JonesFowlerD@JenningsK12.us.*