

The Falcon Flyer
December 2, 2011, 2011
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WEEKLY DATES

12/5 – Yellow B Day
12/6 – Green A Day – Picture Re-take day (7:30 - 10:50)
12/7 – Blue B Day
12/8 – Red A Day
12/9 – Orange B Day – 8th Grade bowling field trip
12/10 – Saturday Academy (8:30 - 11:30)

SCHOOL NEWS

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP STUDENTS

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we gathered details related to the HCPD Officer visit on Tuesday afternoon. A meeting was held this morning with HCPD Lt. Rowlette and HCPD Sgt. Greene to review a citizen concern of "chaos" in this area in the morning and afternoon that generated Tuesday's visit and issuing of written warnings for parking violations to a few individuals. The issue boils down to the fact that this curb is painted red or "no parking" by order of the Fire Marshall. They promised their support to expedite an appropriate change to yellow or "designated loading area" for this curb in support of our operation. Phone calls have already been placed to request quick action on this.

In the meantime, please follow normal student transportation operations which include:

- having your child take their provided bus whenever possible.
- always driving slowly and very carefully while on school property.
- ensuring your child is dropped off and/or picked up on the curb side of your vehicle so they never have to enter the road surface.
- not dropping off your child prior to 7:25 AM when our day official begins for students and staff.
- not arriving prior to 2:25 PM, the official end of the student day, to pick up your child.
- never entering the designated and separate bus loop during drop off and pick up times.
- never leaving your car unattended in any fire lane or designated disabled parking spot without proper documentation.
- pulling fully forward in the loop when dropping off or picking up students.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important details required to keep all of us safe.

LUNCH BOXES

Due to a recent infestation of fruit flies, starting Monday, a new lunch box policy will be implemented. Any lunch box left at school for 2 days will have to be thrown away per Pest Management. Lunch boxes left for a period of time collect bacteria and fruit flies which are difficult to control. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a pleasant place to be!

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY: If your student was absent, forgot portrait money or needs to retake pictures, just show up looking your best for picture re-take day on Tuesday, December 6th. To purchase new portraits, please pick up a flyer in advance from the front office. If your student is re-taking his or her picture, be sure to return your original portraits to the photographer on December 6th.

WINTER INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are beginning the week December 19, 2011. The permission slip and transportation form will be available on the FQMS website ([<http://fqms.hcpss.org/forms>]<http://fqms.hcpss.org/forms>) on Monday, December 5th. Money and signed forms are due in the Front Office by December 14, 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 - send in your permission forms and money before December 14th. If you have any questions, please call Clara Peluso at 410-313-1506 or e-mail at [mailto:cpeluso@hcpss.org]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:

Mitchell Lawlor (6th Grade)

Natalie Malette (7th Grade)

Elijah Darden (8th Grade)

FOLLY QUARTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Catherine Christie, Maria Collins, Joseph Coufal, Jacob Dapp, Lily Discepolo

7th Grade: Lydia Angel, Nicholas Baronowsky, Sam Crovo, James Kittleman, Margaret Rosburg

8th Grade: Riley Kloser, Grace LeFevre, Griffin Sancomb, Paris Taylor, Katie Twigg

WASTE FREE FRIDAYS

Composting is a new project this year at Folly Quarter. Composting is an acceleration of the decomposition process. Composting will reduce the school's solid waste, allowing it to recycle natural resources. This project is through Leo Club, as well as the Green School Initiative. We will have "Waste Free Fridays" throughout the year. As a part of this project, we will collect materials to compost to benefit the green house, which will later benefit Grassroots, a local homeless shelter. Please encourage your child to bring food items to on these Fridays that can be composted such as bread, rice, pasta, cereal, grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, beans, paper bags, napkins, cookies, and paper towels. These items will be added to our compost bins to create fresh soil for the green house, while reducing waste. This soil will help create produce in the green house that will all go to Grassroots. Another way to help our waste free goal is to pack lunches using reusable containers instead of plastic bags. We encourage your student to participate in our Waste Free Fridays! Thanks for your support!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

The Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.) Students and Student Services are coordinating a school-wide fundraiser, "Pennies for Patients." We are raising money for research in memory of former FQMS student, Amanda Post, who lost her battle with leukemia while she was a 9th grader at River Hill High School. The funds are used to support children and research who are affected by leukemia. Through December 23rd, students have the opportunity to donate money to benefit children with leukemia. At lunch every day, students may place coins, bills, or checks made out to FQMS in a box marked with their grade level. Donations may also be made online at [<http://www.schoolandyouth.org/md>] www.schoolandyouth.org/md and select "Donate to a Maryland School", then select Folly Quarter Middle School. Please encourage your child to participate in "Pennies for Patients."

