

The Falcon Flyer  
November 11, 2011  
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### **WEEKLY DATES**

11/14 – Red B Day – American Education Week begins  
11/15 – Orange A Day  
11/16 – Yellow B Day  
11/17 – Green A Day  
11/18– Blue B Day – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone during fall conferences, November 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, please understand that, unlike elementary schools, secondary teachers teach over 125 students and the conference window only allows for approximately 40 conferences. If you cannot meet with a teacher during this window, please call the Folly Quarter Guidance Office at 410-313-1514 and arrange a different time. Details about fall conferences can be found on our homepage at: <http://fqms.hcpss.org/Conferences-Pickatime>. Our Pickatime opens at 3 pm on November 14<sup>th</sup> and closes at midnight on November 19<sup>th</sup>. In order to access this program, you will need your child's student ID number. This ID number can be found on your student's schedule, interim report, or report card. Unfortunately, a student ID number cannot be given over the telephone.

#### **HCPSS FAMILY PORTAL CODES**

There are 4 standard codes that you may see appearing on the Family Portal that all FQMS teachers are using: AB (Absent) Calculated as zero, Recorded as missing; MI (Missing work that's not handed in) Calculated as zero, Recorded as missing; L (Late Homework) Calculated as zero, Not recorded as missing; EX (Excused) Exempt from calculations, Not reported as missing. Please also be aware that individual teachers may have additional codes that they use in their grade books. If you have any questions about the additional codes, please contact the teacher directly.

#### **PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY AT FOLLY QUARTER**

In concert with HCPSS Code of Conduct, students are generally not allowed to use electronic devices during the school day. However, some exceptions are allowed under the direct supervision of a Folly Quarter staff member as noted below:

FQMS Team Leaders and the FQMS Technology Committee have developed a policy concerning the use of personal instructional technology in the school. This enhancement is being implemented as a benefit to student achievement in recognition of our students' compliance to the already established HCPSS

Acceptable Use Rules. Specifically:

- Personal technology is allowed for the purpose of instruction only and must be used in a fashion that meets established HCPSS Acceptable Computer Use rules. As a result, it is only to be used under the direct supervision of a Folly Quarter staff member.
- The specific classroom staff member will determine the approval of personal technology usage in each class.
- FQMS will not be responsible for damaged or lost personal technology. Therefore students are encouraged to label their device and provide a protective case for it.
- Any personal technology used inappropriately will be confiscated and the student subject to consequences. At a minimum, parents will have to come to school to retrieve the device.
- Personal technology is not to be plugged into any of Folly Quarter's networks. If a document needs to be printed for a class from the personal hardware, the student will need to use their disk key in conjunction with their teacher's computer.

#### 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:

Julia Nikhinson (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Sydney Yankee (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Jee Saad (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Here's How You Can Improve Your Child's School Attendance

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school day.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.
- Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

#### SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS

In honor of Veterans Day, the FQMS Leo Club members wanted to help our very own Laurie Smith's son Ben and his platoon. (These soldiers will be deployed to the Middle East in the next month) These soldiers will be serving under harsh desert conditions for weeks without access to showers. So the Leo Club has been holding a fundraiser to raise money to buy bathing supplies for soldiers in the field: ReadyBath Ready to use Bathing System; ReadyBath Shampoo and

Conditioning Caps; Hoo-Ahhs Filed Towels; and Fresh OdorSpray. These supplies will help Ben and his company while completing their tour of duty. The fundraiser has been held during lunch shifts. Our Leo Club members have been asking students to place donations in a can that is labeled with their favorite staff member (those who volunteered to participate. ) The staff member whose can raises the most money, is agreeing to be filmed using the products (the ones we are purchasing) and Mrs. Watt's emergency shower (at the end of the day).The video will be shown to the school on Falcon Watch!! **The last day is Monday** so PLEASE remind your Student to donate at lunch. Thank you for your support!

#### FACS BAKE-OFF WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FACS Bake Off Winners are:

8A

Eric Biegel  
Riley Kloser  
Ben Panah  
Tommy Potts

7A

Grace Butera  
Kendall Dillard  
Sid Gopinath  
Myana Poulard

6A

Kunal Aghera  
Christopher Borgert  
Tony Mistichelli  
Imani Nokuri

8B

Carly Hirsh  
James Maxfield  
Sneha Raj  
Beka Yang

7B

Michael Borkowski  
Freddie Mistichelli  
Donovan Nicastro  
RJ O'Brien

6B

Sarah Panah  
Rebecca Romanik Romano

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS

Reminder: 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Medieval Times will occur on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Blocks 1 and 2 will be switching, therefore, 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend Related Arts classes before the trip. **All 7th graders should be prepared with the necessary materials for Related Arts classes this day.**

The 7th grade students will be holding a Bake Sale to raise funds for organizations, such as Grassroots during parent/teacher conferences on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12-3; and 4-7. Please consider buying some baked goods to support a worthy cause! These baked goods make great dessert additions for Thanksgiving!

