

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

March is Music is our Schools Month and to celebrate the 5th grade band students had the opportunity to perform a song with the Beacon High School band! A link will be shared with the 5th grade band students so they can share the experience with their family and friends. The 5th grade band students also composed their own variation of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and they are being played on the morning news show throughout this month. The 4th Grade band students are coming along with their concert music and are getting excited for their first concert coming in May! Keep practicing!!

ART

We will be celebrating Women's History Month in March with artists Sonia Delauney's designs and patterns, Mary Blair artist for Disney extraordinaire, and Georgia O'Keeffe's Lake George Landscapes.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families and Caregivers,

We are "Marchin' on" and time is flying!

Here are updates and happenings for this month at JVF:

Principal's Monthly Post (March)

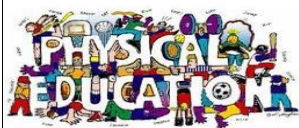
Think Spring,

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

We are swimming at BHS in March
Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

In recognition of Black History Month, all our students learned about the life of Ella Fitzgerald. Besides singing and playing various songs and classroom instruments, students in grades 1 - 5 have been identifying music notation including the names of the notes on the 2-line or 5-line treble staff and basic rhythm symbols and 4 beat patterns.



Grade Level News

During the month of March, Pre-K will continue our study of alphabet letters. We will continue to learn about shapes and counting objects. Pre-K will learn about the season of Spring. We will listen to classic tales such as The Lion and the Mouse.

Kindergarten is feeling lucky with all of the creativity, home parent involvement and exploration. Happy March!

First grade is having a great March! We are finishing our Form & Function science unit on vertebrates with an Animal Expo to show off their hard work! In math we are learning about measurement and graphing picto and bar graphs. In writers workshop we are writing opinion and persuasive works. In readers workshop we continue to become fluent with nonfiction texts. And in social studies Women's history has been a focal point for this month's lessons.

This month in second grade we are excited to have chef in the classroom and we will start our work with DIA. We will be going swimming as well. In math we will be working on multiplication and division. We will be continuing our study of women's history, studying amazing women and writing biographies. In social studies and science we will be studying geography and landforms. We will continue to work on our controlled vowels. We look forward to seeing families at open house on March 15th.

March is here and we are busy in 3rd grade!!! This month we will be focusing on learning about wolves in non-fiction as we gear up for our field trip in May to the Wolf Conservation Center in Westchester. We will also be focusing on our world traveling, specifically, Ireland! We are excited to go swimming again with Mr. Z at Beacon High School and to show off all our hard work at Open House on Wednesday, March 15th! Towards the end of the month we are looking forward to having a Chef in the Classroom visit where we will be making traditional meals based on our Calico Ball countries (Brazil and Germany). Happy March!

The fourth grade classes have been keeping busy. We have wrapped up Unit 3 for Science; Waves: Waves and Information (Morse Code). The students have been discussing government and citizenship in Social Studies. We are looking forward to discussing Women's History Month.

March has been busy for fifth grade! We are working hard to decorate the classroom for Open House on March 15. We are going swimming at the high school on March 17! We are learning to add, subtract, and simplify fractions.

MAPS A - Room 6 is learning all about the doctor's office this month! Our dramatic play center is a doctor's office and students can pretend to be a doctor/nurse/receptionist or as a patient! In math we are finishing up our unit on subtraction and starting our exploration of geometry! Phonics is all about CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words and learning how to tap out the sounds in words.

MAPS B - Happy March! As spring begins we're going to spend this month talking about weather and how it changes from Winter to Spring. We will also begin to talk about the plants and animals that we will start to see again in the upcoming months. As always we'll continue to learn about math facts, spelling and reading. We're looking forward to Spring!

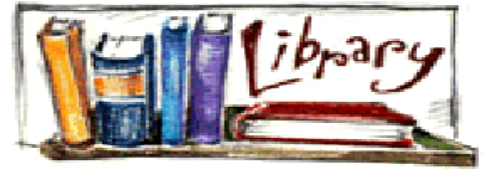
MAPS C - Happy March! This month we will continue our study of the weather and seasons. They will study the sky and clouds. The students will also be working with money to make a requested amount. We will learn how to use pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. We will welcome our mystery readers throughout the month. The coffee cart will also run weekly. We look forward to a greater month!

IMPORTANT DATES

3/10	Professional Community Learning Day - No Students
3/7, 3/14, 3/21 & 3/28	ELA & ENL TUESDAYS RISE SUPPORT PROGRAM
3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30	MATH THURSDAYS RISE SUPPORT PROGRAM

LIBRARY NEWS:

In Library/ Media this month we are continuing our biography studies for Women's History month. All classes will be visiting the Scholastic Book Fair during library classes.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy March 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 March!

Alta Clary

JV Forrestal School Nurse



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