

The Falcon Flyer
November 18, 2011
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WEEKLY DATES

11/21 – Red A Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)
Turkey Trot during Related Arts blocks – see details below
11/22 – Orange B Day– Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)
PTA Guest Speaker - see details below
11/23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences/Schools Closed for Students
11/24 – Thanksgiving Holiday/Schools Closed
11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday/Schools Closed

SCHOOL NEWS

4.0 BREAKFAST

1st Quarter Academic Recognition: Invitations to our Principal's 4.0 Recognition Breakfast will be coming home with your child today. The breakfast will be held on Monday, November 28th from 8:00 – 8:30 for all students who earned a 4.0 GPA for first quarter. Students attending the breakfast are invited to bring up to two adult guests. Also on the 28th, all students who earned a 3.0 or higher for first quarter will receive ice cream during lunch. Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring the breakfast and ice cream.

FALCON DAY IS COMING

Falcon Day, a reward for students who maintain satisfactory academic performance standards, will be held on the afternoon of December 23rd. Please be sure to review the Aspen Family Portal with your child on a weekly basis to ensure their participation. In addition, PTA can use your assistance as noted in the PTA section below.

LifeTouch Pictures

If your student had his/her picture taken on Oct 25th, they will be bringing home their picture packet today. If your student was absent on picture day they can have their picture taken on Picture Re-take Day on Tuesday, December 6th (flyers for new portraits are in the front office). If you are not satisfied with the picture packet and you would like to have them re-taken, please remember to send them in with your child on picture re-take day to hand to the photographer.

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:
Jacob Dapp (6th Grade)
Kevin Hill (7th Grade)
Jee Saad (8th Grade)

Federal Impact Aid Survey

Your child received a Federal Impact Aid Survey form this week in homeroom. If you meet the eligibility conditions listed on the form, please return the completed, signed, and dated survey form back to school as soon as possible or by DECEMBER 1, 2011 at the latest. Please do not fold or staple the form. Thank you.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Big Changes Are Coming...Or Are Already Here

As the parent of a child in the middle grades, you've probably noticed changes both big and small in your child over the last year or so. At times, you may wonder what stranger is living under your roof. Now they are aloof. They have minds of their own. And you probably are no longer their best friend. All these changes are perfectly normal. They're a natural part of growing up. Here are some other changes you may have noticed. At this age, many children are:

Disorganized. Okay, your child's room was never neat. But now you have trouble finding the bed. The permission slip for the field trip? Forget about it.

Forgetful. Your formerly reliable child suddenly forgets to do homework, forgets to give you an important message or forgets to bring his math book home.

Emotional. Sudden outbursts of tears, anger or unrestrained giggles are pretty much the norm.

Explorers. This week, your son wants to be a professional skateboarder. Next week, he's thinking of becoming an astronaut. Expect constant changes. (rent a musical instrument for a while before buying it.)

Anxious for Independence. The most important job of a parent is to raise a child who can live on his own. These are the years when your child will start pulling away from you. Friends are more important than ever.

7th GRADE NEWS

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 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd 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!

THE TURKEY TROT IS COMING!!

The Third Annual FQMS Turkey Trot – "Run for RAM" is this Monday, 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. **All students need to come to school on Monday prepared to participate in the Turkey Trot with comfortable, warm activity clothes and tennis shoes. There will not be time for students to change before the event!** 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. **Students are still able to turn in sponsorship forms up to the day of the event! Please consider sponsoring your child as a participant in this fun, school-wide fundraising 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.** We are looking forward to another successful Turkey Trot!! – Ms. Partridge and Mr. Eckstrom, Folly Quarter P.E. Department

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 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

Furniture made from natural timber rather than chipboard or MDF (medium density fiberboard) is preferable, as the latter leaches formaldehyde, a chemical that has the potential to damage your health.

PTA NEWS

BOOK FAIR

Thank you for all your help. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! We sold \$5,200 in books -- pretty amazing -- so the PTA will receive \$1,300

in cash towards its budget. We also receive Scholastic Dollars that we use to give teachers books from their wish list. These books go in the classroom for students to borrow. We also give Scholastic Dollars to the Media Center to buy books. I would like to extend a big thank you to **Celia O'Brien** for counting the money and fixing all of our money errors. Thank you all! Rita Morsberger

PS from the school – A BIG Falcon thank you to Mrs. Morsberger for volunteering so much personal time to coordinate this event!

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."

GUEST SPEAKER ON NOVEMBER 22nd AT 11:30

Come listen and be entertained by Elaine Harmon, one of the original fly girls, at Folly Quarter Middle School on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 (half day) in the cafeteria. Elaine is now 91 years old. She was a WASP - **Women Airforce Service Pilot** of WWII – a true inspiration – pilot and aviation trailblazer, a pioneer, hero and role model. She was one of the first women in history trained to fly American military aircraft. Come discover what Elaine and about 1,100 other women did during World War II. These women risked their lives in the new field of flight -- and broke gender barriers in the process -- to train glider pilots and ferry military equipment. She received her pilot's license at College Park airport and received her degree in Microbiology at the University of Maryland in 1940. This is an interactive dialog with the audience – she welcomes all questions. All students, families, and friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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 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 at lweymer@isiglobal.net.

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

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.

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, 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).

6th 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.

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

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

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 neighbornetwork@aol.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE DAY AT COLUMBIA SPORTS PARK

All Folly Quarter Middle School Students are invited to a free day at the Columbia Sports Park on Saturday, November 19th (5453 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia, 21044) (410) 715-3054. The hours of operation on Saturday are 12 noon to 8pm. This is compliments of the Teen Advisory Committee and the Teen Outreach Committee of the Columbia Association. **All the kids need is some Folly Quarter Middle ID.**

Financial Aid & Scholarship Workshops

Glenelg High School Counselors will present: SHOW ME THE MONEY: Financial Aid & Scholarship Workshops. Held during Parent/Teacher Conferences November 21–23. Counselors will guide students and parents through online resources that can help in finding ways to finance postsecondary education. Plan to attend one of the informative 30-minute workshops while you are at Glenelg for parent teacher conferences. To sign up, please email Mrs. Sandy Miles at sandra_miles@hcpss.org or call (410) 313-5535 for more information.

RHHS Spirit Wear

Attention 8th grade parents - interested in purchasing River Hill High School spiritwear for your upcoming freshman for the holidays?
River Hill will be selling spiritwear on Tuesday, Nov 22nd from 12-3 and 5-8 in front of the guidance offices. Come get your holiday shopping done early for your upcoming hawks fans - new Beanies and special discounts on select items.

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, or call 1.800.RED CROSS!

GUMC FOOD PANTRY: NEW PARTNER IN THE HOWARD COUNTY FOOD BANK – 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

“Charley’s Aunt” at MRHS

Marriotts Ridge High School’s fall production, *Charley’s Aunt*, runs Thursday, November 17; Friday, November 18; and Saturday, November 19, 2011, at 7:00

PM in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance by contacting Caren Fitzpatrick at caren.fitzpatrick@comcast.net. For more information on *Charley's Aunt*, visit <http://www.mrhstheatre.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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 (x5676) or Rosanne Wilson, Specialist for Positive Behavior Supports at Rosanne_wilson@hcpss.org (x5336).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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