

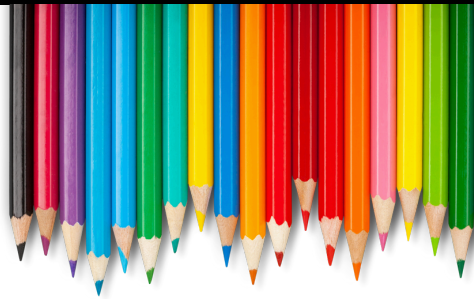
# THE FALCON FORUM

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## IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE WE HAVE...

- UPLIFTING DEVOTIONAL
- UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
- COMICS
- FUN FACTS SECTION
- STUDENT OF THE MONTH, PET OF THE MONTH, AND MORE!
- ADVICE COLUMN



## APRIL NARRATIVE

WRITTEN BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

*Hey Falcons!*

How were y'all's springs breaks? I know that I did a lot of fun stuff as well as chilling. It was definitely a much needed break!

As we are nearing the end of the year, I know it can get discouraging to think about MAP testing, placement tests, and other big exams.

It can also be stressful to choose what elective you want to be in next year. I know I am definitely second-guessing myself and my choices, but we just need to remember that the Lord will put us wherever he wants us next year! Just remember to do your best and trust in the LORD!

*Happy April to y'all and enjoy this month's issue of the Falcon Forum!*

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# MAY CALENDAR

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MAY

YEAR : 2025

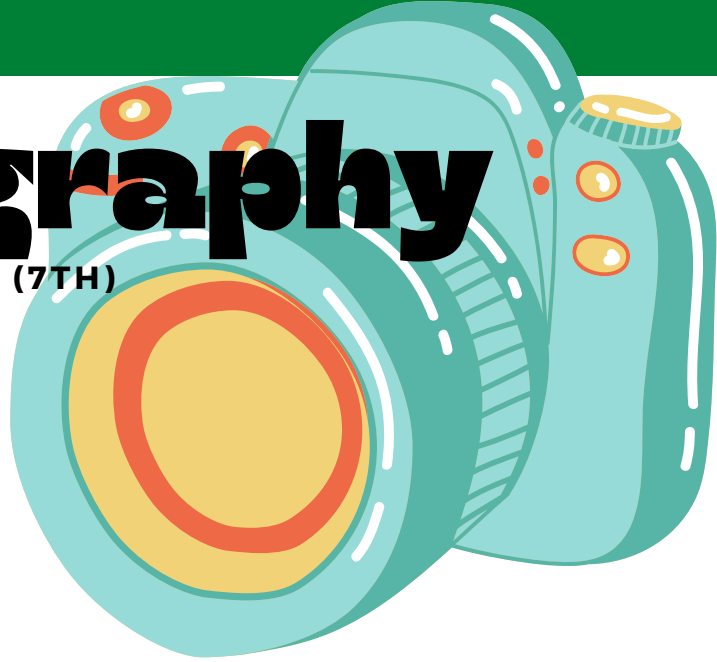
BY MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)

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19	20	21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!	22	23	24	25
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# Photography

BY TRAVIS PRICE (7TH)



**"MOUNTAIN LAUREL"**



**"DOG ROSE"**



**"MADAGASCAR PERIWINKLE"**



# BLS TRENDS

CREATED BY: FAITH FARIS (7TH)

## BLS MS Trends



Lululemon Define  
Jacket



Alani



Hokas



Owala



Acorn Coffee



Tinsel Hair



# SPORTS COLUMN

**WRITTEN BY:  
ISAAC GAY (6TH) AND HOLDEN MUTH (6TH)**

I Hello Falcons, I hope you had an amazing April! The year is coming to an end, but the sports are not.

The Ben Lippen Middle School track teams won 2nd at state this year. They have worked so hard this year. The track team has shown everyone what it means to be a Falcon.

Not only that, but our equestrian team won state this year by a big margin. Additionally, our JV girls beat Cardinal Newman on SUPER SATURDAY. To add on to the winning, our speed and strength team won state this year for back-to-back championships. Our golf teams have had a good season, so thank you for your hard work.

Remember, play like a Falcon!





