

The Falcon Flyer
September 9, 2011
Be sure to visit our website at <http://fqms.hcpss.org>!

WEEKLY DATES

9/12 – Green B Day
9/13 – Blue A Day
9/14 – Red B Day – Magazine Drive: 1st Turn in Day
9/15 – Orange A Day
9/16 – Yellow B Day
9/17 – Saturday Academy – 8:30 – 11:30

SCHOOL NEWS

BUILDING AND STAFF HOURS

Folly Quarter opens its doors for students at 7:25 AM on school days. The building remains open for student access until 4 PM each of these days. Please understand, particularly if you are dropping your child off instead of having them take their assigned bus, that your child will not be supervised by staff prior to 7:25 AM. By contract, teacher duty hours are 7:25 AM until 3 PM. However, our friendly front office staff is available to answer your phone call from 7 AM until 3:30 PM each school day.

INTRAMURALS

Fall Intramurals are beginning on September 19, 2011. Please go to <http://fqms.hcpss.org/forms> for the permission slip. Money and signed forms are due in the Front Office by September 15, 2011. The cost for each activity is \$35 unless noted as free (do not include materials fee with payment). Checks are to be made out to FQMS PTA with a separate check for each activity. The classes fill quickly so do not wait and send in your permission slips and money before September 15th. If you have any questions, please call Clara Peluso at 410-313-1506 or e-mail at cpeluso@hcpss.org .

PBIS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Folly Quarter is proud to recognize the following students as our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Students of the Week:

Brandon Reifsnyder (6th Grade)
Patrick O'Keefe (7th Grade)
Kemi Moore (8th Grade)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Encourage responsibility traits in your child.

1. Respectfulness – Help your child consider the feelings of others
2. Honesty – Talk to your child about how honesty leads to trust
3. Courage – Prepare your child by role-playing tough situations
4. Self-Control – Kids benefit when they are patient and calm

HEALTH EDUCATION

Parents, would you like to see the materials that your child (ren) will learn in the Family Life & Human Sexuality unit and during HiV/AIDS instruction? If your answer is yes, please attend the Family Life, Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Information night on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 7 p.m.** in the

Media Center. This is the only formal presentation of the materials. Therefore, you should consider attending whether or not your child (ren) has health this quarter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Ms. McLarty. Thanks!

6TH GRADE HAPPENINGS...

The 6th grade team is busy making preparations for Outdoor Education to be held this year from October 12-14, 2011. By now, you should have received your information packet, which includes all medical forms and permission forms. This is a reminder that all money and forms are due by Monday, September 19, 2011 to your child's homeroom teacher. If you need another copy of the packet, you can download the whole packet on the 6th grade page of the Folly Quarter Middle School website at <http://fqms.hcpss.org/Departments/grade6>.

Thanks to all those parents who have volunteered to assist with Outdoor Education this year. You will be contacted by our parent volunteer coordinators in the coming week. We will keep you updated as the event gets closer.

Important Dates for 6th Grade

October 4, 2011 Progress Reports go home

October 10, 2011 at 6:30pm Outdoor Education Parent Volunteer Meeting

October 12-14, 2011 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

8TH GRADE NEWS

The eighth-grade has a new website! <http://fqms8thgrade.hcpss.wikispaces.net/>

This site will be the primary form of communication concerning eighth-grade information and events.

Please check the site on a regular basis for updated information. Thank you!

ASPEN FAMILY PORTAL

The opening of the Aspen Family Portal has been delayed until the end of September by HCPSS.

Watch your email for an update from them via HCPSSnews.