## FROM THE G/T OFFICE

If you are interested in learning more about the CTY (Center for Talented Youth) programs from Johns Hopkins University, you can pick up a packet of information from Mr. McCauley. Deadlines are coming up fast so don't delay!

## TURKEY TROT

The Third Annual FQMS Turkey Trot – “Run for RAM” is coming on November 21, 2011! All FQMS students will participate in the Turkey Trot, with each grade having a separate run, held during their Related Arts block. The Turkey Trot for eighth grade is from 7:50-8:35; seventh grade from 8:35-9:20; and sixth grade from 9:20-10:05. **We are in need of volunteers on the day of the event to supervise and guide students along the 1.25 mile cross-country course! If you are interested in helping out for the event, please email Ms. Partridge at [victoria\\_partridge@hcpss.org](mailto:victoria_partridge@hcpss.org) with the times that you are available to volunteer.** The Turkey Trot would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, so thank you to all that support the Trot!!

The Turkey Trot "Run for RAM" is a fundraiser for the school's physical education and technology departments, as students can be 'sponsored' for the run to raise money for the school. All students received Turkey Trot pledge sheets during the week of October 31st. Students can elect to be sponsored as a runner for the race, and any student who raises \$15 or more will receive a free 2011 FQMS Turkey Trot T-shirt. The first 50 students who turn in their pledge sheet prior to Thursday, November 14th will receive their t-shirt on the day of the trot, any other students who submit their pledge sheet after will receive their t-shirt in early December. Please consider sponsoring your child as a participant in this fun, school-wide event!

A printable version of the pledge sheet is available on Ms. Partridge's website, as well as the design for the 2011 Turkey Trot t-shirt. If you have any questions or are available to help out at the event, please email her at [victoria\\_partridge@hcpss.org](mailto:victoria_partridge@hcpss.org). We hope to see you at the trot!! Ms. Partridge and Mr. Eckstrom, Folly Quarter P.E. Department

## GIANT FOOD A+ SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Remember to register your Giant Food card for Folly Quarter Middle School. ID No. 04546. Log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) to register online or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. Thank you to the 69 participants that have already registered – we've earned \$409.42!

## GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Flying contributes about 10 times as much carbon dioxide to the atmosphere as a similar trip by train.

## PTA NEWS

### FALCON DAY

Falcon Day Parent Volunteers & bakers needed! Falcon Day events are held 1:00 - 2:25 pm on Friday, Dec. 23rd. If you'd like to help with Face Painting, Games, The Bake Walk or send in individually wrapped baked goods for the Bake Walk - please contact: Lisa Feinberg - [cootiecat@aol.com](mailto:cootiecat@aol.com) or 410 531-7672.

## REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Get your creative juices going! It is time for the PTA Reflections Contest. This year's theme is "DIVERSITY MEANS..." Students may enter an ORIGINAL work in one or more of the following categories: Photography, Literature, Visual Arts (including drawing, painting, collage), Musical Composition, Dance Choreography and Film Production. Three winners from each school in each category move on to the county level where the best entries go on to compete in the state and national contests. Contest rules and entry form are available at the Reflections web-site: [http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/rules\\_and\\_documents](http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/rules_and_documents) This link can also be found on the FQMS web-site under "Links". The entries are due in the front office by November 28, 2011. Any questions, please contact Rena Heneghan at [rheneghan@verizon.net](mailto:rheneghan@verizon.net).

## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all families and staff who have already become FQMS PTA members. Our enrollment numbers are below last year, so we are asking everyone to please make sure you have submitted your membership form and money no later than Friday, November 18th. We will have a membership box in the office during American Education Week for your convenience. Membership forms can be found on the FQMS PTA website at [follyquarterpta.org](http://follyquarterpta.org), located under "forms". Our goal is to match the FQMS staff with 100% family participation, so PLEASE turn in your forms.

## FQMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION: FQMS' Outreach Committee & Students of the Leo Club will be collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket collection. Each grade will be collecting specific items. Please place items in marked boxes in the lobby. Collection begins Nov 1-Nov 18. Howard

County families will be the recipients of the baskets. Extra items will be delivered to the new Food Pantry located at the Glenelg United Methodist Church on Burntwoods Rd. Glenelg. Gift cards will be collected by all grades (Grocery store, Target & Walmart).

