

Falcon Flyer

February 17, 2012

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

WEEKLY DATES

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

2/21 – Blue B Day

2/22 – Red A Day

2/23 – Orange B Day/Spring Picture Day

2/24 – Yellow A Day

2/25 – Saturday Academy/ 8:30 – 11:30

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Sandra Hesse!

Our own Paraeducator, Sandra Hesse has been nominated for the 2011-2012 Distinguished Assistant Award!

Congratulations and good luck, Sandy!

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:

Lily Discepolo (6th Grade)

Kevin Hill (7th Grade)

Kemi Moore (8th Grade)

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

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.

8th GRADE BABY PICTURES NEEDED!

In order to complete our yearbook and the 8th graders final year at FQMS, we are asking that each 8th grade student to bring in a baby picture to see how everyone has changed. Please have your student bring a picture to their homeroom teacher between the days of February 23rd– March 2nd. . Please try to get the actual photo and they will be sent back. If you must copy a photo, please make sure it is on very white paper and that it is a good, clear copy with no streaks. We will not accept Polaroid's, as well as any photos over 8x10. Neatly Label the back of your photo with the students name. If there is more than one child in the photo, please let us know which one is the one for the yearbook, without actually marking the photo. We look forward to seeing all of the adorable photos!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CORNER

Questioning is essential when performing science experiments. When your middle schooler is having trouble understanding a science experiment, have him start asking questions. Every proven scientific theory began with a series of questions. Sometimes hundreds or thousands of questions were needed to come up with the facts. Your child can look for answers in books, journals, magazines or the internet. Or he can check with an "expert" he knows. This could be a teacher, a family friend, or an older student who did well on the course he's taking now. Some possible questions might be:

- **Did I use** the right ingredients?
- **Did I measure** them correctly?
- **Did I add** them in the right order?
- **Were they** in good condition?
- **Did I spend** enough time on the experiment?

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 \$1,695.95!

GREEN TIPS

Replace all conventional light bulbs with energy-efficient ones, which last about 12 times longer and consume about 1/5 of the energy.

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

FQMS INDOOR YARD SALE

We are gearing up for our FQMS Indoor Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, March 17th 8:00am-12:00 pm . 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.

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!

Register Now for HCYP Spring Baseball! For players ages 5-18. Kiwanis-Wallas Park. Covered dugouts, permanent mounds, breakaway bases and fences on all fields. Restrooms, concession stand, family-oriented atmosphere. Convenient online registration at www.hcyp.org. Select the "Register Now" link on the baseball page.

Register now for HCYP Girls Fastpitch Softball! Teams are being formed for girls ages 6-17 years old for the 2012 spring season. Practices begin in March, and games start in early April. Come on out and experience the fun and excitement of fastpitch softball! Visit www.hcyp.org to register online today or print out a registration form to mail in with a check.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MRHS PLAY

MARRIOTTS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS: "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" - March 22, 23, 24 at 7 pm and March 25 at 3 pm. "Business Lunch" on March 25 at 1 pm. Show Tickets \$10.00. Luncheon Tickets \$5.00. Marriotts Ridge High School. For shows and/or luncheon, call (410) 241-7921 M-F during normal business hours and leave a message. Or, email cares.fitzpatrick@comcast.net for show tickets, and businesslunch2012@gmail.com for luncheon tickets. Visit the MRHS drama website at: <http://www.mrhstheatre.org> for more details.

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.

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

2/29 - Interim reports go home/extended homeroom

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