# PET



# of the Month!

WRITTEN BY:  
FAITH FARIS (7TH)

## Pet of the Month



Name- Sonic

Owner- Katy Noonan

Breed- Labrador Retriever

Fun Facts

He's 2 1/2, loves snuggles,  
hates getting wet, and can  
run very fast.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN  
YOUR PET OF THE MONTH  
SUBMISSIONS FOR MAY TO  
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# RECIPES

## MILLE-FEVILLE (NAPOLEON PASTRY)

CREATED BY PHOEBE AYLESTOCK (6TH)

This is made out of **whole milk, egg yolks, sugar, pastry dough, cornstarch, chocolate, heavy cream, salt, butter, confectioner's sugar, and vanilla & vanilla bean.**

Cornstarch and egg yolks thicken the cream. Combine those first, and then move to the stove. You'll simmer whole milk and granulated sugar together, and then remove it from heat and temper the egg yolks.



To temper, slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg yolks and cornstarch, whisking constantly. This carefully and slowly raises the egg yolks' temperature. The purpose of tempering is to prevent scrambling them.

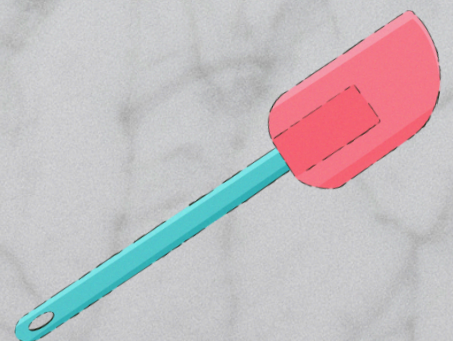
Strain it. Just in case there are some solids! Pour all of the mixture back into the saucepan through a fine-mesh sieve to strain out any solids that may have formed.

Bring it to a boil. At first it won't seem like it's thickening much, just getting frothy, but as soon as it reaches a boil with big bubbles bursting on the surface, it will thicken up pretty much immediately.

Remove from heat & add flavor. Stir in butter, vanilla extract, vanilla bean, and a pinch of salt. Then you'll need to refrigerate it so it thickens.



Time  
TO  
BAKE



# RECIPES

## DEVILED EGGS

CREATED BY BENNETT BROWNLEE (6TH)

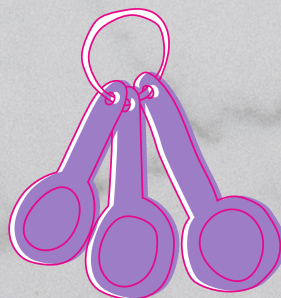
### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter  
6 hard-cooked eggs  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
½ of hot sauce like Tabasco  
2 teaspoons pickle brine or olive brine(optional)  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
For garnish:paprika,chopped fresh chives



### Instructions:

1. Soften butter.
2. Peel and hardboil the eggs half lengthwise.
3. Add the egg yolks to the butter and mash the yolks well with a fork to fully incorporate the butter. You can use a hand mixer and beat the mixture for a smoother finish.
4. Put the mixture in the egg yolks with a piping bag.
5. Enjoy!







# Student OF THE Month

CREATED BY ELISE SATCHER (7TH)

Each month, we will select a "Student of the Month" from one of the middle school grades. Stay tuned for next month's issue .... we'll feature someone from another grade!

March's Student of the Month is ... Hanako McGriff !!!

- Her birthday is February 12th
- She has two sisters
- She loves horseback riding
- She plays soccer
- She has a LOT of Stanleys



**YOU'RE  
AWESOME!**

# DIY by Doodle!

WRITTEN BY:  
HARPER ROBINSON (6TH)

Hi! My name is Harper and this is DIY By Doodle!