6<sup>th</sup> GRADE: THANKSGIVING FOOD ITEMS such as turkey stuffing, turkey gravy (cans/jars), boxed mashed potatoes, green beans/corn, cranberry sauce, yams, pie filling with boxed pie crust or nonperishable pie crust, fruit cocktail, cookie/brownie/other dessert mix, ALSO OTHER NONPERISHABLE FOODS such as pastas, PB &J, tuna fish, soups, vegetables, mac & cheese, Manwich, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, etc.

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE: HOUSEHOLD ITEMS- Toilet paper, detergent, cleaning supplies, paper towels, batteries, light bulbs, tissues, etc.

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrush, band-aids, body lotion, comb/brush, etc.

**GIVING TREE**- (Upcoming event) Please join the Outreach Committee and Leo Club in purchasing gifts for several families in need in Howard County. Nov 28<sup>th</sup>- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> The GIVING TREE will be located in the lobby where students & faculty can take a Wish List item from the tree to purchase. The unwrapped gift, along with the ornament, should be returned to the office where collection boxes will be located. A Gift Wrapping/Pizza Party will be held on Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after school, for all those who participated. Invitations to event will be sent home with student. If you have any questions, contact Karen Mobley @ 443-506-7394 or [neighbornetwk@aol.com](mailto:neighbornetwk@aol.com).

#### ITALY TRIP

Do you have questions about the Italy trip? Please join us for coffee and questions on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Casual Gourmet Coffee Shop, 2490 Route 97, Glenwood. Near the Glenwood Library. Lisa Scepora 443-226-0475 and George Lovera 410-707-5635 or 410-707-5635.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

##### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The Lions Club of Glenwood is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive, Saturday, December 10, 2011, from 9 am to 3 pm at the Glenwood Community Center. To schedule an appointment, call Betty Frey at 443-629-2360 or email her at: [bkfrey1@yahoo.com](mailto:bkfrey1@yahoo.com), or call 1.800.RED CROSS!

##### **NEW PARTNER IN THE HOWARD COUNTY FOOD BANK**

Open every third Saturday of the month, 9-10am, offering groceries to those in need: Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC)  
13900 Burntwoods Rd, Glenelg

410-489-7260  
glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com

### CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Your family is cordially invited to attend the Career and Technology Education Information Sessions, Applications and Research Laboratory • 10920 Route 108, Ellicott City, November 9, 2011 • 7-9 p.m. OR January 4, 2012 • 7-9 p.m. These informational sessions introduce Career Academies available to high school students interested in focusing on a course of study related to their academic and career interests. If you require an interpreter or translator, please call Sally Long at 410-313-6629 by November 3, 2011 for assistance. You do not need to be a Howard County resident.

### SPEAK UP 2011

Participate in Speak Up 2011 and learn what K-12 students, educators, and parents have to say about education issues! Visit <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011> to sign up and take the survey. Speak Up 2011 will be open October 10th – December 23rd, 2011.

### CYBER BULLYING, INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY SAFETY SEMINAR

Glenwood Middle School hosts Keith Dunn for a Parent Seminar on November 16 at 7pm at Glenwood Middle School (open to ALL Howard County parents!). Check out his presentations at [www.kdcop.com](http://www.kdcop.com). For additional information contact [David\\_brown@hcpss.org](mailto:David_brown@hcpss.org) OR [Kelli\\_brandt@hcpss.org](mailto:Kelli_brandt@hcpss.org).

### CHOOSE CIVILITY POSTER CHALLENGE

The HCPSS Office of Student Services challenges all students to a poster contest themed: "Choose Civility: The Power of Words."

#### Criteria

Poster Size: 8 ½ x 11 horizontal or vertical

Media: Marker, colored pencil, or paint

Image: Hand-drawn, original student ideas & artwork, (no computer generated pictures or photos, etc.)

Overall Artwork: Artwork should clearly convey "Choose Civility: The Power of Words" theme.

Deadline: November 22, 2011

For additional questions, please contact Kami Wagner, Resource Counselor at "[kami\\_wagner@hcpss.org](mailto:kami_wagner@hcpss.org) (x5676) or Rosanne Wilson, Specialist for Positive Behavior Supports at [Rosanne\\_wilson@hcpss.org](mailto:Rosanne_wilson@hcpss.org) (x5336).

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11/21-22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)

11/21-22 – Turkey Trot

11/23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools closed for students)

11/24 – Thanksgiving Day (schools & offices closed)

11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday (schools & offices closed)

11/28 – 4.0 Breakfast and Honor Roll Ice Cream Reward at Lunch  
12/1 – PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center  
12/6 – Picture Re-take Day, 7:30 – 10:50