

FALCON FLYER

Folly Quarter Middle School



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May 15, 2015

NEXT WEEK

5/18 – A Day – PTA Volunteer Breakfast, 8 am | STEM Video Game Club, 2:30-4:30

5/19 – B Day – Homework Club, Ms. Machado, 2:30-3:30

5/20 – A Day – Nest Day 7B | Homework Club, Ms. Newman & Ms. Coonts, 2:30-3:30 | Leo Club, 2:30-3:30 |
GT Enrichment Fair, 7-8:30 pm

5/21 – B Day

5/22 – A Day - Straight A Student Recognition, 2-2:25

UPCOMING DATES

5/25 – Schools & offices closed for Memorial Day

6/1 – PTA General Membership Meeting, 6:45 pm, cafeteria

6/12 – 8th Grade Family Celebration & Dance (details below)

6/16 – 8th Grade Picnic (details below)

6/18 – 2 hour early dismissal

6/19 – 3 hour early dismissal - Last day of school

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:

Pranathi Charasala: 6th grade

Liliana Mbi: 7th grade

Marco Ayhon: 8th grade



LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL CHANGES

The Maryland State Board of Education has approved the HCPSS 2014–2015 Calendar Waiver request to waive one instructional day that was lost due to inclement weather. The last student day will now be on Friday, June 19, 2015.

All schools will be open for a **full day on Wednesday, June 17**. All schools will close **two hours early for students on Thursday, June 18**, and will close **three hours early for students on Friday, June 19**.

MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

So that you can plan accordingly, the Spring MAP administration will be on the following dates:

8th Grade: Math - 5/18 and 5/19

6th, 7th, & 8th Grades: ELA - 5/26 - 5/30

6th Grade Math - 6/1 and 6/2

7th Grade Math - 6/3 and 6/4



FROM THE HEALTH ROOM **IMPORTANT – NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Effective the first day of school, 2015-2016, 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine will be required by the state of Maryland for all students entering Grade 7. If we DO NOT receive proof of immunization, your child will be excluded from school. Many students may have already received these immunizations, but the Health Room may not have the updated immunization record. Please contact your child's doctor and send/fax a signed updated copy of your child's immunizations to the Health Room. Our fax # is (410) 531-2473. Please click here: <http://fqms.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/New%20Immunization%20Requirements.pdf> to see an offer for a free clinic at the Howard County Health Department.

If you have further questions, please call Folly Quarter Middle School at (410) 313-1506 and ask for the Health Room. Thank you, Elizabeth Collora, Cluster Nurse & Colleen Spedding, Health Assistant

HERSHEY PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

The students played and behaved wonderfully! By the end of the day, we had performed six times at three venues against schools from PA, NJ, MD, and VA. The Concert Band earned 1st Place in their division and an "Excellent" rating. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble also earned a 1st Place and an "Excellent" rating. The Advanced Chorus took 1st Place in their division and an "Excellent" rating. The Concert Chorus took 1st Place and earned a "Superior" rating, the highest possible! The Chamber Symphony also took 1st Place and earned an "Excellent" rating. The Symphony Strings took 1st Place and earned a "Superior" rating with the highest score of any ensemble in the Festival! That made for a complete sweep of 1st Places! In addition, the Symphony Strings earned Best Overall Orchestra! The Symphonic Wind Ensemble missed Best Overall Band by just 0.5 points, but it was to the Folly Quarter MS Concert Band, making them the top two bands in the whole Festival!

FROM THE G/T OFFICE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The FQMS G/T Enrichment Fair will be held on Wednesday, 5/20/15, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Please come by to see some of the projects our students have been working on!

8th GRADE ACTIVITIES

It's hard to believe that in just a couple short months, our amazing children will exit FQMS and move onto high school. Please SAVE THESE DATES now so that you can be part of the celebration. More information will follow in the upcoming week. Let's show our kids how proud we are of them!!

May 14: Panoramic Picture- 11:45 a.m.- all 8th-graders

June 3: High School Visit- all 8th-graders will visit assigned high schools during the school day.

June 12: Family Celebration @ Glenelg High School- 6:00 p.m. This is a great time to see and celebrate with our 8th Graders! Student Dance @ FQMS 7:30pm. Students will take buses from GHS to FQMS for the celebration and parents should plan to pick up their son or daughter promptly at 9:30 p.m. in front of FQMS *Only 7th grade parents can volunteer for this event, but we will need food & drink donations as the event gets closer.