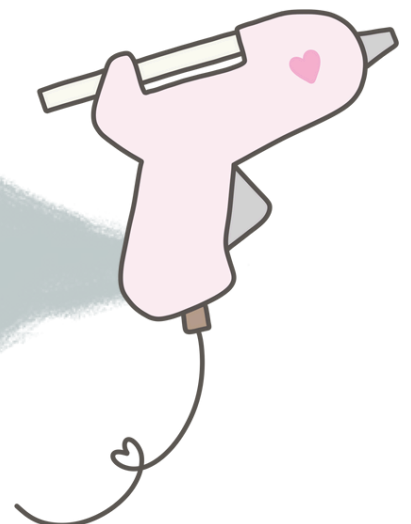
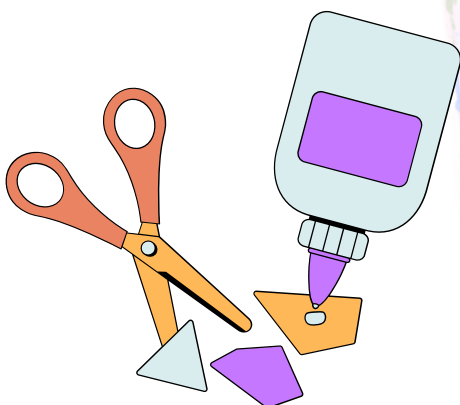
So, this month is the start of spring. And everyone knows that flowers bloom in the spring. So, what better to do than a Flower Table Centerpiece?!

Here are the materials needed:

1. Flowers of any choice (can be real or fake)
2. A white vase
3. Paint (colors of any choice)
4. Paintbrush of any size
5. Water and plant food (to keep your flowers alive if you use real ones)
6. And your creativity!

## Directions

1. First, you want to paint your white vase with your paint and paintbrush. Let it dry.
2. Next, you want to put the water and plant food in the vase (Skip this one if you have fake flowers)
3. Then, put the flowers in and ... Voila! You have a beautiful centerpiece!





# "WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY: MAY KELLEY &  
KATIE REID STRATTON (5TH)



*May Kelley and Katie Reid Stratton*

*Aka*

*Margaret and Betsy  
Present a devotional!!!*

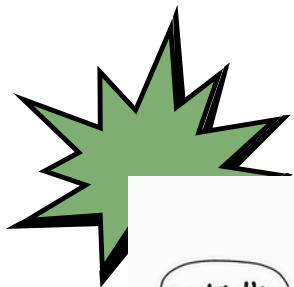


The verse of the month is: "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6). This verse is great because it motivates us and can remind us that God is always with us and protects us. So, do not be afraid of anything, because GOD IS WITH YOU. It also says that he will never leave you nor forsake you. That means that God will NEVER leave you alone; he's always there, no matter what. He doesn't forsake/abandon you either. For example, if you get lost or scared, do NOT fear, because you are never alone, God is there. If you're lost, God will be there and lead you home. He saves you and loves you. So the lesson for this month is: GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!!



