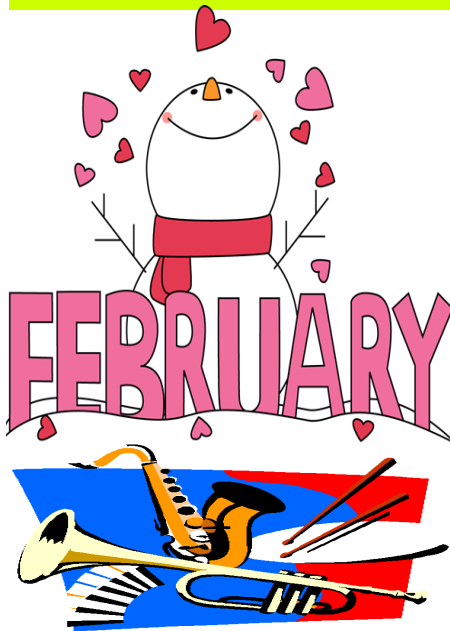


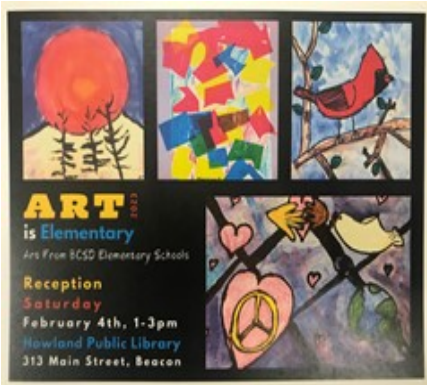
JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

The 5th grade band students had a great time playing with some of the BHS band students. They are looking forward to going to the high school in March and playing a song together with the entire BHS band! I would like to congratulate Avery Persico on being asked to be part of the Elementary All County Band. The 5th graders composed their own Variation on a Theme by Mozart and will be recording them to be played on the morning news show in March. The 4th grade band students have been working on playing together as a band and have started working on their concert songs. Please remind your band student that individual practice is an extremely important part of learning to play an instrument.

ART JVF ARTISTS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families and Caregivers,

At JV Forrestal Elementary School, with the support and leadership of our building Equity Team we will be holding our 5th Annual Black History Month Gallery Walk and school wide studies in February! While this month is recognized as Black History Month our learning of historical contributions of African Americans is ongoing and not limited to February! Classes will learn about African Americans represented in the literacy field - specifically Authors and Illustrators. In the past we've focused on learning about African American representation in various fields including trailblazers from Beacon, Dutchess County and/or NYS (21-22), The Arts (20-21), specifically Music, Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, Dance, and Creative Arts, as well as STEM (19-20), and areas of leadership and innovation (18-19). Our learning will be shared and displayed throughout the school at the end of the month for our school wide Gallery Walk on Monday 2/27 during the day and 6-7pm for families/caregivers! Our Equity Team is also providing staff with resources and book lists to support their research endeavors!

Principal Wiggins

*"Fostering **A**Loving and **C**aring environment **O**n a daily basis with all students' **N**eeds at the center of our work!"*

In Physical Education

February is heart health month!
Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

Our 3rd through 5th grade students are just finishing the recorder unit and have earned the Recorder Karate belts for their grade level. These students have just begun working on naming the notes on the treble and/or bass staff. The second grade students will be identifying 4 notes on the 2-line and 5-line treble staff and will soon be reading and playing songs of 5 pitches from the treble staff. First graders are writing and identifying notes G, E and A from the 2-line staff. Kindergarteners are reading and playing beat pictures on the barred instruments in a pentatonic scale. Pre-k students are working on using their singing voices and experiencing the steady beat in a variety of ways. All students in grades 1 - 5 will also soon be listening and identifying rhythm patterns of varying complexity based on their grade level.



Grade Level News

During the month of February, Pre-K will begin our review of the alphabet and focus on lowercase letters. We will continue to work on numbers, counting, and shapes. Pre-K will learn about holidays such as Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, and President's Day. We will also continue our study of animals.

Kindergarten is deep into our ocean unit! Looking forward to our field to Maritime Aquarium, our Ocean Expo and our Under the Sea Beach Party!

First grade is deep into one of their favorite units in science, animals! This month we are learning all about the form and function of the five vertebrate animal groups this month. Our reading and writing this month will compliment our science unit as we learn to read nonfiction for text features and write our own All About books filled with facts we are finding in our nonfiction animal books. In social studies we are highlighting Black History Month with important figures from past and present. In math we will continue to sharpen our math addition and subtraction skills by learning the Make Ten and Take From Ten strategies. Finally, February is full of many celebrations/holidays where we can incorporate fun into our learning with Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Days of School, and Presidents Day!

February is one of the best months in second grade! We begin our study of people who fight for a cause! We become advocates and champions! We will also study matter in science. Look forward to doing a great project at home. We will continue our hard work in math doing addition and subtraction with regrouping of three digit numbers. We will focus on being kind as we get ready for Valentine's Day and celebrate famous groundhogs. We would also like to send out a special thank you to all families as we celebrated Chinese New Year in January and especially to the restaurant, Asian Ginger for giving us a real break when we purchased the food for the kids. They were very kind and the food was amazing.

Wow, we can't believe we have officially started the third quarter of the school year! Our third graders are working extremely hard and making a ton of growth. We have picked out our Calico Ball countries and are gearing up to start those units at some point this quarter. Mrs Ciotoli's class will be studying Brazil and Mrs Regg's class is studying Germany. We can't wait to dig deeper into our country studies and learn as much about their cultures as we can! :)

Fourth graders are looking forward to learning about a lot of African American heroes during Black History Month. For our gallery walk will be learning and writing about Amanda Gorman (Mrs. Reinoehl) and Lloyd Cooper (Ms. Duffy). We will be starting Module 4 for Math.

Fifth grade is working on learning about the rainforest. They will be working very hard conducting research on animals that live in the rainforest and write a persuasive essay stating why we should save the rainforest.

MAPS A - Room 6 will be exploring the concepts surrounding baking and restaurants! In our dramatic play area, students will have a restaurant set-up to play, practice, and learn new vocabulary. This will blend nicely with Valentine's Day celebrations and our new math unit: subtraction!

MAPS B - Happy February! This month we will be continuing to learn about the season of winter and studying winter weather as it comes. We will also be learning about animals that hibernate. We will also continue to work on place value, identifying numbers and using our skills to add and subtract.

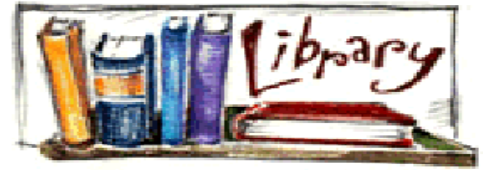
MAPS C - Happy February! This month we will continue our unit on seasons and weather. We will focus on money in math. Our coffee cart will assist in the student's understanding of using money in action. The students will practice using self-care vocabulary. We are looking forward to a great month!

IMPORTANT DATES

2/7, 2/14, 2/21 & 2/28	ELA & ENL TUESDAYS RISE SUPPORT PROGRAM
2/16 & 2/23	MATH THURSDAYS RISE SUPPORT PROGRAM
2/20/23	Presidents' Day - District Closed

LIBRARY NEWS:

In February in Library/Media, grades 3-5 are finishing their 3D printing projects and wrapping up our emerging technologies unit. All grades will be exploring biographies and supporting the school-wide celebration of Black History Month.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy February 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](#)

Please remember children should be free from rash, fever and vomiting for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

A reminder that all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1, 3 and 5. 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 February!

Alta Clary

JV Forrestal School Nurse



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