

What is Middle School?

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Courses

- Core Academics
 - English Language Arts (ELA) (on-grade level, GT)
 - Social Studies (on-grade level, GT)
 - Science (on-grade level, GT)
 - Math (MSM 1, MSM 2, Pre Algebra)
- Student levels have been recommended by the elementary school teachers. We follow those recommendations.
- In addition, students who require support may be eligible for English Language Arts (ELA) or Math seminars.

Additional Courses

- Physical Education
- Health Education
- Fine Art (Art or Music or Performing Art)
- Family and Consumer Sciences or Technology Education
- Performing Arts (Band, Chorus, or Orchestra)
- World Language (French or Spanish)
- Reading Modules

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- November and February are designated conference times countywide. Parents will use **Pick-a-time** to schedule these conferences.
- Unlike elementary school, teachers do not have a slot for every student. Please make an appointment if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.
- Both afternoon and evening slots are available.
- Parents may call the guidance office to schedule a conference with a teacher any other time during the school year.

Absences

- Students have as many class periods as they are out to make up any missed work for excused absences.
- Absences are not excused unless a note confirming the reason for lawful absence is submitted
- Students who incur unexcused absences will not be able to make up work for credit
- Each student is only allotted 3 discretionary days per school year
- When a student is out he/she misses both class work and homework
- Please think carefully when planning a trip that takes your student out during school days

School Website

Folly Quarter Middle School has its own website, which includes important schoolwide information.

<http://fqms.hcpss.org>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Folly Quarter Middle School website. The header features the school's logo on the left, the text "FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL" in the center, and "HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM" on the right. A navigation menu on the left lists various links such as Home, Academic Support, Administration, Archived Falcon Flyers, Conferences-Pickatime, Contact, Departments, FAQ's, Forms, HCPSS Calendar, Links, Media Resources & Rsrch, Partnerships, PBIS, Policies, PTA, Registration, School Improvement, School Map, Student Service Learning, and Teacher Resources. The main content area is titled "Welcome" and features a photograph of the school building. Below the photo is the text "Values RESPECT for Self, Others, and the Environment". At the bottom, there is a blue ribbon graphic and the text "MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM - The Maryland State Board of Education proudly recognizes FQMS for outstanding performance on the".

FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Welcome

"Values RESPECT for Self, Others, and the Environment"

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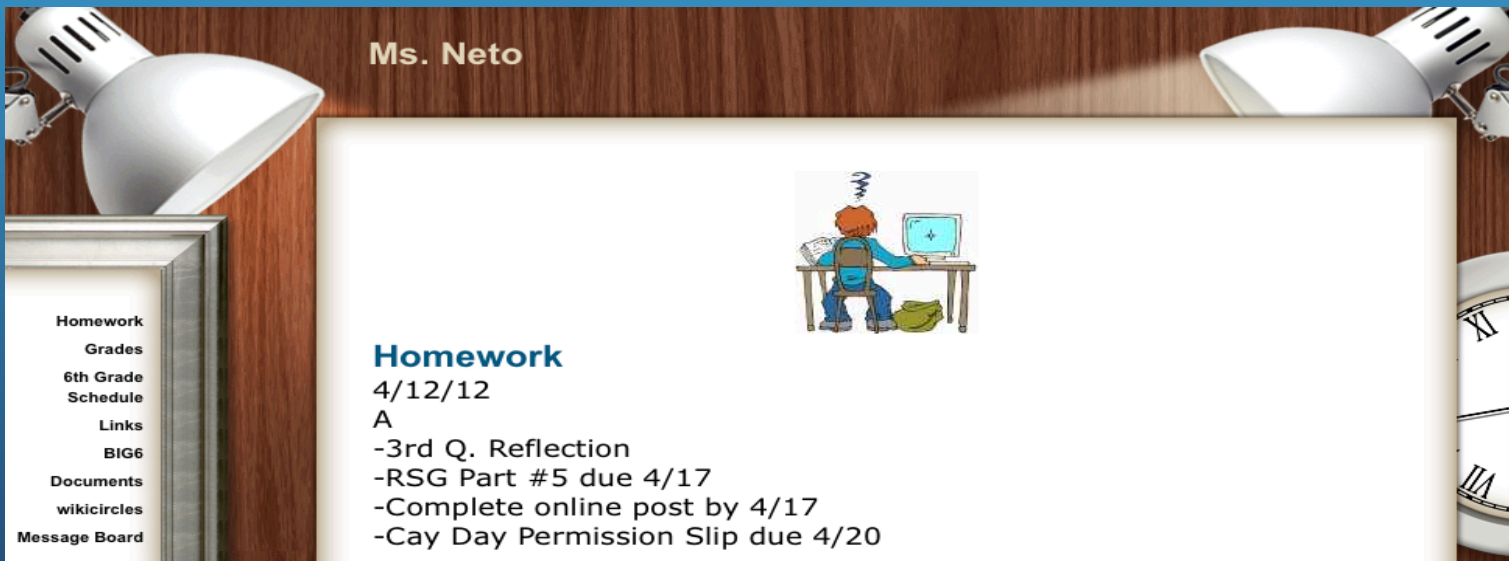
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What can you find on the school webpage?

- Front Office and Student Services phone numbers
- FQMS Staff email addresses and webpages
- List of upcoming events
- A link to Pick-a-time for setting up conferences
- Supply Lists (provided by the county)
- A link to schoolsout.com in case of weather related closings
- Links to media resources and research aides which may be useful for your child to use during research
- A “Frequently Asked Questions” page

Teacher Websites

- Some teachers may use websites to record homework, share important dates, and/or upload documents.
- However, the agenda book should always be the first place to check for homework.



The image shows a screenshot of a teacher's website for Ms. Neto. The website has a wood-grain background and is framed by two desk lamps. On the left, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Homework, Grades, 6th Grade Schedule, Links, BIG6, Documents, wikicircles, and Message Board. The main content area is titled "Homework" and lists the date "4/12/12" and the letter "A". Below this, there are four items: "-3rd Q. Reflection", "-RSG Part #5 due 4/17", "-Complete online post by 4/17", and "-Cay Day Permission Slip due 4/20". An illustration of a child sitting at a desk with a computer is positioned above the homework list. A clock is partially visible on the right side of the page.

Ms. Neto

Homework

Grades

6th Grade Schedule

Links

BIG6

Documents

wikicircles

Message Board

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4/12/12
A
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ASPEN Family Portal

- Each teacher uses this online system to keep attendance and post grades
- Additionally, teachers often use the Family Portal as a communication tool to email parents with announcements
- A parent can only see the grades of his/her child(ren)
- The Family Portal will be available for use at the start of the school year
- This online tool is available for HCPSS parents and students from 6th-12th grade

- Reading

Grade Columns: All | Term: Q3 | Status: Enrolled Withdrawn

Q3	FinalFolk 04/10 HW 20 pts.	AsianFolk 04/10 CW 5 pts.	MMWS#3 03/28 HW 8 pts.	MMWS#1 03/27 HW 8 pts.	MMWS#2 03/26 HW 8 pts.	Drills #4 03/20 CW 10 pts.	WebEval 03/20 CW 10 pts.
93.31 A	20	5	8	8	8	10	10
86.76 B	20	4	8	4	8	9	10
88.97 B	15	4	8	8	8	8	10
86.38 B	20	5	7	8	8	9	9
72.17 C	18	4	M	4	8	5	10
72.32 C	M	5	L	8	M	8	10
77.83 C	14	2	M	8	8	8	8

Questions?

Thank you for coming out tonight.

Session 2: Success at FQMS

Please rotate to your next session and meet additional FQMS staff.