# COMICS!

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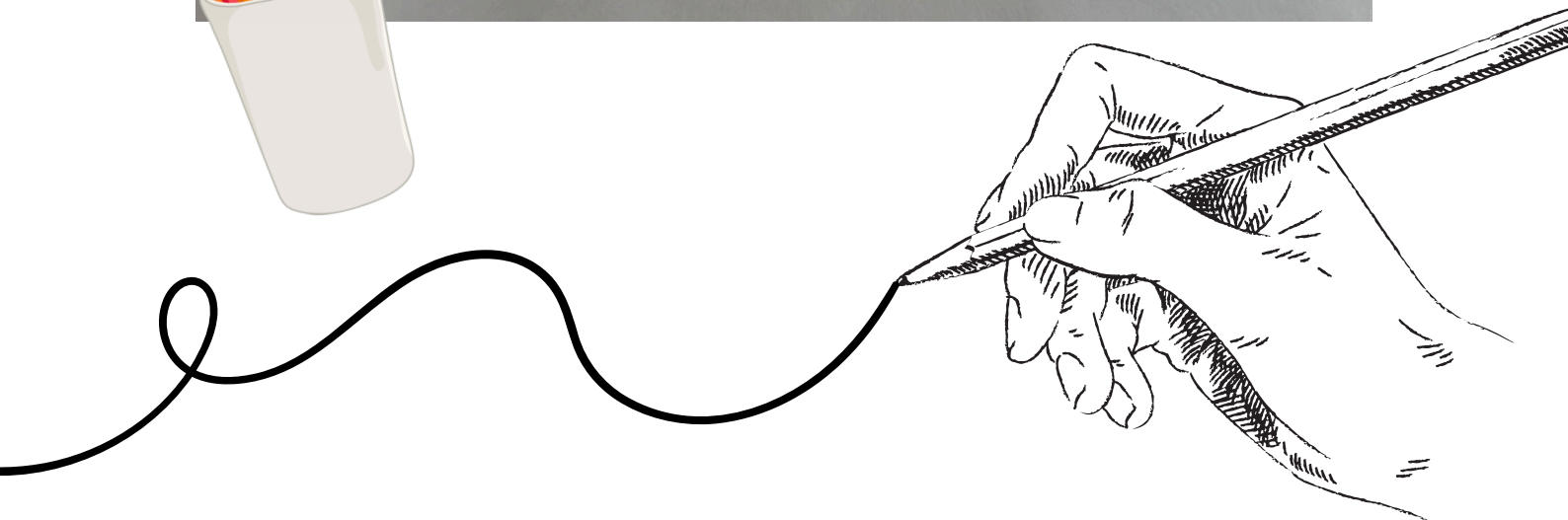
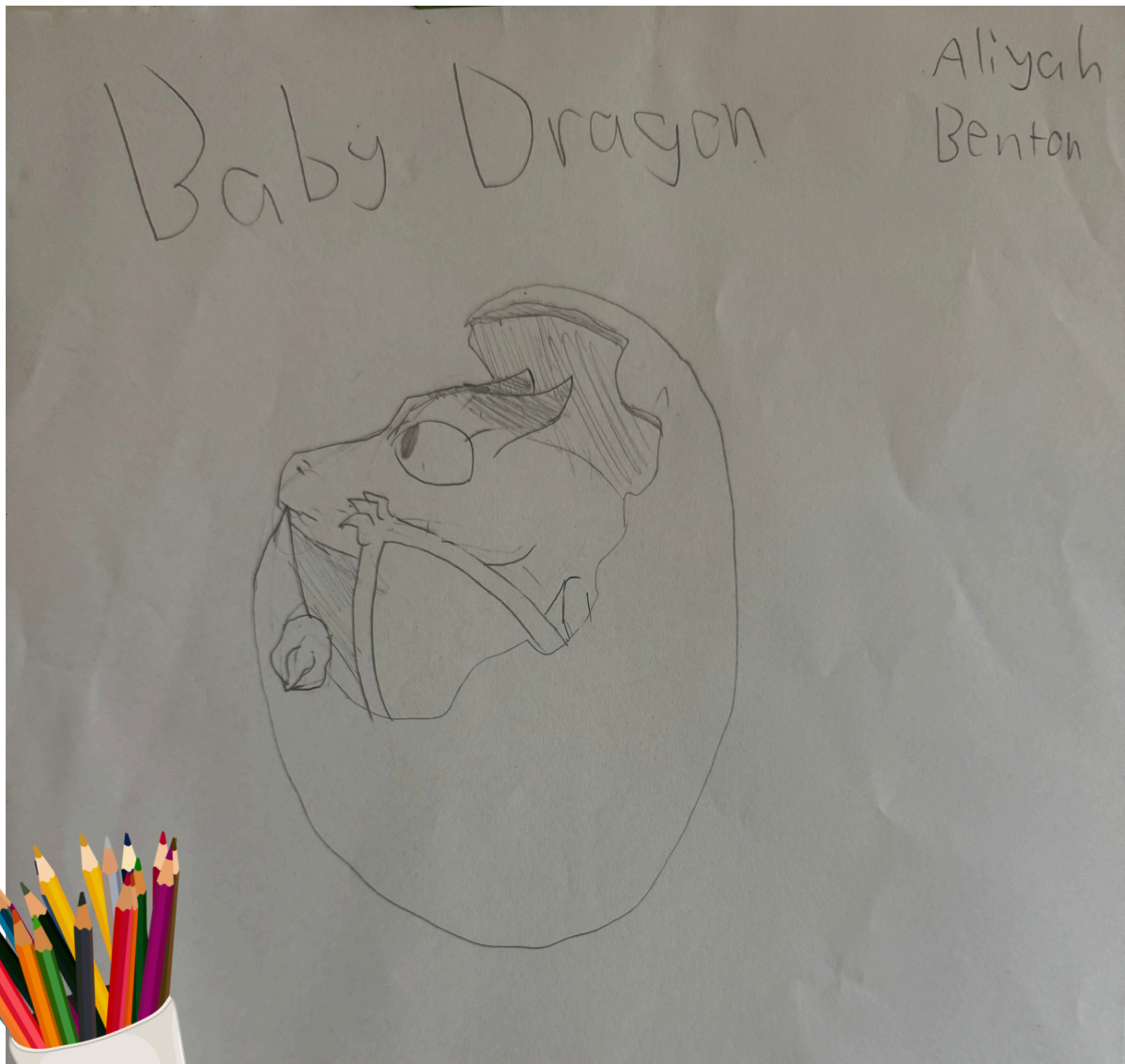




