

# JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



## Band

Spring is here and many activities are starting up! As these activities begin, please help your band student find time to fit in practicing their instruments so they are ready for their concert! The Spring Concert is on May 18th at the BHS theatre at 7pm. Students have received a permission slip with all the details. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## ART

During Open House, please come down to view the artwork in the lower hallway of the Art Room with additional artwork in and outside of select classrooms.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families,

Spring break is near - please make note there is no school April 11-16 (and the 18th if Dr. Landahl announces so).

We are excited for our **Open House on Monday April 4th!** Please come anytime between 6 - 7:30 to visit your child's classroom and see all the wonderful work they have engaged in this school year!

Also, this year we will have a **Community Connections Fair** in partnership with local organizations that serve our students/families - please be sure to stop in our gym and cafe/multipurpose room to connect with these great groups! A flier (also posted on our website) was backpacked home with your student!

**Other dates to note:**

**Sat. April 23rd** - Earth Day Clean Up hosted Green Beacon Coalition

**Wed. April 20th 8:20am** - Our Autism Awareness & Acceptance Walk to School Day: Walkers/students/families will meet at the Roundhouse lot area (flier will be shared soon)

**Sat. April 30th** - PTSO & JVF BLT (Building Leadership Team) Spring Fest 2pm - 5pm (Rain Date May 1st)

Crystal Sessions-Wiggins

JV Forrestal Principal

Beacon City School District

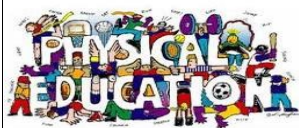
In Physical Education,

During the first week of April we will be swimming at BHS

In April will be starting bowling!

Please make sure to wear sneakers for PE days!

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!



## General Music

The music room is full of tunes played on the Orff instruments lately. Students in all grade levels are tapping melodies of varying lengths and notes. Second grade through fourth grade students are also improvising melodies and learning about form. First graders are even reading, notating and playing 2-tone songs on a 2-line staff. Fifth graders are continuing their exploration of world music.

Chorus is rehearsing for our **Spring Concert on May 18th at 7:00 pm at Beacon High School. All are welcome.**



# Grade Level News

During the month of April in Pre-K, we will continue working on letters and sounds. We will continue to work on numbers and counting. We will begin to learn about plants. We will also learn about April holidays.

Kindergarten is lacing up our walking shoes as we get ready to go out into the community and explore the beauty of the Beacon!

Last month our First Graders ended the month with an Amazing Animal Expo to show what they learned about Vertebrate Animals. This month we are going to learn about Light & Sound Waves! We are finishing our Family & Quilts unit in Social Studies. In math we are looking at shapes and learning about geometry. And in ELA we are going on adventures as we read Character Books and learn about story elements like characters, setting & plot.

Happy spring to our second-grade families! We are excited to be studying cycles of nature in both science and ELA. We will be writing about different kinds of animals and their lives. And social studies we will be comparing the present-day to what lives were like long ago. In math, we will be continuing with multiplication and division as well as working on time and money. We are excited to start getting back out to the garden. We will also be starting our time with artists from DIA. We also look forward to seeing you on April 4th at Open House to show some of the great work we have been doing.

Spring is finally here! This is an exciting month in 3rd grade. This month we will officially begin Calico Ball practices! Mrs. Regg and Mrs. Ciotoli's classes will be studying the country of India! They will learn a native dance to perform in the 32nd Annual Calico Ball in the BCSD! We are thrilled to be able to have an in-person performance for families this year in June! This event is always something students remember throughout their whole BCSD career!

Fourth graders are reading and writing their hearts out! We have been working hard on answering a question about our text, and using text-based evidence to support our answer. Fractions have come to life in fourth grade and we're having fun with them. We are enjoying the warmer weather and are excited to be outside more!

5th grade is so excited to show off their classroom to their families at Open House. We are so eager to begin our final quarter of elementary school!!

MAPS B - Happy April! This month in Room 5 we are excited to continue to learn about spring and how the weather changes with our season change. We are also going to be learning about the life cycles of various plants and animals. We will also be continuing learning about numbers.

MAPS C - Happy Spring! This month we will be studying living and non-living things. We will continue to learn about money and measurement. The students will also be introduced to line graphs. We will take the opportunity to learn outside as soon as the weather warms up. We are looking forward to a bright April!

## IMPORTANT DATES

4/4	JV Forrestal Open House 6-7:30 PM
4/11 - 4/15	Spring Recess
4/19	Spring Picture Day
4/26-4/28	NYS MATH Testing

## LIBRARY NEWS:

In Library/Media this month, all classes will be focusing on Digital Citizenship in addition to our normal routines and activities.



## HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

We survived a long stressful winter. Spring is here! Along with Spring comes Spring allergies. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies a doctor's note relating to his/her symptoms would be greatly appreciated. I appreciate all of your efforts and communications with me in helping to keep our students safe. I ask that we as a community continue to be diligent in keeping sick students home and continue preventive hygiene of hand washing or using sanitizers.

A reminder that all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have physicals. If you haven't already, please send in a copy for our records.

May we all have a healthy and inspiring Spring!

Carol Struble, RN  
JV Forrestral School Nurse



## NEWS FROM JVF PTSO

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BOOK FAIR** Thank you to all those who shopped our Split Rock Book Fair! We will soon announce the three lucky winners of the \$25 Split Rock gift cards!

**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER – WED. APRIL 6** Skip a night of cooking and benefit JVF too! Order [dinner online](#) and pick up from Chipotle Fishkill using the Promo Code **MQV89WK** on the Chipotle app or website. The JVF PTSO will receive 33% of sales! Yum!

**EARTH DAY CLEANUP – SAT. APRIL 23** JVF will once again be participating in the Beacon-wide Earth Day Cleanup on the morning of Saturday, April 23, in partnership with Green Beacon Coalition. We'll focus on cleaning up the mini hiking trail that starts near the 4th grade entrance! Volunteers needed!

**JVF SPRINGFEST – SAT. APRIL 30** Building off the success of our Fall Fun Day, we're collaborating with the JVF Building Leadership Team (BLT) to plan an outdoor fun day, with lots of great activities for families and a green/sustainability focus, in line with the BCSD Board of Education's sustainability goals. Taking place on Saturday, April 30 (rain date Sunday, May 1). Volunteers needed!

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JVF ALUMS** Each year, the J.V. Forrestral PTSO offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are JVF alums. [Click here](#) for the link to this year's application — all applications should be emailed to [jvfptso@gmail.com](mailto:jvfptso@gmail.com) by April 30th. Please help spread the word!

**ORDER YEARBOOKS ONLINE** [Click here](#) to order yearbooks online (\$15 each) through April 26. Special thanks to our yearbook advisors, Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Dinkins, for putting this together!

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** Over spring break, the PTSO will be installing a Little Free Library outside near the kindergarten entrance. Special thanks to Kristen Holt-Browning and Andrea Lenci-Cerchiara for organizing, to Mandy and Daryl Embry for their help with its design and painting, and to Valerie Shively and Hayden Cummings for their help with its installation!

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES** We're getting ready to assemble next year's PTSO board, ahead of elections in May! If you'd like to get involved, or just have questions what the board positions entail, please [get in touch](#)! We can always create or shape a role to fit your time and interests. Our programming is only as good as our volunteer support. Thank you for stepping up to support JVF!

**APRIL PTSO MEETING** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 7pm in-person! We will review upcoming initiatives. We hope to see everyone there — please check [www.jvfptso.com](http://www.jvfptso.com) or our [Facebook](#) page for details on where to meet.

### 2021–2022 JVF PTSO Board Members:

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