

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

The Spring Concert is on Thursday, May 8th. It will be at the Beacon High School Theater and starts at 7pm. Band students need to arrive at 6:45pm and report to the stage. At the conclusion of the concert, there will be a bake sale to raise money for the 4th grade band students' trip to see a Broadway show next year. The 4th and 5th grade band students have worked very hard preparing for their performances and are very excited to share what they have learned. Hope to see you there!!

ART

JVF young artists have been very busy! Pre-K students are learning about shapes through painting and collage. Kindergarten and first-grade artists are working on abstract sculptures using wood, wire, and found or recycled objects. Second-grade students will be taking advantage of the beautiful weather by creating collographs ("sun prints") outside using natural materials. Third grade is finishing their weavings and will soon begin their Calico Ball projects, making art inspired by the countries they are studying—Russia and Yemen! Fourth grade is completing their self-portraits and will start a collaborative drawing project with the fourth graders at South Ave. Fifth graders recently had a special visit from local artist Anette Millington to kick off a block printing project. Stay tuned for details about our annual art show on **June 7th!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Happy May! Be sure to check out grade-level happenings below and important updates and end-of-year events. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions and cultures of AAPI communities, check out our AAPI Book Room [HERE](#). It's also Mental Health Awareness Month, reminding us to care for our emotional well-being and I hope this serves as a reminder to take a mindful moment today, each day, to pause, breathe and reset! Your continued support is appreciated, thank you for your partnership and Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our amazing educators! Lastly, mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

May 7 - *Walk, Bike, Roll to School Day*: Meet at the Roundhouse Parking Lot at 8:00 AM; ride begins at 8:20 AM (Helmets required)

May 8 - *Spring Concert*: 7:00 PM at BHS Pete Seeger Theatre - Come support our Chorus and Band students

May 15 - *Kindergarten Orientation*: For PreK families and new BCSD Kinder registrants, 5:30-7:30 PM [RSVP HERE](#)

May 20th - BCSD Budget Vote and Election Polls will be open at 6:00am and will close at 9:00pm.

May 23, 26 & 27 - No School in observance of Memorial Day

Mrs. 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 May we are
starting our Frisbee Unit!
Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

"Happy Spring, JVF families! I hope everyone had a restful April break. Coming up is our Spring Concert for Chorus and Band which will be at 7 PM (chorus students arrive by 6:40) on the evening of Thursday, May 8th at Beacon High Schools' Pete and Toshi Seeger Theater. As always, students continue to sing, say, dance, and play in music class in every grade.

Best wishes!

Mr. Keener"



Grade Level News

During the month of May, pre- K will review the letters and their sounds. They will be making gifts for their mom's for Mother's Day and have our VIP tea party. We will continue to learn about Habitats. We will work on rhyming words. We will also continue to work on sequencing a story. We will continue to numbers and counting.

Eggciting things are happening in Kindergarten! We are eggspecting our new arrivals in a couple of weeks! Also in May, we will continue our Beacon Community exploration!

Happy May Flowers! First Grade Geometricians are hard at work with learning all about both 2D and 3D shapes. These brave mathematicians have been studying the different characteristics that make these shapes unique and special. To conclude our Animal units students will be going to the Bear Mountain Zoo to look at animals that live in New York State. In Social Studies we have been learning about maps and our community. May is also the start of our realistic fiction unit where students will learn how to identify different story elements. Enjoy this May Sunshine!

Greetings from Second grade! As we transition into May, we are excited for the learning adventures ahead and the activities that come with spring. We will continue our exploration of measurement. Soon, we will move on to Geometry and fractions, where students will practice identifying shapes and understanding parts of a whole. We are wrapping up our unit on Poetry. Students are focusing on using more detailed and colorful language, including idioms, similes, and onomatopoeia. Next, we will begin a unit on Insects, where students will research and create persuasive arguments about whether specific insects are harmful or helpful. In Social Studies, our current topic is comparing Beacon long ago to the present.

We are so excited for May in 3rd grade! This month our big focus will be preparing for the 35th Calico Ball! Students in Mrs. Regg's class are studying and learning a native dance from Russia. Mrs. Ciotoli's class is studying and learning a native dance from Yemen! Everyone is excited and working hard already! We are also looking forward to our trip to Hudson Highlands Nature Center in mid-May. Students will have the opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor activities that correlate to our ecosystem unit in Science.

4th grade is looking forward to celebrating our big achievement of State Testing! We have also enjoyed our annual Clearwater Sail on the historic Sloop. Up ahead, we have many fun units to learn still including an ELA unit all about healthy food choices, decimals, and the Revolutionary War!

The Fifth graders have been working hard on multiplying and dividing fractions! We are looking forward to end-of-the-year activities!

Mrs. White's - In May, our classroom will become a campsite! Students will continue learning about plants and insects while also getting to learn vocabulary and concepts surrounding a camp theme! In our first two weeks, our awesome student teacher, Ms. McKinney will be leading the room! All students will be learning all about coins in our math workshop and work on identifying the coins, discovering their values, and adding them! In phonics, our kindergarteners will continue to explore CVC words in two new word families. First and Second graders will finish reviewing vowel-consonant-e words and begin exploring r-control (ar/er/ir/ur) sounds! Keep up the great work Room 6!

Mrs. Reinoehl's - Room 5, During the month of May we will be discussing what type of animals we see at the zoo, why they are there, and who takes care of them. We will also be discussing why it is important to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On Friday's the students will make food based on AAPI month.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/7 - 5/8	NYS MATH TESTING DAYS
5/8	BAND AND CHORUS SPRING CONCERT @ BHS
5/13	NYS 5TH GRADE SCIENCE TEST
5/15	KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
5/19	5TH GRADE FIELD DAY
5/23 - 5/27	MEMORIAL DAY - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
5/26	MEMORIAL DAY - DISTRICT CLOSED
5/28 - 5/30	5TH GRADE TO SHARPE

LIBRARY NEWS:

In Library/Media this month we will be completing our Digital Citizenship unit for grades 3-5. Kindergarten has begun using the district keyboarding program and all grades will be enjoying literature that celebrates AAPI month.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy May 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, 1st, 3rd and 5th 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

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.0 or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. My doctor has evaluated me and I have a note to return to school.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school after being on drops for 24 hours.	Released by my medical provider to return to school
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