

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



Band

I am very excited to begin lessons with the 4th grade band students and I can't wait to hear the 5th grade band students play for me again!! Please go on your child's email and join the band google classroom, complete the contact information form and sign up for smartmusic. All of the information is in their email (and google classroom). Lessons will begin on September 13th. I am at JVF on "Day 2's" for 5th Grade Band and "Day 3's" for 4th Grade Band. Teachers will have the lesson times posted in their classrooms. Skills come from consistent and deliberate practice, so as students are playing their instruments at home they should be following the steps that I have taught them in class. A reminder of this process will be posted on their google classroom page. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at matus.je@beaconk12.org.

ART

Welcome all JVF Falcons! I hope you had a great break. Please remember to bring in your supplies for art. 4th and 5th grade only need sketchbooks or a 2-pocket folders. Watercolor paint is optional.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear JVF Families,

We have had such a beautiful start to the 22-23 school year and I hope everyone is getting into the swing of the "back to school" routines! I've had the opportunity to visit all classrooms and enjoyed seeing our students connecting with old friends and building new friendships. These early days of the school year are critical and foster a foundation for class community and taking the time to form positive relationships. All teachers and students kick off the day with a Morning Meeting, which is a Responsive Classroom practice, and each day the message for the morning sets the stage for what's ahead - it's a great way to get the day going! Here are important dates and general reminders for the rest of this month: [September PMP \(Principal's Monthly Post\)](#)

Crystal Sessoms-Wiggins
JV Forrestal Principal
Beacon City School District

In Physical Education,

We are starting Soccer! Don't forget, September 24th, is Girls in Sports Day for grades 3-5 @ BHS! See you there!



Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

Welcome back Falcons! This year students in grades 3 - 5 will be learning to play the recorder as part of the music curriculum. More information regarding the recorder program was shared in a letter that went home the first week of school. Chorus is open to all students in grades 3 - 5 and will be starting the week of September 12th. The chorus letter and sign up form also went home the first week of school. Please be sure to have your child bring back the necessary form to participate in chorus if he or she so chooses and I hope they do!



Grade Level News

In Pre-K during the month of September, we will be working on the classroom rules and routines. We will be going to specials such as P.E., Art, Music, and Library. We are enjoying meeting the students and families during their classroom visits this week of September 6th-9th. Children will also be working on recognizing the 1st letter of their names.

Kindergarten is "Falling" into our school routine. We are making new friends, seeing old friends and having a blast. Looking forward to our first trip to the Apple Orchard in a couple weeks!

First Grade teachers, Mrs. Joyce and Ms. Keogh are excited to welcome their new Fabulous First Grade Classes to the 2022-2023 school year! This month we are busy getting to know each other as we settle in and learn about class rules & expectations. Here's to a wonderful year full of adventures in learning!

Welcome back to school! Every month a newsletter similar to this one will be sent home with any reminders, special dates and the topics we will be learning about for the month. It is going to be a fantastic year! **Our learning focus this month:** **ELA-** Stories with lessons and begin fairy tales/ fractured fairytales. Review sentence writing and sentence structures. Writing Small moment stories. Review short vowel words, digraphs and blends. **Math-** Module 1&2: 2 digit addition within 20 and measurement. **Science-** Engineering. **Social Studies:** Community: Civic Ideas and practices.

Welcome to Third Grade! This month we are focusing on building our classroom family! We are also reviewing routines and getting to know one another. We are excited for a wonderful year ahead!

I have enjoyed getting to know each student. We have been working on writing skills by writing about ourselves, our "hopes and dreams", and "creature of habit". The students have been practicing their multiplication facts by playing "multiplication BINGO" and completing worksheets. They have been very busy bees during their first week of school.

As the fifth graders adjust to their return to school, we are working on developing growth mindsets and learning about 9-11.

MAPS A - This month our kindergarteners have been learning new classroom routines and schedules. Students have also enjoyed exploring the sensory room, practicing yoga, and showing off their knowledge of letters, numbers, shapes, and colors.

MAPS B - Welcome back to school! We are excited for another school year, this month we will be getting back in to our routines and learning all about ourselves!

MAPS C - Welcome back! This month MAPS C will be working on building our classroom community. The kids and teachers will play a variety of games to get to know each other. The kids will learn about our classroom routines, expectations, and rules. We are so happy to be back!!

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 9/5 | Labor Day - District Closed |
| 9/21 | Meet the Teacher Night - 6:00-7:30PM |
| 9/24 | Girls in Sports Day |
| 9/25 | Spirit of Beacon Day |
| 9/26 | Rosh Hashanah - No Students |

LIBRARY NEWS:

The September goals of the Library/Media program are to check out our new STEAM materials including the Lego Mobile Board, re-establish library expectations and procedures and begin book lending. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year of reading, learning, making, building, and creating.



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Welcome back 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. Please contact my office, 845-838-6900 ext 5610 if you have any questions.

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.

May we all have a healthy and enjoyable September!

JV Forrester School Nurse



NEWS FROM JVF PTSO

THE JVF PTSO is excited to work with our school community to help create a wonderful year for everyone! Our fall fundraiser, the Mum Sale, will take place through September 23rd and Mums will be delivered on October 4th. <https://jvfptso.ecwid.com/Fall-Mums-9-inch-Available-in-3-Colors-Pre-Order-p394879424> We will also be marching in the Spirit of Beacon Day Parade and welcome all JVF students, faculty, staff and families to join us!

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