

The Meaning of “The Black and Gold”

Every school song is important to the students who go to that school. It expresses the things that the school stands for and what is expected of its students. It is also, more often than not, fun to sing and many students remember it for the rest of their lives.

*All Hail Our Alma Mater
All Praise the Black and Gold,*

In this first line, “*Hail*” means “to greet happily” or “to greet with pride and pleasure”. The phrase “*Alma Mater*” is very important to many grownups because it usually stands for the High School or College they attended. “*Alma Mater*” is Latin and means “gentle mother” or “kind mother”. In many ways, our school is like a kind or gentle mother. Greeting us warmly in the morning and saying goodbye in the afternoon, like Ms. Begley. School picks us up when we are down and gives us courage when we are afraid. And, of course, black and gold are our school colors.

*Strike Hard O’ Bolts of Lightning
Our Tales of Glory Yet Untold.*

The lightning bolt is not only our school symbol, but it also represents each student at Science Focus. The Lightning Bolt is awesome and magnificent in its power. It also commands respect. We hope each student earns this kind of respect each day. By “*strike hard*”, it does not mean in a physical way. It means that each student should give each task in school their full effort, 100%. This type of all out approach will mean good things in the future and in our next line. “*Our Tales of Glory Yet Untold*” Each student has an important destiny to fulfill. Every one of us will do great things in the future. Some will affect millions, other just friends and family. Nevertheless, no matter the number affected all will be great, all will earn glory.

*The Halls of Learning Call Us
Where Mysteries of Science Unfold,*

Our School and our teachers call to us every day to be at work learning all the wonderful things about our world, our lives, and ourselves. At Science Focus, we are very fortunate to see the science in everything we do each day. Our teachers reveal these secrets to us in all the different things we learn, and different places like Investigation Station.

*In the Friendship of Our Students
We See the Timid Spring Forth Bold.*

We come to a school that is a safe and happy place to be. Here our students gain meaningful friendships, some of which last a lifetime. These friendships encourage us when we are down, help us have courage when we are afraid, allow us to try when we did not think we could. When we are timid and unsure, they help us become confident and bold.

*The Black and Gold We'll Cherish
O'er the Years Our lives Pass Through,*

Thinking about our school colors and our school, we will “cherish” or remember the good things about our time here. We will remember them “O'er” or over our entire lives, wherever in the world we may be. Many of our students will talk about their time here at Science Focus to their children and grandchildren.

*Let All Our Hearts Be Filled With Love
For Arlington Science Focus School.*

This last line reminds all students to be thankful for the time they have spent at Science Focus. As you grow older and you remember the lessons you have learned here we ask that like love you share it with others.

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