

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



The 4th and 5th grade band students should be practicing their instruments at home and submitting their songs on Smart Music the day before their lesson. There are resources on the google classroom for their instrument if they forgot something they learned in class. Band students should be practicing 100 minutes a week. If your child has any questions or is struggling, please email me at matus.je@beaconk12.org.

ART

Patterns and textures will be continued in our art work as well as the terms foreground, middle ground, and background.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be virtual and are being held Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday November 23rd. I am at two schools but can be reached through email if you'd like to set up a meeting (pezzo.c@beaconk12.org).



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families,

Last year I was here for the start of the school year and once again I would like to thank the JV Forrestal faculty and staff for a wonderful three months as their interim principal. Last year when I left JVF, I never imagined students and staff would still be wearing masks and Covid would still be a major health concern. I must applaud you all for your willingness to follow the CDC guidelines.

As we head into November, I would like to remind you that the doors for the start of school open at 8:40am and that children should not arrive much earlier than that time. As we prepare for the return of building principal Crystal Sessoms-Wiggins, it has been a pleasure working with all of you and I wish you the very best the rest of the school year. A special thank you to Martha and Gwen for their assistance in the main office. They were certainly a huge help and fun to work with.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Eric Romanino
Beacon City School District
JV Forrestal Interim Principal

In Physical Education,

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! We are starting our frisbee unit this month! Which means we will be outside everyday for PE. As the days start to get colder please dress appropriately!



General Music

Students in grades K and 1 are moving with their scarves, playing small percussion instruments to the steady beat and word rhythms, and focusing on the 4 voices (speaking, singing, shouting, whispering). Students in grades 2 - 5 are playing various rhythm patterns from notation on our classroom instruments.

Chorus

Rehearsals have begun. Students are learning warm-up exercises, breathing techniques and have begun learning repertoire for a future presentation (we hope) - date to be announced.

Ukulele

Lessons have begun for students in 4th and 5th grade. Students may still sign up for future sessions. Sign-up forms are available in a folder on the music room door.



Grade Level News

In November, Pre-k will continue our alphabet letter studies of D,E, F,G,H, and I. We will continue to work on counting 1-5. We will learn about Thanksgiving and families.

There is so much to be thankful for in Kindergarten. We are well into our Kindergarten year. We are thankful for our family, our friends and especially our time together in school!

Our Fabulous First Graders are learning so much this fall! Last month we enjoyed our trip to Storm King Art Center and back in the classroom we created our own giant art sculptures using the Engineering Design Process to guide us. We also learned all about Plants & Trees - their parts, roles/jobs, how they make their own food, and the seasons of a tree. This month in our Harvest Unit we will explore and expand our knowledge of Plants and Trees to learn how we get foods from Farm to Table. In Social Studies we will learn more Social Emotional Skills & Awareness with our Being Thankful Unit. In reading we are Word Detectives in Training! We are learning what it takes to tackle those tricky words we come across. And in writing we are learning to add more details to our Small Moment stories and to go back and check our story for punctuation, capitalization, and if it makes sense. Lastly, we can't wait to meet with parents this month for Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss your wonderful children and the progress they are making! Happy Thanksgiving!

In November, second grade will be doing some great work. We will be investigating Nonfiction text features in books and showing what we have learned in our writing. We will be learning about place value and starting regrouping in math. We will discuss our country's government in social studies and start to explore slow and fast earth changes in science. We can't wait to meet with you

We can't believe the first quarter is almost over!! Third graders have been doing a great job adjusting to school and learning all of our classroom routines and expectations. We are about to wrap up our very first math module on multiplication and division. Students finished a geography unit and did a wonderful job putting together their geography flip books. In ELA, we are continuing to practice important reading skills and strategies while also learning to write a complete paragraph. All students have been working super hard and we are so proud of them.

Fourth grade has begun learning about the Iroquois. They lived in what is now known as New York. We just finished area and perimeter and we're on to multiplication!

The Fifth Grade enjoyed our field trip to Dennings Point! We learned about invasive species, plankton, ecosystems, and wrote acrostic poetry inspired by nature. We are beginning our reading of Esperanza Rising and continuing to learn about controlled studies and place value.

