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Folly Quarter Middle School



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December 12, 2014

NEXT WEEK

- 12/15 – B Day – Legos, FLL all Teams, 2:30-4:30
- 12/16 – A Day – Homework Club, Ms. Newman, 2:30-3:30
- 12/17 – B Day – 7th Grade St. Council, 2:30-3:30 | 6th Grade St. Council, 2:30-3:30 | Legos, LOL Team only day, 2:30-4:30
- 12/18 – A Day – Homework/Study Skills Club, Ms. Coonts, 2:30-3:30
- 12/19 – B Day – Leo Club Wrapping Party, 2:30-3:30

UPCOMING DATES

- 12/23 – Falcon Day
- 12/24 – 1/2 – Schools closed for Winter Break
- 1/19 – Schools & offices closed for MLK, Jr. Day
- 1/22 – Schools close 3 hours early, Prof. Day
- 1/23 – Schools close 3 hours early, end of marking period
- 2/6 – Schools closed, Prof. Day
- 2/12 – Schools close 3 hours early, conferences
- 2/13 – Schools close 3 hours early, conferences
- 2/16 – Schools & offices closed, Presidents' Day

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:

Logan O'Connell: 6th grade

Katie Soeken: 7th grade

Liz Stiller: 8th grade

Student of the Month

Bronwyn Gallagher: 7th grade



PTA FUNDRAISER

Currently less than 25% of our FQMS families have contributed to the PTA's No-Hassle Fundraising Campaign. Without your help, programs and events scheduled for the remainder of the school year will be cut back substantially. The events include the 8th grade graduation ceremony and celebration, year-end picnics and the remaining 4.0/Honor Roll Celebration/Dances.

All donations are 100% tax deductible and can be funded by check or via an easy Paypal link located at www.FollyQuarterPTA.org. Additional information on the No-Hassle Fundraiser can be found on the website as well.

The PTA supports our students, staff and school in many ways. Please contribute so that we are able to meet our financial goals and continue to fund our many programs throughout the school year.

If you have already contributed to the PTA Fundraiser - we genuinely appreciate your support!

8th GRADE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES PREVIEW

On December 19, all 8th-graders will visit RHHS for a preview of available High School Classes. The 8th graders will return in time for 7th period, which starts at 1:35. 6th and 8th grades will switch lunches.

FROM THE G/T OFFICE

Testing and placement reviews for participation in G/T classes in the next school year will take place in February 2015. Please note the following carefully:

1. G/T testing is **ONLY** for students who have never taken the G/T test before.
2. If your child has taken the G/T test and you would like to have him/her considered for inclusion in a G/T class that he/she is **NOT** currently in, please contact the student's current subject-area teacher (math, English, social studies, science) to request a placement review.
3. **NO** review or testing of any kind is necessary for students who are currently in a G/T class for the student to continue in that G/T subject for next year.

If you have questions, please contact the G/T resource teacher, Bill McCauley, at Bill_McCauley@hcpss.org.

BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please **HELP** the FQMS Custodians collect clean blankets for the Homeless. It's supposed to be a really cold winter. New or used blankets will be accepted. **Collection Date: December 1st – December 19th**. Drop off location: FQMS front lobby.

Thank you! We are dropping them off in support of "Linda's Legacy" Holiday Help the Homeless Drive: www.homelessdrive.org

FQMS AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE

Does your student study maps for fun?? Are they always the navigator on road trips? Do they think maps are wall decorations? Do they dream about places and locations? Are they competitive? Do they love geography? They might have an obsession! And we can help! Have them join us for FQMS Geography Bee which could land them at the National Competition in Washington DC! There will be 4 practices before the FQMS GEO BEE. The practices will be on the following Tuesdays: January 6th, January 13th, January 20th, and January 27th : from 2:30-3:30 in the media center. You **DO NOT** need to attend practices in order to participate in the final Bee. The actual contest will be held on Tuesday February 3rd beginning at 2:45 in the FQMS media center. If your student is interested in participating in either the practices and/ or the contest, please have them sign up with their Social Studies Teacher or contact Ms. Bader at sbader@hcpss.org or 410-313-1506.

"PENNIES FOR PATIENTS" – DECEMBER 3-20

The Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.) Students and Student Services are coordinating a school-wide fundraiser, "Pennies for Patients." We are raising money for research in memory of a former FQMS student, Amanda Post, who lost her battle with leukemia while she was a 9th grader at River Hill High School. The funds are used to support children and research who are affected by leukemia.

Through December 20th, students have the opportunity to donate money to benefit children with leukemia. At lunch every day, students may place coins, bills, or checks made out to FQMS in a box marked with their grade level. Please encourage your child to participate in "Pennies for Patients."

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

The PTA's Community Outreach Committee and the Leo Club would like to announce the start of their holiday collection for the Adopt A Family Giving Tree. Several Howard County families are being adopted by FQMS for the holiday season. The **GIVING TREE** will have ornaments displaying wish list items for each of the adopted families. This is a wonderful way to give to the community and help bring a little joy to a family who is experiencing hardship for the holiday season. The ornaments should be attached to the unwrapped gift and returned to the main office by Friday December 19th. A Wrapping/Pizza Party will be held on Friday December 19th, immediately after school for those who participated, to wrap their gifts. Permission slips will be distributed closer to the date. Any questions please contact Ms. Bader, Mrs. Watt, or Mrs. Taylor.

THE HOUR OF CODE

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why Folly Quarter is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 8-14). Last year, 15 million students tried computer science in one week. This year, we're joining students worldwide to reach 100 million students!