6th GRADE NEWS

NAVAGATING THE INTERNET SAFETY LESSONS

Ms. Anacker-Maas and Ms. Coonts went into 6th grade English classes on Monday and Tuesday of this week to discuss Cyberbullying and how to be responsible in and out of school. The counselors shared a power point as well as video clips from the Ad Council to explain the effects of Cyberbullying. Howard County Policy 1060 (Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harrassment and Intimidation) was reviewed with the students and the Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005. Students also viewed a 5 minute video on [<http://www.Netsmartz.org>] www.Netsmartz.org called Tracking Teresa, which demonstrated how quickly people can get your information online, without you even knowing it. Each 6th grade student was given a copy of the NET Cetera booklet, which consists of helpful tips for keeping your family safe online, as well as a bookmark with a list of online resources.

FROM THE G/T OFFICE

If you would like to nominate your 6th- or 7th-grade student for G/T testing for next year, please contact Mr. McCauley as soon as possible. This applies only to cases in which you would like to see if your child qualifies for a G/T class that he/she is not currently in. Students currently in G/T classes do not need to be re-tested to stay in that class next year. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, December 8, 2011. Testing will take place in January or February of 2012(exact date to be determined). Mr. McCauley can be reached at [mailto:Bill_McCauley@hcpss.org]Bill_McCauley@hcpss.org.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU FQMS!

The PTA Community Outreach Committee and the Leo Club would like to give the biggest thanks to the FQMS community. Through your extreme generosity, we were able to provide 5 families with a wonderful Thanksgiving! We were also able to donate food to the newly founded GUMC Food Pantry, Without your support this would not have been possible! THANK YOU!

SUPPORTING OUR SOLDIERS

THANK YOU FQMS for helping to Support our Soldiers! The Leo Club was able to raise almost \$500. Which will definitely purchase needed supplies for Ben Smith's platoon in the Middle East. Without your support this would not have been possible! We also want to give a big shout out and thank you to Mrs. Szalecki whose donation can collected the most money and won the honor of being filmed using the products for all of the school to see. She was so wonderful to volunteer and participate! Thank you again!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Ask kids at this age about their problems and you're likely to hear two things: they're tired and they're hungry. You can help your child by following these steps:

- Make a plan. When does your child have to get up in the morning? Make sure bedtime is early enough to let her get at least nine hours of sleep each night.
- Try to make sure your child goes to bed at the same time each night.
- If your child is tired on the weekends, let her sleep a little later. But limit the time to one or two extra hours.

Children at this age are growing and changing so fast that their bodies need plenty of nourishment. Make sure your child starts each day with a healthy breakfast.

8TH GRADE NEWS

High School Orientations: A full list of all activities can be found on the FQMS 8th Grade Team website (<http://fqms8thgrade.hcpss.wikispaces.net/>).

December 14: Extended Homeroom Students complete the "High School Readiness Form" and the "RESPECT Reflection."

December 21-22: Counselors visit 8th grade classes to introduce the registration process, distribute high school catalog, and have each student write a preliminary 4-year plan.

January 3: 9:20-10:50 AM GHS/RHHS staff meet with FQMS students assigned to attend their high schools

January 4: 7:00 PM River Hill High School Parent Orientation at RHHS in the auditorium.

January 5: 7:00 PM Glenelg High School Parent Orientation at GHS.

JROTC

Any 8th grader interested in Junior ROTC is encouraged to set up an interview with the high school JROTC instructor and the high school administrator between December 5, 2011 and January 20, 2012. Army JROTC is offered at Atholton and Howard High Schools. Air Force JROTC is offered at Oakland Mills High School. Students may request a transfer to a school offering a JROTC program. Such transfers will be granted on condition that students provide their own transportation and remain enrolled in the program at all times. Students who do not remain enrolled must return to their district high school. Students retain full athletic eligibility.

GIANT FOOD A+ SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Remember to register your Giant Food card for Folly Quarter Middle School. ID No. 04546. Log on to [<http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>] www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. Thank you to the 74 participants that have already registered – we've earned \$409.42!

BAND KUDOS

Congratulations to the following members of the Folly Quarter Band Program for having earned a slot in the Maryland All State Junior Band -- these students prepared an audition and outplayed students from all over the state in 7th, 8th and 9th grade! Nicholas Baronowsky is 1st Chair Trumpet, Kyle Faulconer earned 5th Chair Trumpet, and Xin He earned 3rd Chair French Horn. In addition, Ryan Synk, who plays string bass in the FQMS Band Program, was selected for the Maryland All State Junior Orchestra! Further congratulations to Nicholas Baronowsky who, besides earning the top seat for trumpet, was also selected on viola for the All State Orchestra! What an incredible feat!

PTA NEWS

Holiday Spirit Wear Sale

Looking for the perfect gift for a teacher this holiday season? Our warm, hooded FQMS logo sweatshirts in grey, navy and white are 20% off now through December 23. That means they are \$20. Flannel pants are on sale for \$15 (for shorts) and \$20 (for long pants) and a limited quantity of our retired log long sleeve tees are on sale for \$7. Teachers and FQMS staff will receive an additional 10% off any purchase now through December 23. Don't wait! Sizes and quantities are limited."

