

The Falcon Flyer

January 27, 2012

Be sure to visit our website!

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

WEEKLY DATES

1/30 – Red B Day - Report Cards Issued/Extended Homeroom

1/31 – Orange A Day

2/1 – Yellow B Day/Waste Free Wednesday

2/2 – Green A Day

2/3 – Blue B Day/Maryland History Day

SCHOOL NEWS

EVENT CANCELLATION - DANCE & FORUMS

Due to low reservations, the dance and associated Parent's Forum will both be canceled this Friday evening, January 27th. Refunds have been issued during lunches this week and are still available through the front office.

FLASHMOB AT FQMS!

In order to raise awareness of the effects of bullying, harassment and intimidation, members of YES (Youth Empowerment Summit) and FQMS Pom Squad worked together to create a Flashmob. This is the kick-off to 3rd quarter and our pledge to keep FQMS a safe and caring learning environment. Join other members of the Folly Quarter community and take a stand against CyberBullying, Bullying, Harrassment and Intimidation. You can sign the pledge by going to <http://nobullchallenge.org/home-2/take-the-pledge>. January 23rd - January 27th is also National No-Name Calling week. The focus of this week is to end name-calling of all kinds and to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in our school. Let's work together to create a place where everyone feels included and accepted! Thank you to the following students for participating: Adrianna Bethea, Christina Scott, Luveth Portillo, Maria Collins, Katie Landry, Jen Landry, Abby Gallagher, Olivia Ball, Ania Blake, Mayuri Albal, Christian Waksmunski, Julia Perline, Sophia Anavari, Lily Discepolo, Katie Dustin, Victoria Ball, Christina Leimbach, Jenna Sweeny, Lydia Angel, Bianca Brade, James Coyne, Tolu Faderin, Quinn Kelly, Missy Kum, Natalie Malette, Christopher Messer, Guy Mobeka, Kathryn Robertson, Alisha Tronetti, Alexis Bensen, Barbara Brewer, Morgyn Farnum, Noah Gamerman, Mary Shea Kealey Kustas, Brianna Mentle, Kemi Moore, Phoebe Sevrin, Hannah Tralka, Kyle Stewart.

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:

Elissa Tribbey (6th Grade)
John McAuliffe (7th Grade)
Jake Lancelotta (8th Grade)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Temperament means a person's usual style of mood and behavior. It often shows up in the first months of life, sometimes at birth. However, in middle school, even an easygoing child may suddenly show a more difficult temperament. This is usually in response to the many changes happening to him now. To make dealing with a temperamental child easier:

- **Deal with your child peacefully.** Expect that Sometimes your child's words or behavior may put you on edge.
- **Focus on the “biggies.”** When your child says or does something difficult, ask yourself, “Is this a big deal?” If not, consider letting it go. Save your response for important issues.

BOOK DRIVE

The Community Outreach and Leo Club are holding their annual Book Drive! Starting February 1st through February 29th we will be collecting gently used books of all levels. These books will be donated to various schools and centers in the Howard County community. A donation box will be located in the front lobby. As always, THANK YOU for your support! Any questions please contact: Ms. Bader, Mrs. Watt, or Mrs. Taylor.

TEENS FOR JEANS

Did you know 1 in 3 homeless people in the US is under the age of 18? Did you know that 1.6 to 1.7 million people under 18 will experience homelessness each year? The Leo Club wants to join efforts with FQMS to help their peers! We are collecting gently used jeans, any brand, any size. These jeans will be donated to local homeless shelters and centers. Our collection begins Tuesday January 24th and ends Friday February 10th! So please think of Teens for Jeans next time you go into your closet and find jeans that are just too big! Donation bins will be located in the front lobby of FQMS. THANK YOU for your support! Any questions please contact: Ms. Bader, Mrs. Watt, or Mrs. Taylor.

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 79 participants that have already registered – we've earned \$1,272.01!

GREEN TIPS

Buy recycled paper towels.

MILITARY INFORMATION NIGHT

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.

PTA NEWS

THANK YOU!