# How to Draw



CREATED BY:  
ALIYAH BENTON (7TH)



# RANDOM FACTS, for FALCONS!



**APRIL IS ONE OF THE  
FOUR MONTHS THAT  
HAVE 30 DAYS.**

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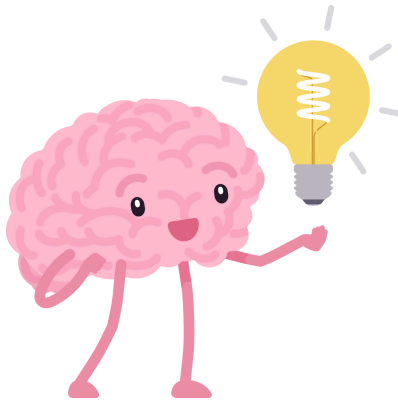
**THE CHERRY  
BLOSSOM TREES IN  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
TYPICALLY REACH  
THEIR PEAK BLOOM  
IN EARLY APRIL**



**APRIL IS NAMED  
FOR THE GREEK  
GODDESS OF LOVE,  
APHRODITE.**



**A CLOUD WEIGHS  
AROUND A MILLION  
TONS.**



**YOUR BRAIN IS  
CONSTANTLY  
EATING ITSELF.**



**THE NAME FOR THE  
MONTH OF APRIL  
ORIGINALLY CAME  
FROM "APRILIS"  
WHICH MEANS "TO  
OPEN."**



**CLEOPATRA LIVED  
CLOSER TO THE  
CREATION OF THE  
IPHONE THAN SHE DID  
TO THE BUILDING OF  
THE GREAT PYRAMIDS.**



**BANANAS ARE  
BERRIES, BUT  
STRAWBERRIES  
AREN'T.**

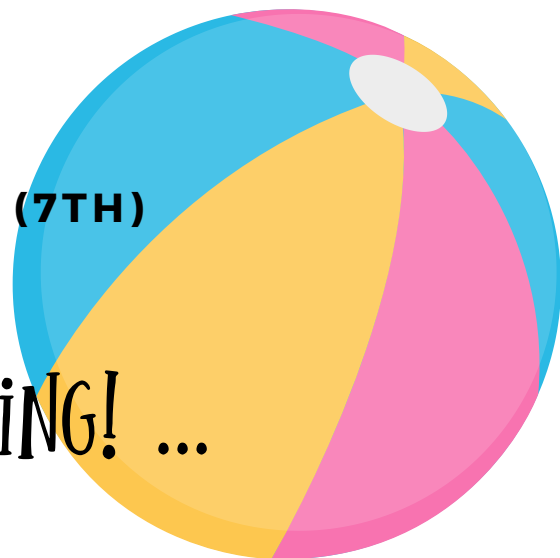


**ALLODOXAPHOBIA IS THE FEAR OF  
OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS.**

# Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: KATY NOONAN (7TH)  
AND MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)

## SUMMER IS COMING! ...



If you don't have anything to do over summer break, it can be boring for some people. So here are some fun things you can do over the break!

- Play games
- Go outside
- Go to the library
- Watch movies
- Take a day trip



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