

The Falcon Flyer

December 23, 2011

Be sure to visit our website!

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

WEEKLY DATES

1/2 – Yellow A Day

1/3 – Green B Day

1/4 – Blue A Day/RHHS Parent Orientation, 7-8 pm at RHHS

1/5 – Red B Day/GHS Parent Orientation Night, 7-8 pm at GHS/PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm, Media Center

1/6 – Orange A Day/Jazz Reunion Concert, 7:00 at RHHS

SCHOOL NEWS

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Congratulations to the following Folly Quarter students that have made it to the County level of the PTA Reflections contest:

Barbara Brewer

Paige Caine

Bailey Heneghan

Zoe Read

Brian Rohner

Benjamin Selnick

We had several excellent entries in literature, photography, music composition, and film production from Folly Quarter this year.

Thank you for your initiative and hard work!

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:

- Nick Fiorino (6th Grade)
- William Busher (7th Grade)
- Samantha Lala (8th Grade)

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

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!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

We all need to know we are doing a good job and that others notice our accomplishments. Students are no different. So fire away with a few new adjectives in conversations and watch your son or daughter glow with pride.

You really outdid yourself this time.

I'm very proud of you.

Keep up the good work.

You must have studied hard.

It's a pleasure to see this.

Awesome!

Great!

Impressive!

Excellent!

First-class!

Bravo!

Exceptional!

You should take a bow for this one.

This is a great improvement.

Let's hang this on the refrigerator.

Wow!

Tremendous!

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/>). 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.

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 77 participants that have already registered – we've earned \$861.41!

GREEN TIPS

If your junk mail comes with a return envelope, send it back with a message that you want to be removed from their mailing list. This will save paper, save trees, and de-clutter your house.

PTA NEWS

PARENT FORUMS

FQMS PTA Parent's Forums will be held on Friday January 27th. On this evening, from 7 to 9pm, the Student Council will be hosting a dance for all students. For those parents who have time and interest, the PTA invites you to stay at school, mingle with other parents in the media center, and benefit from two interactive presentations while the kids "dance away" in the gym. The student activity fee will be refunded/waived for those whose parent(s) or guardian choose to stay for the forum.

7 – 8 pm: "Online Reputation Management – What's this all about?" – what parents need to Know about on-line communication safety, communication technology and middle school children - trends, pitfalls and consequences. Speaker: Davina Pruitt-Mentle, Ph.D., Folly Quarter Parent and Director - Organization for Educational Technology Policy, Research and Outreach.

8 – 9 pm: "Successfully Transitioning Your Child to High School–What You'll Want to Know" – A conversation and information sharing involving Folly Quarter Guidance Counselors, FQMS parents who currently have a child at Glenelg or River Hill, thoughts from a current high school student and FQMS alumni, facilitated by Principal Wilson (also a former Howard County High School Assistant Principal).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

RHHS ORIENTATION

Please join us on January 4th at 7 pm to learn about the course registration process for incoming 9th grade students. During this meeting we will discuss differences between academic level (Regular, Honors, GT and AP), graduation requirements and electives available to 9th grade students. We will present course offerings and also share information about auditions for performing arts classes. Information will be shared about specialized programs that are available to students at RHHS and at the Applied Research Lab (Career Academies, Mentorship, Independent Research).

REMEMBER HAITI EVENT

The Build Haiti Foundation's "Remember Haiti" Event is a Jazz, Dance & Arts Fundraising Event on January 14, 2012. Tickets available at www.thebuildhaitifoundation.org

Military Information Night, March 7, 2012, 7-9 pm RHHS. In attendance: Representatives from the five U.S. Military Academies, colleges with military programs, ROTC Officers, JROTC program officers, enlistment recruiters, and representatives from the offices of several of our elected state officials.

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

1/14 – Saturday Academy, 8:30 - 11:30

1/16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools & offices closed

1/20 – End of marking period - All schools close 3 hours early

1/23 – Professional Work Day - Schools closed for students