The Community Outreach Committee and Leo Club would like to express our appreciation to the students, families, and faculty of FQMS for supporting our Giving Tree Program. We adopted 2 families from Howard County and provided them with gifts, such as grocery and department store gift cards, clothing, winter coats, and toys. We collected countless toys that were given to the Island of Hope's Homeless Children's Christmas Party in Baltimore. We also collected over \$500 in gift cards which were distributed to local Howard County families. The students had a wonderful time wrapping the gifts at the Wrapping/Pizza Party held on Dec 16, 2011. Upcoming projects will be our annual Book Drive and Indoor Yard Sale. Stay tuned for more info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PTA SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT YEAR - Any parent(s) interested in being a member or leader of the Fundraising and/or Parent's Forum committees should contact Mary Jayne Register at [<mailto:jrmjmoose@aol.com>]jrmjmoose@aol.com. The fundraising committee will meet at least once before the end of this school year to plan for next fall's effort. Artistic talent (signage, display work) and communications skills (parent updates via e-news) most helpful. Be a part of what makes FQMS a great school, thanks for considering!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jazz at Glenelg High School

Featuring The United States Army Jazz Ambassadors with guest opening band: The Glenelg Jazz Ensemble on Friday, January 27th in the Glenelg High School Auditorium. Concert time is 7:00 pm and Admission is free. The Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring Big Band of the US Army. This concert promises to entertain both young and old! Please call the High School at 410-313-5533 or visit [<http://www.glenelgbands.com/>] for more information.

Winter Citrus Fruit Sale

The Glenelg Marching Unit Boosters are now holding their last Citrus Fruit Sale of the year. In February, they offer Florida grapefruit, California navel oranges, and Florida temple oranges. Orders are due by February 10th for fruit to be picked up at Glenelg High School on February 25, 2012. Order forms are available from the Glenelg High School office, by contacting Cindy Desrochers at 410-489-4977 or [<mailto:fruitsales@glenelgbands.com>]fruitsales@glenelgbands.com, or by downloading from our website at: [<http://www.glenelgbands.com>]www.glenelgbands.com.

RIVER HILL GT INFORMATION

Parent Information night for GT students interested in taking US History AP on February

1st at 7pm at RHHS Information Center. We will discuss the US History AP course expectations, how to qualify to take the course and answer all of your questions! Testing for this course will take place on February 17th at 10 am. (Parents do NOT need to attend the evening information program in order for their child to take the test.) There is no school for students on this day. Report to the atrium in front of RHHS front office.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR JOURNEY CAMP FOR GIRLS

Applications are now available for Journey 2012. Journey is a weeklong residential leadership development program for Howard County girls entering 8th and 9th grade in the fall of 2012 sponsored by the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County. Journey will run from Sunday, June 24 – Saturday, June 30 at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. The cost of the camp is \$600. Financial assistance is available. Requests for financial aid should be mailed by March 17, 2012. The application deadline is March 31, 2012. Applications are available in middle school guidance offices and online at [<http://www.womensgivingcircle.org>] www.womensgivingcircle.org and [<http://www.mlw.org>] www.mlw.org. For information, contact office@mlw.org.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Western Howard County Youth Baseball, Softball & Tee Ball (WHCYBSL) EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION comes to an end on Tuesday, January 31st. Register for Recreational Spring Baseball, Softball & Tee Ball by Tuesday, Jan 31st for an early bird discount and eligibility for FREE pitching and hitting clinics. Visit [<http://www.whcsports.com>] for a registration flier or for more information about registration discounts & FREE clinics. Contact WHCYBSL directly by visiting the League Leadership tab located at [<http://www.whcsports.com>].

THE Y-Fi CHALLENGE

Take the Y-Fi Challenge: Put your money skills to the test! Saturday, January 28th from 10 am – 2 pm at Howard Community College. Youth Ages 12-18 and their parents are invited to attend. Registration is encouraged but not required. Visit www.yfichallenge.eventbrite.com to register.

MATH ACADEMY

The BSAP-Saturday Math Academy offers mentoring and tutoring in mathematics on Saturday mornings by HCPSS certified teachers for students in grades 4–12 at Oakland Mills High School Cafeteria. On Site Registration is 9–11 am on Saturday February 11, 2012 Questions: Jackie Jenkins at 410.313.1598, jacquelyne_jenkins@hcpss.org. Details at website: [<http://www.bsapsma.weebly.com/>]

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.

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/>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2/7 – 4.0 Honor Roll Breakfast & Ice Cream at Lunch

2/8 – 5th Grade Parent GT Program Orientation, 7-8 pm

2/11 – Saturday Academy, 8:30 - 11:30 am