

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

March is Music in our Schools month and to celebrate the 5th grade band students take a field trip to BHS so they can play a piece with the high school band. The students also get to sit next to a BHS band member that plays the same instrument as they do and listen to the high school perform a piece. The students are very excited for this experience. Please keep reminding your band students to practice at home!! Their spring concert will be here before we know it!! Spring Concert is on May 16th at BHS. Concert begins at 7pm. Students are asked to wear all black.

ART

There will be an elementary art show at the Howland Library beginning Saturday, March 9th. Select works from each elementary school will be on display in the gallery. Hope to see you there. The art will be displayed until the end of March.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Spring is near! Happy March, this month our students are learning so much across all grade levels and I have been especially excited about the continued SEL support of our district SEL TOSA, Ms. Dena Marro! Please see her newsletter shared below as well!

Today marks Women's History Month and our student council leaders will be interviewing women of JVF/BCSD for a series that will be featured on our school morning news show!

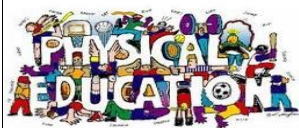
We are also gearing up for learning experiences through field trips in the coming weeks as well as our Music In Our School Concert at BHS - checkout all of the grade level news below for more on what's going on at your students' grade level!

Happy 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

In March we are starting Net Spots! Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

"Happy March, J.V.F. Families! March is "Music in Our Schools" month and to celebrate, chorus will be taking a field trip to Beacon High School the morning of March 14th for a joint concert/workshop with the other elementary schools and the high school chorus. Also upcoming is the elementary all county festival, to which J.V.F. will be sending two students. - Mr. Keener"



Grade Level News

During the month of March, Pre-K will begin our study of plants and things that they need to grow. We will continue to study letters, sounds, numbers, and shapes. We will learn about Spring and March holidays.

Kindergarteners are blooming into great readers and writers. Come see how we've grown at our March 21st Open House.

Happy Spring! In preparation for our Animal Expo first grade zoologists are learning about the remaining two animal groups. The Amphibians and the Fish. After March there will be no animal that these students will not be able to classify! In mathematics students will be learning how to solve more complex word problems as well as how to collect and organize data. In writing we will be learning about and writing persuasive arguments. In Social Studies students will be learning about influential women who have changed this world for the better.

Wow! It's almost Spring. In March, Second Grade will be continuing our study of addition and subtraction with regrouping. We will be continuing to discuss amazing women fighting for a cause in reading and writing. We will finish our fast and slow earth changes unit in science. We are looking forward to seeing Everyone at Open House on March 21 from 6-7:30.

Spring is almost here and we are so busy in 3rd grade! This month we will take a field trip to Bowdoin park with Glenham for the Maple Experience! We will also have Chef in the Classroom which is always a student favorite! Don't miss us at open house on March 21st. 3rd graders will be showing off all their wonderful work to their families!

Fourth Grade had a successful February! We've been working hard and enjoying our math modules. We are exploring long division and are excited to apply our skills to real world problems. In ELA, we are synthesizing information about the Colonial Times to help prepare us to write an informational essay. Students are especially loving reading groups and literature circles in which they are taking on more independent and advanced reading roles. Fourth Grade is looking forward to a joint Maple Experience field trip at Bowdoin Park with Glenham Elementary School- it is sure to be a treat!

Fifth Grade is finishing up division and beginning to learn more about fractions. We are learning a lot about Jackie Robinson as we read Promises to Keep. We are beginning to learn about Earth's Systems and New France.

Mrs. White's - Room 6 will be all about the human body!! Students will have a pretend play doctor's office and students will be learning about key vocabulary. We will be reading books on this subject to continue exploring jobs in our community. Kindergarten and First Grade will be exploring Geometry in both 2D and 3D shapes. In phonics, we will wrap up our kindergarten letter sounds unit and continue expanding on tapping out common CVC words. In first grade, we will be working on improving our reading comprehension, which will also involve more writing reflections on stories we have read!

Mrs. Reinoehl's - Room 5, we will be discussing weather. Students will learn how March comes in like a lion and goes out like lamb. We will also discuss what type of clothes we wear depending on the weather. They will learn about influential women that have helped change our world.

IMPORTANT DATES

3/10	Daylight Saving Time Start
3/11 - 3/15	PTSO Change Challenge Week
3/19	First Day of Spring
3/21	JV Forrestal Open House 6-7:30PM
3/22	Professional Learning Community Day - Dismissal @ 11:40am
3/25 - 4/1	Spring Recess - No Student Attendance

LIBRARY NEWS:

In Library/Media this month, we are celebrating Women's History Month with themed read alouds and continuing our digital literacy units.



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 and up-to-date NYS [immunization records](#). 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 Spring!

Alta Clary

JV Forrestal School Nurse



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