MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families,

Tis’ the season, Forrestal Falcon Families & Caregivers!

During this month it is always so special to learn about the many cultural traditions as well as holidays celebrated within our school community! As a school, across each grade level, students learn about holidays around the world as well as have the opportunity to share their cultural traditions and/or holidays they may celebrate. There is beauty in diversity and it makes our school and community a special place - to have a range of cultures, traditions, people, and places represented adds to the holiday spirit during this season!

Checkout the Principal’s Monthly Post for December here with more information for this month, as well as a google form for families to share about their cultural traditions and holidays celebrated during this season.

With a joyful heart,
Principal Wiggins

“Fostering Loving and Caring environment On a daily basis with all students’ Needs at the center of our work!”

In Physical Education

In December, we are working on our basketball unit.

Happy, healthy Holidays!

Stay active and keep moving!

ART

We are getting ready for Winter and the holidays in art while working with line, shape and patterns.

Band

The 5th grade band is very excited to perform on December 13th at 7pm in the BHS theater. We hope you can come out to support the students. The 4th grade band students just started to play together as a band. They enjoyed hearing how the whole group sounds together. Please continue to remind and encourage your band students to practice!!

General Music

JV Forrestal Winter Concert
Tuesday December 13th
7:00 p.m.
Beacon High School Theatre
Featuring the 5th Grade Band
&
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Chorus
Grade Level News

During the month of December Pre-K will continue to study the letters of the alphabet. We will also continue to study numbers and counting. Pre-K will learn about winter Holidays such as Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. We will also learn about the Five Senses. Pre-K will study the different Gingerbread fairy tales.

Kindergarten is looking forward to learning about family holidays and traditions. We can’t wait to experience the magic of the Nutcracker Ballet as we head to the Bardavon Opera House on December 8th!

Happy December! Winter holidays have begun! First graders will be celebrating diversity by learning about the various winter holidays around the world. We will share our own family traditions for the holidays and we will be decking the halls with our work. Happy Holidays! See you in 2023!!!

Second grade is excited to begin our Holidays Around the World unit. We will discuss the symbolism of lights in all of these important celebrations. In science, we will be talking about animals and their adaptations including migration, hibernation, and camouflage. In social studies, we will continue discussing communities and families, especially how they celebrate holidays. In math, we will be starting adding and subtracting with regrouping and doing word problems centered around the holidays. Get ready for two-syllable words in spelling!

We can’t believe it’s December and the holidays are upon us! It was so great to meet with all of the parents before Thanksgiving break and have such wonderful conversations. We are super excited for what’s ahead this month. In ELA, we will be starting our second module which will focus on nonfiction texts. Students will have an opportunity to become an expert on a freaky frog of their choice. We will also be studying holidays around the world in lieu of our social studies curriculum and that we are officially in the midst of the holiday season. Students have been working super hard and making great progress!! We are excited for what December will bring.

Fourth grade is looking forward to learning about structure, function, and information processing in Science. Students will be learning about Colonization and Revolution during Social Studies. We will also be having read-aloud about different Holidays Around the World.

Fifth grade is having fun planning and carrying out investigations while we learn about Space Systems in Science. We are working in groups to learn more about complex societies in Social Studies. We are working hard to master multi-digit multiplication.

MAPS A - Room 6 will be learning about the holidays celebrated around the world! Students will be listening to stories, making traditional decorations, and more! We will be exploring greater than or less than in math workshop and continuing our illustrations to tell stories in our writer's workshop!

MAPS B - Happy December! With winter coming we are going to spend this month talking about changing seasons and working on winter/snow vocabulary. We are also going to talk about holidays that we celebrate at this time of year and discuss vocabulary associated with them!

MAPS C - Happy December! This month we will work on our Healthy Habits Unit. We are building our computation skills and learning how to solve word problems. Our class will also talk about holidays celebrated around the world. We are looking forward to a great month!

IMPORTANT DATES

12/22 & 12/30 Winter Break - School Closed
12/23 & 12/26 District Closed
1/2/23 District Closed
1/3/23 School reopens
LIBRARY NEWS:

This month in Library/Media we are holding our annual Save the Gingerbread Man activity. All students have received a packet to take home. Additionally, students in grades 2 and above are using the district set of ZSPACE augmented reality computers as part of our emerging technology unit.

HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy December EVERYONE! I appreciate all of your efforts and communications in helping to keep our students safe this year. ALL medication needs to be dropped off by a parent/guardian and must be signed by the parent/guardian and physician. Medication Orders expire every year, please fill out a new one for all prescribed medication; Medication Order Form

A reminder that all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students are required to have physicals. Please send in copies if your student will be entering any of these grades. Please contact my office, 845-838-6900 ext 5610 if you have any questions.

May we all have a healthy and enjoyable November!

JV Forrestal School Nurse

NEWS FROM JVF PTSO

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