GIANT FOOD A+ PROGRAM

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 6, 2011 through March 29, 2012, Folly Quarter Middle School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program. All you have to do is:

Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online -- or --Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Folly Quarter Middle School using **ID # 04546**.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

PTA NEWS

"FQMS Student Directory - Please click on the following link to provide your contact information for the Student Directory. Even if you have previously filled out the hand written form - by completing the on-line form you will save the PTO Directory Team the need to input your information and reduce the possibility of errors. In addition, many new information fields have been included in the on-line form. If you do NOT wish to have your contact information printed in the directory - please click on the link below and you can "opt out" of the directory and not be contacted by the Directory Team in the future. **Do it now!!!** The sooner we receive all of the information - the sooner we can distribute the 2011-2012 FQMS Student Directory! Click Now:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHkwaE1PVDVyZDgxTk5FTHQtb1BEVUE6MQ>

FALL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We successfully kicked off our program this week and will have our first turn-in day on Wednesday, September 14th. Any online magazine or gift orders will automatically credit to the student seller from our host company, American Publishers. Any paper magazine orders and checks, cookie orders and checks, or PTA donations should be turned in during homeroom next Wednesday, the 14th, by students. All sales will count "double" towards prizes for this period. Parents, hopefully your student shared the package with you. They need your help to run the suggested e-mail campaign for this drive. Please take a few minutes to read the fundraiser "[sales tip sheet](#)" along with the "[promotion schedule and prize information](#)" document, both of which are now posted online at our recently updated PTA webpage - <http://www.follyquarterpta.org/fundraising.html>. We are running the drive through September and have some great prizes in store for our student sellers and thank you, the parents, in advance for helping them raise the needed dollars for so many great student and school programs. We'll look forward to sharing early results next week. Questions? Contact a member of the Magazine Drive Committee - names & numbers are on the bottom of the "sales tip sheet".

COMMUNITY NEWS

KidsConnex ©

Experiencing a family transition is difficult for parents and children. Children often feel like their worlds are turned upside down and aren't sure about what the changes in their lives will be and how they will handle such changes.

The National Family Resiliency Center has offered award-winning programs, including support groups for teens and children for many years. Now, with the development of KidsConnex©, children and teens will have a two session, four hour preventative program before they even participate in NFRC support groups!

KidsConnex © is a program designed to help children and teens express their feelings. Examples of activities include stories, film clips of other children and parents addressing important issues, and music about family transitions and activities .

Time: Thursday, November 3 & 10, 2011 (2 sessions), 5:30 – 8 PM.

Place: NFRC – 10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 121, Columbia

Registration: Call or email NFRC to register and learn about the cost which is based on number of children in family who will be participating. 410-740-9553 / 301-384-0079 or email: sales@nfrchelp.org

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Sunday, September 11th - at River Hill High School. We will have an "instrument petting zoo" at 2:15, and the performance will start at 3:00. Everything is, of course, completely free. The program will feature a mix of fantastic original wind band music and some medleys of pop/rock tunes, with emphasis placed on educating the audience about the various wind and percussion instruments.

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRAND PRIX

The 24th Howard Community College Grand Prix will be held on Saturday, September 24 at Marama Farm in Clarksville. The event will take place from 10 am-4 pm. Lawn tickets are \$10 for adults and are free to children age 10 and under; bleacher seats are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Proceeds from the event benefit the HCC Educational Foundation, which provides scholarships to students with financial need. For additional information, call 443-518-1970 or go to www.hccgrandprix.com.

WHCYB FOLLY QUARTER BOYS BASKETBALL

Folly Quarter Boys Basketball, sponsored by WHCYB, will be holding tryouts for the 2011-2012 travel basketball teams to compete in the competitive Mid-Maryland Basketball League with teams from Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, and Howard Counties. The varsity team will largely be made up of primarily 8th graders and the junior varsity will be made up of 6th and 7th graders.

Tryout Schedule

Registration Meeting for FQMS Varsity & JV tryouts
Wednesday, 9/21 FQMS Gym 5:00pm

Varsity Tryouts

Monday, September 26th
Wednesday, September 28th

Jr. Varsity Tryouts

Tuesday, September 27th
Thursday, September 29th

Location – Folly Quarter Middle School

Time 4:30 – 6:00

Please note: Teams are not affiliated with the Howard County Board of Education.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

9/29 – Rosh Hashanah, schools & offices closed

10/1 – Saturday Academy – 8:30 – 11:30