June 16: 8th-grade Picnic @ Piney Run Park- 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students travel to Piney Run by bus. Put this date on your calendar now, as we will need lots of parent volunteers to make it a huge success!



SOLES4SOULS: COLLECTING SHOES NOW – MID-JUNE

Girls on the Run of Folly Quarter is having a Soles4Souls Shoe Drive, just in time for Spring Cleaning! Please donate shoes you no longer need. We will take all styles and sizes! There is a collection box in the front lobby. Shoes will be collected through mid-June, and delivered to the Soles4Souls warehouse. Last year we collected an amazing 441.5 pairs of shoes! Our goal is to top 500 this year!

SUBJECT: Helping our students to “Be the Best You, You Can Be”! Asset 34: Cultural Competence Teach young people to appreciate differences

Although most people gravitate toward people who are similar to themselves, it's important to expose young people to a variety of cultures and people. People from different cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds can learn many things from one another. Being culturally competent doesn't mean that you have to like others who are different from you, but rather be able to treat one another with respect, tolerance, and equality. It means making an effort to learn about and understand people of other cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. Cultural Competence is Asset 34 of Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, the qualities, experiences, and relationships that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

Research shows that young people who have knowledge of and feel comfortable with people of different cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds feel good about themselves, are less lonely, can solve problems well, and do better in school. About 43 percent of young people, ages 11–18, report having knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, according to Search Institute surveys. Cultural competence builds strong, capable, and interesting young people.

Tips for building this asset

Think about your family, ethnic background, or cultural heritage and what makes you proud and gives you comfort. Then explore other cultures' or countries' people, art, sayings, food, songs and traditions. Help young people learn about the backgrounds of others and create a more understanding world by appreciating differences.

Also try this

In your home and family: Explain to your child how and why her or his name was chosen. Talk about any connections the name has with your family's roots and culture—old or new.

In your neighborhood and community: Get to know people who are from a different country or have a different cultural heritage from you. Ask them about their family traditions, celebrations, and other unique aspects of their backgrounds.

In your school or youth program: Seated in a circle, ask students or participants to talk about their ethnic or family backgrounds and their favorite celebrations, foods, music, and traditions. Then have them complete this sentence: "If I could share one thing about my cultural heritage, my gift to you would be . . ."

Want to know more about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them? Visit www.search-institute.org/assets.

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HCPSS

SUMMER CLASSES & CAMPS

The 2015 Summer Classes and Camps catalog is now posted on the Howard County Public School Website, <http://www.hcpss.org/summer/>

CAREER ACADEMIES

Career Academies Summer Programs can be found here on page 22: <http://www.hcpss.org/f/summer/summer-course-catalog.pdf>



PTA

PTA BOARD NOMINATIONS

2015-16 Folly Quarter PTA Executive Board nominations are being accepted for the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer and PTAC Delegate. Please contact Chris Geibel at sgeibel@yahoo.com, Marissa Knisley at jmknisley@verizon.net or Lori Jaap lorijaap@yahoo.com to let us know what position you would like to be added to the nominations ballot for the Executive Board.

There are also several Committees that need a Chairperson, if you would like more information on any of the Committees please contact anyone listed above. Volunteering for the PTSA is a great way to be involved in your child's school and education.

The FQMS PTA typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Media Center. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend one of our meetings to see what we are all about, please stop by! Feel free to contact our current PTA president, Mrs. Cindy Coburn at FQMSPTA.President@gmail.com. Please visit our webpage at www.FollyQuarterPTA.org for more PTA news and information.

PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The PTA will be holding its final General Membership meeting of the school year on **Monday, June 1st at 6:45 pm** in the cafetorium. We will be voting on the proposed PTA Bylaws as well as our executive board for the 2015-16 school year. If you would like to review the proposed bylaws, they can be accessed via the FQMS PTA website. The meeting will be held just prior to the FQMS Jazz Concert. Please come and vote, and enjoy a great evening of jazz!

WESTERN HOWARD COUNTY SOCCER

Fall registration begins April 15th! Last year the FQMS PTA received over \$500 from this wonderful association and has partnered with them again this year. Sign up for FALL SOCCER and WHCS will contribute a portion of the registration fee to the PTA. Registration information is available here: www.whcsoccer.org.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



GLENELG

GHS BOOSTER SPORTS CAMPS

Summer camps for in-coming 6th – 8th graders. They are also pleased to offer Camp Inclusion (students with disabilities).

