

Falcon Flyer

February 10, 2012

Be sure to visit our website!

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

WEEKLY DATES

2/13 – Red B Day

2/14 – Orange A Day

2/15 – Yellow B Day/Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)

2/16 – Green A Day/ Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)

2/17 – Schools closed for students/ Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools closed for students)

2/20 – Schools and offices closed for Presidents' Day

SCHOOL NEWS

2ND QUARTER ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

This past Tuesday, Folly Quarter was proud to recognize 484 students who earned academic recognition during 2nd quarter. This represents over 82% of the student body. In addition, a special congratulations to 109 students who earned perfect 4.0 GPA's. We look forward to recognizing even more students following 3rd quarter.

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:

Ellie Streaker (6th Grade)

Kevin Hill (7th Grade)

Seth Koncurat (8th Grade)

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.

MSA's

The Maryland School Assessment (MSA) for Reading and Math is a measure of student achievement for Grades Kindergarten through 8th. The MSA fulfills recommendations of the Visionary Panel for Better Schools and meets the federal testing requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

At the middle school level, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will be tested in Mathematics on March 13th and 14th, and tested in Reading on March 20th and 21st. The assessments include multiple choice and short written response questions. Sample test items may be viewed by logging onto www.mdk12.org. Testing will begin promptly at 7:40 and last approximately three hours each day. Students will have shortened classes for the remainder of the day.

It is important for all students to attend school and to arrive promptly on testing days. Students should be well rested and eat a nourishing breakfast. *Please consider scheduling any early dismissals on MSA days to happen after 11:30 am.* Folly Quarter Middle School is committed to academic excellence, and we are confident that our students will perform well on the MSA. As always, we appreciate your support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's counselor in the Student Services Office at 410-313-1514.

Student names from A-L: Mrs. Anacker-Maas

Student names M-Z: Mrs. Coonts

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

The 7th grade students will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for organizations, such as Grassroots during parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 16th from 12-3; and 4-7. Please consider buying some baked goods to support a worthy cause!

PICTURE DAY

It's that time of year again - capture school memories with portraits by Lifetouch. Mark your calendars and get ready for Picture Day on Thursday, February 23, 2012. This time look before you buy. Send no money now - see your portraits first. Students will receive a portrait form to select their pose in homeroom next week.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Student tips for Resolving Conflicts

Here are four ways to resolve conflicts. Each is effective in certain situations. When you're faced with a conflict, try to think about each of these alternatives and choose the one that seems most likely to achieve your goal.

1. **Accommodate** – Try to find a solution that will accommodate the needs of both people.
2. **Compromise** – You may be able to solve the problem by finding a middle ground. In a compromise, you won't get everything you wanted, but the other person won't either.
3. **Collaborate** – Working on a problem together can sometimes make it easy to resolve conflicts. You'll probably come up with some pretty creative solutions.
4. **Avoid it** – Sometimes you don't need to get into a conflict at all. When an issue doesn't matter that much to you, try avoiding the conflict. Later, when there's an issue that is important, people will usually try to work with you because you've been reasonable in the past.

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.

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

Laptops are far more energy efficient than desktop computers.

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.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the theme for National African American History Month 2012 is: "Black Women in American History and Culture;" and

WHEREAS, we honor numerous African American women such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Mae Jemison, Rosa Parks, Shirley Chisholm, Harriet Tubman, Wilma Rudolph, Althea Gibson, Oprah Winfrey, Ella Fitzgerald, and Maya Angelou; and

WHEREAS, visionary leaders like Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr. possessed a clarity of purpose and were instrumental in exposing and addressing the issues that threatened this country's founding principles; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama is the first person of color to be elected President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Howard County Public School System recognizes the importance of education students about the struggles for equality that are part of America's history so that this generation, and those that follow, will not take our hard-earned freedoms for granted, and Whereas, The Howard County Public School System has partnerships with many civic and educational organizations

such as the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which promotes the academic achievement of over 400 young men at 12 Howard County high schools through the Alpha Achievers Program;

THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education hereby designates February 2012 as African American History Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this document serves to reinforce our commitment to recognizing the significant contributions of African Americans and to ensuring that all children see themselves in the Howard County curriculum.

PTA NEWS

FQMS INDOOR YARD SALE

We are gearing up for our FQMS Indoor Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, March 17th 8:00am-12:00pm . Last year was our first yard sale indoors and it was a great success! This event takes a great deal of volunteers to make it a success, so we are asking those who are interested in helping to please contact Karen Mobley at Highestpointhc@aol.com or call 443-506-7394. Students are also encouraged to participate to earn Community Service Hours. In addition to people reserving tables to sell their own items, we will also be accepting donations to our Donation Tables which will be open to families experiencing economic hardship. More information to follow.

SHAKESPEARE COMPANY AT FQMS

FQMS PTA applied for and obtained a grant from the Howard County Arts Council, co-sponsored by the Howard County Government, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Columbia Foundation, and Target, for the benefit of eighth-grade students who have been enjoying having The Chesapeake Shakespeare Company come into their English classes for the past two weeks. During this time, the actors worked with the students as they played Shakespeare games, learned Shakespearean language, and blocked stage combat. The students truly enjoyed themselves. If you have an eighth-grade student, ask them about the experience.

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

FOOD PANTRY

The GUMC Food Pantry is open to all the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 - 10 a.m. at Glenelg United Methodist Church, 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg, 410-489-7260 #7. This month it is open on Saturday, February 18th. We are partnered with the Howard County Food Bank.

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.

DRAGONS ELITE BOYS' BASKETBALL CAMP

Coming off a successful first campaign in the MIAA-A Conference and a MIAA-B Conference Championship in 2011, Coach Kevin Quinlan will offer intensive skills training for competitive basketball players who dream of achieving success on the high school court and beyond. For more information and a complete brochure contact Coach Q. kquinlan@glenelg.org, 703-505-4707, www.glenelg.org/summer. Online registration available with VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, and Discover.

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. 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

2/23 – Spring Picture Day

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

2/29 - Interim reports go home/extended homeroom

3/1 – PTA Meeting at 7 – 8 pm, Media Center