

The Falcon Flyer
November 4, 2011
Be sure to visit our website <http://fqms.hcpss.org/>

WEEKLY DATES

11/7 – Red A Day – PTA Book Fair, 11/7 – 11/11, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
11/8 – Orange B Day
11/9 – Yellow A Day
11/10 – Green B Day
11/11– Blue A Day – Report Cards go home (extended homeroom)
11/12 – Saturday Academy – 8:30 – 11:30 am

SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to seeing everyone during fall conferences, November 21st to 23rd. However, please understand that, unlike elementary schools, secondary teachers teach over 125 students and the conference window only allows for approximately 40 conferences. If you cannot meet with a teacher during this window, please call the Folly Quarter Guidance Office at 410-313-1514 and arrange a different time. Details about fall conferences can be found on our homepage at: <http://fqms.hcpss.org/Conferences-Pickatime>. Our Pickatime opens at 3 pm on November 14th and closes at midnight on November 19th. In order to access this program, you will need your child's student ID number. This ID number can be found on your student's schedule, interim report, or report card. Unfortunately, a student ID number cannot be given over the telephone.

SECOND QUARTER RELATED ARTS CHANGES

The beginning of quarter 2 is right around the corner! On November 7th, students will start their 2nd quarter related arts classes. Please log-on to Aspen to discuss this new schedule with your child.

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:

Olivia Ball (6th Grade)
Amanda Stutz (7th Grade)
Jee Saad (8th Grade)

FOLLY QUARTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade: Julia Calo, Julia Perline, Ben Selnick, Sophie Shen, Jonathan Spiropolous
7th Grade: Matt Best James Coyne, Amytess Girgis, Stone Graham, Alexa Roche
8th Grade: Ania Blake, Marc DeSimone, Razeen Khan, Lauren LaPenna, Lauren Owens

PBIS WINNER OF THE MONTH

Leanne Duncan is our PBIS winner for October. Leanne won a \$25 AMC gift card. Congratulations, Leanne!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Seven Habits of Highly Successful Teens

1. They set goals
2. They plan their time.
3. They study every day
4. They take notes in class
5. They have the tools they need
6. They keep their commitments
7. They get ready ahead of time

FROM THE G/T OFFICE

If you are interested in learning more about the CTY (Center for Talented Youth) programs from Johns Hopkins University, you can pick up a packet of information from Mr. McCauley. Deadlines are coming up fast so don't delay!

TURKEY TROT

The Third Annual FQMS Turkey Trot – “Run for RAM” is coming on November 21, 2011! All FQMS students will participate in the Turkey Trot, with each grade having a separate run, held during their Related Arts block. The Turkey Trot for eighth grade is from 7:50-8:35; seventh grade from 8:35-9:20; and sixth grade from 9:20-10:05. **We are in need of volunteers on the day of the event to supervise and guide students along the 1.25 mile cross-country course! If you are interested in helping out for the event, please email Ms. Partridge at victoria_partridge@hcpss.org with the times that you are available to volunteer.** The Turkey Trot would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, so thank you to all that support the Trot!!

***** PLEASE NOTE: THE TIME OF THE SIXTH GRADE RUN HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO ISSUES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION ON THE COURSE AND BUS LOOP AVAILABILITY. THE 6th GRADE RUN IS NOW FROM 9:20-10:05.*****

The Turkey Trot is a fundraiser for the school's physical education and technology departments, as students can be 'sponsored' for the run to raise money for the school. Students will be receiving Turkey Trot pledge sheets during the week of October 31st. Students can elect to be sponsored as a runner for the race, and any student who raises \$15 or more will receive a free 2011 FQMS Turkey Trot T-shirt. Students who turn in their pledge sheet prior to Thursday, November 3rd will receive their t-shirt on the day of the trot, students who choose to submit their pledge sheet later will receive their t-shirt in early December.

A printable version of the pledge sheet is available on Ms. Partridge's website, as well as the design for the 2011 Turkey Trot t-shirt. If you have any questions or are available to help out at the event, please email her at victoria_partridge@hcpss.org. We hope to see you at the trot!!
Ms. Partridge and Mr. Eckstrom, Folly Quarter P.E. Department

PARENT BUSINESS OWNERS

Here at Folly Quarter Middle School, our physical education program is designed to engage students in a number of activities that they can participate in for a lifetime. For us, running is one of those lifetime activities. This month in Toronto, A 100-year-old runner became the oldest person to complete a full-distance marathon when he finished the race in just over 8 hours. For our students, an active lifestyle is one of the most important factors in eliminating the epidemic of childhood obesity.

Folly Quarter Middle School's 3rd Annual Turkey Trot is an event that addresses this issue. Through our 1.25 mile course on the grounds of Folly Quarter Middle School, students will participate in a challenging cross-country course. Through our 'Fun Run/Walk for RAM', it is our hope we can do something to help fight the epidemic of childhood obesity and raise funds to support our physical education program and technology here at Folly Quarter Middle School.

We are extending an opportunity to our local businesses to take part. We would like to request your company's assistance for funds to support *Folly Quarter Middle School's 3rd Annual Turkey Trot*. Your sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

With your donation of \$100, your company's logo will be displayed on the back of our shirt along with an invitation to join us on November 21, 2011 (Rain Date November 22, 2011). If you have any questions or would like to join our fight against childhood obesity, please contact John Eckstrom at jeckstrom@hcpss.org for more information. – Victoria Partridge and John Eckstrom.