Our support of the Hour of Code is a statement that FQMS is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to talk about the Hour of Code with your children and check out Code.org together. Students that submit their certificate of completion to Mrs. Copanic by the morning of December 15th will be entered for a prize drawing.

See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Copanic, Technology Education

FAMIL FUN READING NIGHT

Folly Quarter's annual Family Fun Reading Night will be held Tuesday evening, December 16th from 7:00-8:30pm. We'll have dramatic readings, games, and all sorts of Literary Lunacy. I'll be wearing my "author hat" that night and signing books for all ages, everything from elementary adventure stories to psychological thrillers for adult readers. 20% of the proceeds for all sales comes back to the school.

HEALTHY RECIPE CORNER

Healthy Recipe for Banana Apple Muffins

2 ripe bananas
1 cup strawberries (about 12)
Half an apple
1/2 cup red grapes (12 to 15)
1/4 cup canola oil
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel the bananas, place them in a medium bowl, and mash with a fork. Chop the strawberries, apple, and grapes until minced, and add those to the bowl. Stir in the oil. Add the flour, baking soda, and salt. Put paper or silicone muffin cups in a muffin pan, and pour in the batter, filling each cup about three-quarters full (makes 15 muffins). Bake for about 18 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Allow muffins to cool on a rack, and enjoy!

HCPSS

Howard County Association of Student Councils Meeting

Wed., Dec. 10, 7-8:30 p.m. - Department of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pk., Ellicott City

All middle and high school students interested in leadership are invited to the December meeting of the Howard County Association of Student Councils. The focus of the meeting will be Giving Back. More information here:

<http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2014/12/hcasc-dec-10-meeting/>

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

RHHS

What: Parent Orientation for High School Registration

When: January 8, 2014 (Thursday), 6PM

Where: RHHS- Auditorium

Please join us for an evening program to discuss the course registration process for 9th grade and to hear about the electives that 9th graders are eligible to register for. We will present course offerings in Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, Art, Drama, Music, PE / Dance and Technology. We will also share information about auditions for performing arts classes, such as band, madrigals and orchestra.

Information will also be shared about specialized programs that are available to students at RHHS and at the ARL (Career Academies, Mentor, Independent Research).

COMMUNITY NEWS

These events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System.

HAMMOND DIAMONDS CLUB

Annual Indoor Flea Market Fundraiser. December 13th, 2014 at Hammond High School, 8am-12pm. See attachment for details.

BOOK DRIVE

Thursday, Jan. 22 (schools are out early)

1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Claret Hall, 6020 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville, MD

Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and MLK Day of Service; a day that calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

Participate in MLK Day of Service by donating gently used books at Claret Hall. They will be given to the Howard County Reading Council's Laundromat Literacy program. By placing a bin of books in local laundromats, this initiative puts free books in the hands of children and adults. When you bring your books, we'll provide markers, colored paper, stickers, scissors, music, light snacks, and information about MLK. You and the kids make a page for your book telling about your favorite part or kids can draw a picture of their favorite scene from the book. Make a bookmark to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Call 410-531-1749 for information. Sponsored by the River Hill Community Association.

MOBILE PLANETARIUM

Friday, February 6 (day off from school)

10 am to noon

Claret Hall, 6020 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville

Take a brief tour of the universe in a mobile planetarium by getting immersed in a 360 degree view of the sky while seeing constellations, exploring the moon's phases, zooming in on the planets, and venturing into deep space before returning to Earth. All participants will make a craft to take home. There will be one show at 11 with pizza lunch after and one show at 1 with lunch before. Tickets are \$4 per person. Get tickets at Claret Hall beginning January 12, 2015. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Call 410-531-1749 for more information. Sponsored by the River Hill Community Association.

HOCO REC. & PARKS WINTER SPORTS

Attached is the Howard County Recreation & Parks Youth Sports Leagues Winter Booklet.

COLUMBIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The Nutcracker on Ice, Dec. 13-14. Show times on Sat., Dec. 13 are 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., performances on Sun, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The production is the only ice skating show of its kind in the Baltimore-Washington area, and is appealing to people of all ages. For tickets and more information, please see the club's website www.columbiafcs.com

HOWARD COUNTY ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY CLUB

1st Annual Lighting of the Museum Christmas tree, Sat. Dec. 20, 5-7 p.m., Lighting of the exterior tree at 5:15 p.m. Howard County Living Farms Heritage Museum, 12985 Frederick Road, west Friendship, Md. www.farmheritageorg

REBUILDING TOGETHER HOWARD COUNTY

Free Home Repairs Available, Volunteers from Rebuilding Together Howard County work to repair homes for low-income homeowners and their families. All types of free repairs are provided to include plumbing, electrical, carpentry, new appliance installation, painting and the list goes on. A simple application is all you need to apply. Call 410-381-3338 or go on line at www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org to get your application. Since 1992, over 700 Howard County homes have been repaired free of charge. The deadline for applying is Dec. 31.

SCHOOL'S OUT SNOW TUBING TRIPS FROM HOCO PARKS & REC

Early Dismissal Day: January 23rd, Snow Tubing & Pizza Party

School's Out: February 6th, Snow Tubing & Movie

Registration & details at: <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Adventure.htm>

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FOLKS NEW TO THE AREA.

GLAM: GLenelg Area Moms. The intent is for this to be a forum where local parents can share information about:

Local Preschools/Schools

Churches

Babysitters

Family friendly events in the area

Clothing and toys to give away or sell

Small businesses

Fundraisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/375777649246155/>