FALCON DAY IS DECEMBER 23RD

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 or Games, contact Lisa Feinberg- cootiecat@aol.com or 410 531-7672.

To volunteer for the Bake Walk or send in individually wrapped baked goods for the Bake Walk - please contact: Lynn Weymer atlweymer@isiglobal.net.

FQMS Community Outreach Committee

GIVING TREE- Please join the Outreach Committee and Leo Club in purchasing gifts for several families in need in Howard County. Nov 28th-Dec 16th 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 16th 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 [<mailto:neighbornetwk@aol.com>] neighbornetwk@aol.com.

Scholastic Book Fair final report – FQMS PTA graciously thanks all the parents who support reading by allowing their students to purchase books. We sold \$5,234.63 worth of books, of which the PTA keeps \$1,308.66 to fund its budget. Seeing kids so excited about books makes the book fair a worthwhile effort.

FQMS - BELL RINGERS WANTED - Saturday, December 10th: We need bell ringers to take an hour or two shift at the GIANT Chatham on Route 40. FQMS students and families will be helping the Salvation Army with their holiday drive on this day. If you can consider an hour or two shift with your child, that would be fantastic. We will cover this location from 10 am to 8pm. Please contact Mary Jayne Register at 410-715-6502 or [<mailto:jrmjmoose@aol.com>] jrmjmoose@aol.com if you have any questions or can help out! Thank you.

Pizza Hut Three A's Program: Middle schoolers with a trio of top grades just need to show their report card at

select franchises to receive a free personal pan pizza and a small soft drink or carton of milk.

FALL FUNDRAISER - Last Monday, our top selling students were whisked away from school in EYRE Tour & Travel's VIP Executive Coach, treated to a wonderful lunch at Uno's, saw Happy Feet 2 in 3D at the AMC theatres, and finished off their celebration at the Cheesecake Factory where they sampled their favorite cheesecakes. Thanks to these students and the over 200 that participated in our fundraiser. Over \$15,000 was earned to fund important PTA programs for our school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GLENELG MARCHING UNIT'S JILLY'S RESTAURANT NIGHT!

Where: Jilly's Bar and Grill, 10030 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042

When: Tuesday, December 6th from 5-9PM

What to bring: Yourself, Friends, Family, Neighbors

5% of Net Sales of all food and drink will be donated to Glenelg's Marching Unit. Click here to see all that Jilly's has to offer, <http://jillysbarandgrill.com/>

FORMER TRIADELPHIA RIDGE FAMILIES

We are putting in a brick garden at Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School. This is the perfect opportunity to leave a lasting mark at Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School. Purchasing a "brick" to go in the brick garden is easy. Log on to our website: [<http://tres.hcpss.org/>] <http://tres.hcpss.org/>. We will be building the "brick garden" in spring 2012. Proceeds from the project will support teacher initiatives with technology and environmental instruction. Thank you for your support.

FREE CONCERTS

United States Navy Band

Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 • 7:30 PM

River Hill High School Auditorium

FREE

Lyric Brass Quintet

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 • 3:00 PM

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

10755 Scaggsville Road • Laurel, MD

FREE

Class of 2014 Jr. HAWK Field Day

Do you have some last minute holiday shopping to do? Or simply just need to run some errands? On Saturday, December 17th, the Class of 2014 will be holding their very first HAWK Field Day for children in grades 1-8 !! There will be a variety of activities (arts & crafts, sports, games etc), all led by our Class of 2014 SGA, for kids to participate in while you run your errands!! Early registration is recommended, although walk-ins are welcomed. The cost is \$30 for one or \$50 for 2 children. For more information: email Ms. Alvarado ([mailto:diana_alvarado@hcpss.org] diana_alvarado@hcpss.org) or Mr. DiFato ([mailto:John_Difato@hcpss.org] John_Difato@hcpss.org) Registration Form can be found at: [<http://www.riverhillsga.org/2014>] <http://www.riverhillsga.org/2014>.

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: [<mailto:bkfrey1@yahoo.com>] bkfrey1@yahoo.com, or call 1.800.REDCROSS!

GUMC FOOD PANTRY

Open every third Saturday of the month, 9-10am, offering groceries to those in need – you do not need to be a Howard County resident. Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC), 13900 Burntwoods Rd, Glenelg - 410-489-7260, glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

12/14 –Interim Reports go home (extended homeroom, 7:40 - 8:30)

12/17 –Saturday Academy, 8:30 – 11:30

12/20 –FQMS Winter Concert at RHHS, 7-8 pm

12/23 –Falcon Day

12/26 –1/1 – Schools Closed for Winter Break

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