

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

Both the 4th and 5th grade band students are off to a great start! Please help your band student find time in their daily schedule to practice their instrument. Students need to acquire muscle memory for how to make a sound and how to hold the instrument which only comes with consistent practice at home. Please email me if you have any questions or concerns (matus.je@beaconk12.org) The band students will be selling Croc charms and bracelets for the charms as well to help raise money for the 5th Grade Band students to attend a Broadway show in the Spring. \$5 for the JVF Falcon Charm, \$5 for the Beacon Bulldog Paw and \$1 for the bracelet. They can be purchased on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30-9am from Mrs. Matus on the stage. We appreciate your support!!!

ART

Our JVF artists started the year off working with lines and shapes. We are now celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with the theme "made of color" - De Colores!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families and Caregivers,

It's been a great start to the school year and the month of October has kicked off with a Student Council led Spirit Week! Checkout the flyer on our website with the details!

For Hispanic Heritage Month, our Equity Team shared resources and also created this wonderful [virtual library](#) to explore! We continue to learn about the contributions and culture of individuals within the Hispanic and Latinx communities, throughout this month and school year!

Lastly, the P.T.S.O. is also a Harvest Fest Family Fun Night on Oct. 20th and you also have the opportunity to support them at the annual Chipotle Fundraiser on Oct. 18th, 4pm - 8pm at 10 Westage Drive, Fishkill, NY!

Happy October!

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 October we will be swimming @ BHS!
Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

"Hi JVF community! My name is John Keener, and starting October 10th I am the new General Music and Chorus teacher here. I'm very excited to get started and create some great musical, educational experiences with everyone!"



Grade Level News

During the month of October Pre-K will begin our study of the alphabet letters. We will also begin our All about Me ELA unit. For Math, we will sort things by colors, shapes, and sizes. We will look at patterns and graphs. We will also begin counting and numbers. Pre- K will also continue to work on our names.

Kindergarten is “Falling” into a fabulous classroom routine and building a beautiful classroom community!

Happy Fall! Fabulous Firsties continue to learn how to be good friends! This October our First Grade scientists and engineers will be visiting Storm King Art Center to explore how these artists make such incredible sculptures. Back in the classroom students will design and build their own sculptures using what we learned through our exploration of engineering. We are also learning about plants, trees and changes that happen during the fall season. For math we will begin subtracting using a variety of strategies including using addition to subtract, counting backwards, drawing pictures, and using a related fact. Students have been learning Good Habits Readers use to become reading rock stars! We have learned how to write sentences and are ready to begin writing our Personal Narrative, Small Moment stories.

Happy October from Second Grade! We are doing a great job adjusting to classroom routines and getting to know each other. In Reading, we will be working on fairy tales and writing Personal Narratives. Students are excited to have begun gardening. In math we are adding and subtracting, learning strategies for word problems, and graphing. In science, we are starting our first unit centered around matter. We will also have our first field trips to BHS Pool and the Walkway over the Hudson.

Third grade is ready for October!! We have some exciting events coming up. On October 11th we will be heading to the high school for our very first swimming trip with Mr Zehner. We are also in the works of planning our first trip to the farm as well. Stay tuned for the date of that trip. Students are doing a wonderful job on their first math module on multiplication and division. We also just started our first ELA unit on The Power of Literacy. We will even begin paragraph writing this month! We are very proud of our hardworking friends and can't wait to see the progress they will make through this next month.

Fourth grade has been amazing! We're continuing to build a community of analytic readers and are so psyched to be able to check out books from the library again! We are in the math grind and reviewing rounding strategies. Our New York State lapbooks are coming along nicely. Soon we'll be constructing giant New York State maps and will be able to find where we are on any map. Happy Fall!

5th grade has adjusted nicely to the start of the school year! We are diving into our studies of place value and human rights.

Mrs. White's - Happy October Room 6! This month in Kindergarten we will be digging deeper into our phonics instruction! Kindergarteners will be continuing their letter identification and writing journey and continuing to practice writing their names. First graders will be reviewing digraphs (wh, ch, sh, th, ck) and working to build words, tap out words, and emphasize the short vowel sounds. In Math workshop, Kindergarten will be focusing on counting from 0-20 with an emphasis on identifying the order of these digits and naming them. First graders will be revisiting the base-10 system and building two digit numbers using ones and tens. As a class, our social studies and read aloud focus will be Fall traditions around the world! Students will get hands-on experience carving pumpkins, making apple stamps, and leaf rubbings! Happy Fall!

Ms. Black's - In the month of October, we are continuing to build our classroom community and learn about numbers to 20, apples, pumpkins and more! I look forward to the hands-on experiments the students will have the opportunity of doing with pumpkins and themed art projects!

IMPORTANT DATES

10/9	Indigenous Peoples'/Italian-American Heritage Day - District closed
11/2	FALL PICTURE DAY

LIBRARY NEWS:

October is National Book Month. To celebrate in the Library Media Center we will be recording students reading their favorite titles to share with the school, featuring recommended titles on the school news show and culminating with Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day on the 31st.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy October 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 October!

Alta Clary

JV Forrestal School Nurse

The Beacon City School District Wellness Committee will be starting back up for the 2023-2024 school year. Please consider joining this committee which meets 4xs a year after school. Please email Dr. Heather Chadwell Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services at chadwelldennis.h@beaconk12.org if interested by October 4, 2023.



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