

The Falcon Flyer

January 6, 2012

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

WEEKLY DATES

1/9 – Yellow B Day

1/10 – Green A Day/Winter Concert 2 at RHHS, 7-8 pm

1/11 – Blue B Day/Science Fair, Media Center, all day

1/12 – Red A Day/SNOW DATE for Science Fair

1/13 – Orange B Day

1/14 – Saturday Academy, 8:30 - 11:30

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

SCHOOL NEWS

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:

Chris Borgert (6th Grade)

Laurel Pulford (7th Grade)

Jee Saad (8th Grade)

FOLLY QUARTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Hannah Butera, Kyle Lee, Eddie Leimbach, Jack Schell, Alyssa Vagnoni

7th Grade: Victoria Gulas, Tim Henderson, Kevin Hill, Connor McIntyre, Daniel Mansfield

8th Grade: Rachel Miller, Drew Palmer, Caroline, Parisien, Luke Puchalla, Matt Rueter

HEALTH CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ms. McLarty needs parent volunteers to help cover her health classes on January 11th & 12th for same gender discussions on human sexuality. Please email her directly at lmclarty@hcpss.org.

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

Help your child follow through in a timely manner. Middle schoolers are easily distracted. It can be a challenge to follow through on a parent's or teacher's request when there are so many other interesting things and people around! Help your child get it in gear by:

- **Being specific.** Make sure your child knows exactly what you expect and when you expect it.
- **Encouraging and thanking.** "I really appreciate that you're doing this."
- **Checking progress.** Talk with your child about how she thinks she is doing on getting things done.
- **Share ideas** about ways to improve her follow-through or how to help her keep up the good work.

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 hot water is too hot, see if you can lower the temperature on your hot water heater. If you frequently need to mix cold water with the hot water coming out of the tap, chances are that it's too hot. Save energy and money!

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

Mix It Up Middle School is an after-school sports and games activity open to 7th & 8th grade Folly Quarter and Glenwood students. The activity will run on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 starting 1/31/12 and running for 5 weeks (2/28/12). It will be held at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center and the fee is \$25, which includes transportation and snack. If you are interested please see Mrs. Coonts in the Guidance office (410-313-1514) for a registration form. The forms are due back to Mrs. Coonts no later than 1/24/12.

PARKS & REC SNOW TUBING

Spend your day off from school SNOW TUBING with friends and Recreation and Parks!

Youth ages 11 & up are encouraged to register now for School's Out Snow Tubing & Movie Trips this winter. Participants will enjoy a morning of snow tubing, zooming down the perfectly carved lanes at Liberty Mountain Resort. The School's Out Snow Tubing & Movie trips will be held on Monday, January 23rd and Friday, February 17th, from 8am-6pm. The fee is \$90 per participant, and includes snow tubing, movie, lunch, supervision, and transportation from the Long Gate Park and Ride in Ellicott City. Information: Matt Medicus, 410-313-4719. Register: 410-313-7275 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged.

GLENWOOD LIONS CLUB

The Glenwood Lions Club has a box in the front office at FQMS where you can drop off your used eyeglasses.

GIRL POWER

On Sunday, March 11th from 3 - 5 pm, the Johns Hopkins' APL will present "Girl Power, Reach for the Sky" Career Opportunities for the Women of Tomorrow in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. There is no admission fee but registration is suggested. For more information, call 443.778.6125. For directions, visit: <http://www.jhuapl.edu/>

FOOD PANTRY

The next GUMC Food Pantry date is Saturday, January 21st from 9 - 10 am. We are partnered with the Ho. Co. Food Bank.

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.

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

1/17 – SNOW DATE for Winter Concert 2

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

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

1/27 – FQMS PTA Dance, 7-9 pm

1/30 – Report Cards Issued, Extended Homeroom