

The Falcon Flyer

December 9, 2011

Be sure to visit our website!

<http://fqms.hcpss.org/>

WEEKLY DATES

12/12 – Yellow A Day

12/13 – Green B Day

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

12/15 – Red B Day

12/16 – Orange A Day

12/17 – Saturday Academy (8:30 - 11:30)

SCHOOL NEWS

WINTER INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are beginning the week December 19, 2011. The permission slip and transportation form is available on the FQMS website: (<http://fqms.hcpss.org/forms>). NOTE: COOKING CLUB AND TRANSPORTATION ARE BOTH FULL. 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 cpeluso@hcpss.org.

GREEN INITIATIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

Are you interested in joining the Green House Initiative Project? It is an after school intramural that will run on Thursdays until 3:30. Ms. Rogers will be working with students free of charge. Please contact Ms. Rogers for the information: natalie_rogers@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:

Nathan Haddaway (6th Grade)

Greg Brock (7th Grade)

Cyrus Saadat (8th Grade)

PBIS WINNER OF THE MONTH

November Soaring to New Heights winner of the \$25 AMC movie card is Colton Walls (7th).

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

Sorry for the confusion in last week's notice but Folly Quarter will have "Waste Free Wednesdays" throughout the remainder of this school 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. This project is through Leo Club, as well as the Green School Initiative. Please encourage your child to bring food items to on these Wednesdays 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 greenhouse, while reducing waste. Another way to help our waste free goal is to pack lunches using reusable containers instead of plastic bags so we can reduce the amount of trash generated. We encourage your student to participate in our Waste Free Wednesdays! Thanks for your support!

WATER OR MILK JUGS NEEDED

Attention parents: We need a lot of one-gallon-size milk or water jugs. These will be for setting up a heating system in our new greenhouse. They must have screw-on caps rather than the snap-on lids. If you could deliver any empty, rinsed-out jugs that you have to the school, it would be greatly appreciated! There will be a collection bin for them in the main lobby.

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> and select "Donate to a Maryland School", then select Folly Quarter Middle School. Please encourage your child to participate in "Pennies for Patients."

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Support your child's hopes & dreams for a future career. Middle school students often have grand ideas about future careers. Sometimes those ideas may not seem possible to you or be what you have in mind for your child. Still, make a strong effort to let your child know you are optimistic about her future. Support your child by:

Expressing concerns in a positive way: "Becoming a writer will take practice. Not: "How will you be a writer? You haven't written a thing in months!"

Helping her learn more. When your child expresses an interest in a career say, "What can you do to prepare yourself for a job like that?"

Having patience. Your child is not developmentally ready now to spend most of her time on things that will directly benefit her future. Someday, she will be.

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 www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. Thank you to the 76 participants that have already registered – we've earned \$861.41!

GREEN TIPS

Buy and use vegetable- or water-based glues. Avoid glues containing toxic solvents such as toluene and xylene.

PTA NEWS

BRICK GARDEN

Holidays are coming. Looking for a unique and lasting gift? The Falcon Legacy Brick Garden is the perfect opportunity to leave your mark at FQMS. The Brick Garden defines the entrance to FQMS and will be a lasting reminder of Falcon pride, participation and community spirit. Buy a brick engraved with your personal inscription. There are ideas or 3 lines of engraving on the website or take a look in the garden. See your name in the Brick Garden. Complete the form found on the PTA website: www.follyquarterpta.org For more information contact: Bernadette Mullinix at mbmullinix@verizon.net.

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. Volunteers are needed to help with the party. If you can help, contact Karen Mobley @ 443-506-7394 or neighbornetwk@aol.com.

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 jrmjmoose@aol.com if you have any questions or can help out! Thank you.

FREE PIZZA!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GLENELG MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 15 at 7:00PM. Glenelg High School Auditorium. Concert time is 7:00 pm and Admission is \$8.00. This annual concert will feature sounds of the season from the Glenelg High School Band, Orchestra, Madrigals and Choir. Tickets are \$8.00 and proceeds go to support the various groups in the Music Department. Tickets are only available from Band, Choir, or Orchestra members. Please call the High School at 410-313-5528 the day of the show to see if any tickets will be available at the door that night. This is one of the most popular concerts at Glenelg and will guarantee to put you in the holiday spirit.

CAPITOL DEBATE WINTER 2012 CLASSES/CAMPS

Capitol Debate, a business partner with the school system, will host after school classes in Debate and Public Speaking starting the week of January 17 for students from 4th to 8th grade. Cost: \$200. For more details/times and to apply, go to www.capitoldebate.com. Contact: Ronald Bratt at 443-538-4992 or mail to: bratt@capitol-debate.com

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 10th from 11 am- 8 pm, at the Orthodox Church of St. Matthew; 7271 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, 21046 (Kings Contrivance Village Center). Beautiful handmade gift items, music, baked goods, and pictures with Santa. Dinner menu includes: salmon, salad, potatoes, and dessert. Kids menu: fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, salad, and dessert. Price: Adults: \$15; Kids 6 - 12: \$8; Kids 5 and under eat free. Come join us for some family fun! 410-381-2284 www.stmatthewoca.org.

FREE STUDIO CONCERT AT MISAKO BALLET

Misako Ballet Company continues its tradition of offering holiday studio dance concerts for families with children, tailored to the young audience. Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 1-1:30 p.m. The concert will feature ballet with Japanese and classical themes and contemporary dances. Children from the audience will have an opportunity to learn a quick piece and perform it. Great for families with young children! At Misako Ballet Studio, Harpers Choice Village Center, 5485 Harper's Farm Road, Suite 203, Columbia 21044 (above Dunkin Donuts). Call 410-884-9690 or 443-805-1350 for more information, or visit www.misakoballet.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/>. 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.

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 mail to: diana_alvarado@hcpss.org or Mr. DiFato mail to: John_Difato@hcpss.org. Registration Form can be found at: <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: bkfrey1@yahoo.com, or call 1.800.REDCROSS!

GUMC FOOD PANTRY

Open Saturday, December 17th from 9-10 a.m., 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

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

12/23 – Falcon Day

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

1/5 – PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm, Media Center

1/5 – GHS Parent Orientation Night, 7-8 pm at GHS

1/7 – Jazz Reunion Concert at RHHS, 7:30 - 8:30