

# Falcon Flyer

February 3, 2012

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

## WEEKLY DATES

2/6 – Red A Day

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

2/8 – Yellow A Day/Waste Free Wednesday/5th Grade Parent GT Program Orientation, 7-8 pm

2/9 – Green B Day

2/10 – Blue A Day

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

### 2ND QUARTER ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Invitations to our Principal's 4.0 Recognition Breakfast were distributed in homeroom this week. The breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th from 8:00 - 8:30 am** for all students who earned a 4.0 GPA for second quarter. Students attending the breakfast are invited to bring up to two adult guests. *Additionally, all students who earned a 3.0 or higher for second quarter and those students who improved their GPA by .5 from the previous quarter will receive ice cream during lunch on Feb. 7th.* Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring the breakfast and ice cream.

Folly Quarter is pleased to recognize students who earned a 3.0 or higher GPA this quarter and those students who improved their GPA by .5 from the previous quarter. Individual names are posted in the Folly Quarter lobby and certificates and scholar pens will be distributed in homeroom on February 7th. The academic recognition numbers per grade are listed below:

6th grade 81% or 139 students of which 36 had perfect 4.0 GPA's

7th grade 84% or 179 students of which 38 had perfect 4.0 GPA's

8th grade 81% or 166 students of which 35 had perfect 4.0 GPA's

### 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:

#### Last Week's Winners:

Jefferson Gomez (6th Grade)

Laurel Pulford (7th Grade)

Herman Mills (8th Grade)

#### This Week's Winners:

Colleen McAulay (6th Grade)

Tolu Faderin (7th Grade)

Caitlin Lydon (8th Grade)

### FOLLY QUARTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

Zack Gronlund

Kara Miller

Emily Soeken

Gabrielle Stratmann

Jacob Wilkin

Cade Dick

Emily Jones

Annie Maloney

Brendan Montgomery

Mac Smith

Victoria Ball

Scott Boettinger

Scott Hilliard  
Katherine Murbach  
Natalie Zakel

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Folly Quarter will be conducting parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 through Friday, February 17, 2012. You may sign up for these beginning Monday, 2/6, at 3 PM via the link:

<https://pickatime.com/hcpss.html>

Parents are kindly asked to bring their child's data binder to these conferences.

#### **Pick A Time Schedule**

Pick A Time goes online	Monday, February 6, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
Pick A Time goes offline	Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 12:00 midnight

#### **Parent Conference Schedule**

Wednesday, February 15th	12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 16th	12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 17th	8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### **REFLECTIONS UPDATE**

Congratulations to **Barbara Brewer** (film production), **Paige Caine** (literature), **Bailey Heneghan** (photography) and **Benjamin Selnick** (musical composition) whose reflections entries were winners at the Howard County level and have advanced to the Maryland State Reflections Contest.

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER**

Teach empathy to help your child relate to others. Having empathy – being aware of how others feel – will help your child in school and in life. You can help your child develop and practice empathy. Teach him to:

- **Consider** the needs of others.
- **Be aware** of body language. Teach your child to look at someone's posture.
- **Respond** appropriately. He can return a smile with a smile. He can listen if the other person wants to talk, or he can suggest an activity to take the person's mind off his worries

### **2012 FQMS SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations to **Sarah Nalty** for being our first FQMS Spelling Bee winner! Sarah's next step will be to participate in the Howard County Library Spelling Bee on March 9th. The winner from this competition will move on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Congratulations also go to Garrett Peters who was the runner up of the Bee and he is the School Bee Alternate. Kudos also go to all the participants: **Narayani Wagle, Vasudha Jasthi, Tyler Lee, Colleen McAulay, Lynda Phillips, Brian Rohner, James Coyne, and Nick Doran**. They all did a wonderful job. A huge thank you to **Mrs. Szalecki** for her help and support!

### **BOOK DRIVE**

The Community Outreach and Leo Club are holding their annual Book Drive! Starting **February 1st – 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](http://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**

Save paper by printing addresses directly onto envelopes with your printer rather than using labels.

## **MILITARY INFORMATION NIGHT**

Military Information Night, **March 7, 2012, 7-9 pm at 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**

### **BOX TOPS**

Keep those BoxTops coming! Our deadline for our last submission of the year is fast approaching and we're getting close to our goal! Please submit any and all valid boxtops you have by **Friday February 24th** so we can turn them into cash for our school! There is a collection bin in the front office.

### **CULTURAL ARTS VOLUNTEERS**

FQMS PTA is seeking a **cultural arts chair** for next academic year, 2012-2013. Attending the Cultural Arts Showcase at The Howard County Arts Council on **Thursday, March 1st and Friday, March 2nd**, is a great way to immerse yourself in the amazing talent that we can offer our students. If you love the arts and want to help from home, this is a great committee to chair. Anyone interested, please contact Rita Morsberger at [mailto:ritamors3@verizon.net]ritamors3@verizon.net or 410-988-9145.

**PTA SEEKING FUNDRAISING/PARENT FORUMS VOLUNTEERS** - 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 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**

### **SUMMER CAMP FAIR**

Sponsored by HC Rec & Parks, the Baltimore's Child Camp & Summer Program Fairs will be held on February 19th and March 4th. See the website for details: [www.BaltimoresChild.com](http://www.BaltimoresChild.com).

### **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR JOURNEY CAMP FOR GIRLS**

Applications are now available for Journey 2012. Journey is a week long 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> ] and [ <http://www.mlw.org> ]. For information, contact office@mlw.org.

### **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 next School's Out Snow Tubing & Movie trip will be held on **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](http://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**

2/15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)  
2/16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)  
2/17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools closed for students)  
2/20 - Presidents' Day (schools & offices closed)

2/25 - Saturday Academy (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

2/29 - Interim reports go home