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 69 participants that have already registered. Updates of the earnings will be posted in November.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Use envelopes made of recycled paper. They are becoming increasingly easy to find in stores.

PTA NEWS

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Get your creative juices going! It is time for the PTA Reflections Contest. This year's theme is "DIVERSITY MEANS..." Students may enter an ORIGINAL work in one or more of the following categories: Photography, Literature, Visual Arts (including drawing, painting, collage), Musical Composition, Dance Choreography and Film Production. Three winners from each school in each category move on to the county level where the best entries go on to compete in the state and national contests. Contest rules and entry form are available at the Reflections web-site: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/rules_and_documents

This link can also be found on the FQMS web-site under "Links". The entries are due in the front office by November 28, 2011. Any questions, please contact Rena Heneghan at rheneghan@verizon.net.

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all families and staff who have already become FQMS PTA members. Our enrollment numbers are below last year, so we are asking everyone to please make sure you have submitted your membership form and money no later than Friday, November 18th. We will have a membership box in the office during American Education Week for your convenience. Membership forms can be found on the FQMS PTA website at follyquarterpta.org, located under "forms". Our goal is to match the FQMS staff with 100% family participation, so PLEASE turn in your forms.

FQMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION: FQMS' Outreach Committee & Students of the Leo Club will be collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket collection. Each grade will be collecting specific items. Please place items in marked boxes in the lobby. Collection begins Nov 1-Nov 18. Howard County families will be the recipients of the baskets. Extra items will be delivered to the new Food Pantry located at the Glenelg United Methodist Church on Burntwoods Rd. Glenelg. Gift cards will be collected by all grades (Grocery store ,Target & Walmart).

6th GRADE: THANKSGIVING FOOD ITEMS such as turkey stuffing, turkey gravy (cans/jars), boxed mashed potatoes, green beans/corn, cranberry sauce, yams, pie filling with boxed pie crust or nonperishable pie crust, fruit cocktail, cookie/brownie/other dessert mix, **ALSO OTHER NONPERISHABLE FOODS** such as pastas, PB &J, tuna fish, soups, vegetables, mac & cheese, Manwich , Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, etc.

7th GRADE: HOUSEHOLD ITEMS- Toilet paper, detergent, cleaning supplies, paper towels, batteries, light bulbs, tissues, etc.

8th GRADE: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrush, band-aids, body lotion, comb/brush, etc.

BOOK FAIR

The PTA-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Media Center Nov. 7 – Nov. 11, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm daily. The PTA is **seeking volunteers** to man the checkout table. User-friendly scanners makes checkout easier! Shifts are broken down into two-hour time commitments. Sign up by clicking Volunteerspot link or contact Barb Ridenour at toolie12@yahoo.com
www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/562345634099046095.

ITALY TRIP

Last year, five chaperones along with 22 seventh and eighth graders from Glenwood Middle School traveled to Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, and Florence. If you are interested in taking a look at what they did, the links below will take you to a photo diary and blog the students created while they were there. Family and friends were able to follow them in almost real time.

http://web.me.com/georgelovera/Virtual_Classroom/ITALIA_2011_PHOTOS.html
http://web.me.com/georgelovera/Virtual_Classroom/ITALIA_2011/ITALIA_2011.html

The PTA sent out flyers with this information to all 7th and 8th graders. Any 6th graders who are interested please contact Cathy Corrao or Lisa Sceपुरa at lsceपुरa@Verizon.net. Additional copies of the flyer can be found in the front office kiosk.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPEAK UP 2011

Participate in Speak Up 2011 and learn what K-12 students, educators, and parents have to say about education issues! Visit <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011> to sign up and take the survey
Speak Up 2011 will be open October 10th – December 23rd, 2011.

CYBER BULLYING, INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY SAFETY SEMINAR

Glenwood Middle School hosts Keith Dunn for a Parent Seminar on November 16 at 7pm at Glenwood Middle School (open to ALL Howard County parents!). Check out his presentations at www.kdcop.com. For additional information contact David_brown@hcpss.org OR Kelli_brandt@hcpss.org.

CHOOSE CIVILITY POSTER CHALLENGE

The HCPSS Office of Student Services challenges all students to a poster contest themed: "Choose Civility: The Power of Words."

Criteria

Poster Size: 8 ½ x 11 horizontal or vertical

Media: Marker, colored pencil, or paint

Image: Hand-drawn, original student ideas & artwork, (no computer generated pictures or photos, etc.)

Overall Artwork: Artwork should clearly convey "Choose Civility: The Power of

Words" theme.

Deadline: November 22, 2011

For additional questions, please contact Kami Wagner, Resource Counselor at "kami_wagner@hcpss.org (x5676) or Rosanne Wilson, Specialist for Positive Behavior Supports at Rosanne_wilson@hcpss.org (x5336).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11/13-19 – American Education Week

11/21-22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools close 3 hrs. early)

11/23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (schools closed for students)

11/24 – Thanksgiving Day (schools & offices closed)

11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday (schools & offices closed)

11/28 – 4.0 Breakfast and Honor Roll Ice Cream Reward at Lunch

12/1 – PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center

12/6 – Picture Re-take Day, 7:30 – 10:50