MAPS B - In November we are looking forward to continuing to practice identifying our emotions through the Zones of Regulation. This month we will also be learning about turkeys, their life cycle and vocabulary words. We will be also focusing on acts of kindness this month and what we can do to be kind to others.

MAPS C - This month we will learn about our classroom jobs and how to best maintain our personal spaces. We will focus on our Taking Care of Me Unit and self-care vocabulary. We will also practice reading thermometers and important information that can be found on a calendar. In math, we will work on word problems, dividing things in half, and matching money to price tags. Happy November!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 2	Professional Learning Community Day - No Students
Nov 3	Picture Day
Nov 11	Veterans Day - District Closed
Nov 22	Half Day Dismissal (11:30 AM) - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:30 - 3:30 Teacher Conferences by appointment 5:00 - 8:00 Teacher Conferences by appointment
Nov 23	Half Day Dismissal (11:30 AM) - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:30 - 3:30 Teacher Conferences by appointment
Nov 24 - 26	Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed

LIBRARY NEWS:

All JVF Students K-5 will be using the district's set of zSpace augmented reality computers during the month of November. Students will have the opportunity to learn about and experience augmented and virtual reality. Also, a newly created collection of books to celebrate Indigenous Peoples will be displayed and available for teacher and student use.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

November is the month to give thanks. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/guardians for being in communication with me and being diligent in keeping your child/children and all the other students healthy and safe. With cold and flu season around the corner, I ask that you keep up the good work. Hopefully we will have immunizations for our 4-12yr olds within the next couple weeks. I encourage you to schedule an appointment with your pediatrician for the covid and flu shots before the holiday travels begin. I am always available for questions. If you have any doubt please reach out. Have a wonderful November. Remember hand washing and masks prevent the spread of germs.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Carol Struble, RN
JV Forrestal School Nurse



NEWS FROM JVF PTSO

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Fall Book Fair! In total we raised \$500 for the JVF PTSO! Your purchases supported both our school and a local, independent business. In addition, all of the teachers received \$100 gift certificates, so our classrooms are full of brand new books! The money raised will go directly back into the JVF community: for example, we will use some of these funds to purchase books for kids who join the school book club run by Mrs. Coleman. Thank you also, of course, to Michael and Heidi at [Split Rock Books](#) for all of their help, and to our Literacy Chair, Kristen Holt-Browning, for organizing!

PLAYGROUND PLANTINGS CLEANUP Huge thanks to Cheryl, Meg, Tessa, and Bethany for their hard work in cleaning up the plantings in the Buddy Bench corner of the upper playground! It was a lot of work to clear out the overgrown bushes and weeds, but now it looks beautiful! Thank you!!

MAPS TEAM COLLABORATION Thank you to Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Dinkins, their students, and the entire MAPS team for collaborating with us on keeping the front sign messaging fun and fresh each month! We are excited to involve students in this effort!

PICTURE DAY ON NOVEMBER 3 Picture Day is Wednesday, November 3! Flyers and order forms were sent home with your child. You can send a check in with your child on or before Picture Day, or you can order online before and after Picture Day (though there may be extra shipping and handling charges afterward). Visit [upstate-images.com](#) and use order code 64385JB! Get ready to say cheese!

CHIPOTLE NIGHT FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 10 On Wednesday, November 10, order Chipotle and support the JVF PTSO! That night from 4-8pm, 33% of all orders placed using our promo code will count toward our fundraiser! Order online for pickup at the Fishkill location and be sure to enter the Promo Code L7PADXQ on the Chipotle app or [website](#). Click here for the [flyer](#). Yum!

SPIRIT WEAR SALE COMING SOON Stay tuned for more info on our upcoming online spirit wear sale, featuring tees, long-sleeve shirts, water bottles, and more! Please keep an eye out for more details and get ready to show your JVF pride!

NOVEMBER PTSO MEETING Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 7pm via Zoom. We will review upcoming events. We hope to see everyone there — please check [www.jvfptso.com](#) or our [Facebook](#) page for the Zoom link.

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