Details at www.glenelgboosters.com

GHS INCOMING FRESHMAN ATHLETIC INFORMATION NIGHT: June 8th

Attention Registered Incoming Student-Athletes! On Monday, June 8th, Glenelg High School will be conducting an Athletic Information meeting for all incoming 9th graders. The meeting will take place in the GHS Auditorium at 6:30 pm. Please contact our high school athletic office for any further questions, AAM Dan Sageman, office 410-313-5539.



RHHS

RHHS BOOSTER CAMPS

The River Hill High School Boosters are sponsoring summer camps at River Hill High School. The camps are designed to help young athletes improve their fundamental athletic skills. Weekly camps begin June 15 from 9am - noon or 1pm – 4pm. Over twenty different camps are offered this summer, including football, soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track & field, Allied sports, cheerleading, weight training, wrestling, and dance. Camp forms are available in the main office at River Hill High School or online at www.riverhill.org. For more information call 410-313-7120 or email Brian Van Deusen at bvandeusen@hcppss.org.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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FOOD PANTRY

THE GLENELG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (GUMC) FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 9-11am. Call 410-489-7260 or email: glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com. We are accepting cash donations.

GLENWOOD TEEN CLASSES

Calling all Volunteers! - Make reading fun for kids and earn service learning hours. Volunteers assist HCLS instructors with the summer reading club and other tasks. **Orientation sessions:** Tuesday, May 19th 4:30 pm OR 7:00 pm. To register for this orientation session, submit an online volunteer application to the teen instructor at the branch where you would like to volunteer. Accepted applicants will be contacted to confirm registration. Ages 13-17.

Join Us Every Month For:

Knit 'n Chat Teen Knitting Group - Tuesdays, 5/5 6:45 to 8:15 pm

Teen Advisory Board - Tuesday, 5/12 3:00 to 4:00 pm

PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Dayton Oaks Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool programs are reopening the application process for classes for the 2015-2016 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 and 4 years of age for the 2015-2016 school year may see Patti Waldman in the school office for an application package beginning May 11, 2015.

All applications must be returned by June 5, 2015. We are looking for up to 15 additional children for preschool/pre-kindergarten classrooms. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Battle at (410) 313-1581.

CAMPS

HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT P.L.E.D.G.E. SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMPS

P.L.E.D.G.E. Summer Leadership Camp is a one-week program designed to equip rising ninth graders with the leadership skills needed to make smart decisions in high school. Through a series of discussions and practical activities, participants learn the value of teamwork and develop leadership skills. Lessons and activities challenge their ability to make critical decisions, focus on core beliefs and values, recognize diversity and accept these differences as they work together towards a common goal. One highlight of the camp is a field trip to Terrapin Adventures, where campers participate in confidence-building activities. Campers navigated obstacle courses, played games and completed tasks designed to challenge the group to work together. PLEDGE is a day camp run by the high school SRO's (School Resource Officer's).

The first P.L.E.D.G.E. camp of the year will be held July 20-24, 2015. Open enrollment is April 13-June 19, 2015.

The second P.L.E.D.G.E. camp of the year will be held Aug. 3-7, 2015. Open enrollment is April 13-July 2, 2015.

The Registration Packet can be found here: <http://fqms.hcpss.org/sites/default/files/2015%20PLEDGE%20Registration.pdf>

HCYP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

We offer programs for all ages and skill levels, from instructional coach pitch to kid pitch programs. Details here: www.HCYP.org

HCYP SCHOOLS OUT FOR SPORTS: SUMMER CAMPS

Please visit here for more information. <http://www.hcyp.org/Default.aspx?tabid=812699>

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL CAMPS

Dragon Elite Camps, Summer 2015. Basketball, lacrosse, soccer, field hockey, tennis. 410.531.8600. summerprograms@glenelg.org. For more information, go to <http://www.glenelg.org/DRAGONELITE>

THINK SUMMER! JOIN IN THE FUN AT MARRIOTTS RIDGE! Early Bird Rates end soon!

Registration is now open for the Marriotts Ridge Booster summer sports and music camps.

Check out the website: <http://www.mrhs-boosters.com/summer-camps>

HOWARD COUNTY REC & PARKS SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Here are links to the County website and a pdf of the guide

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments.aspx?ID=4294969779>

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/uploadedFiles/Home/Facilities/Recreation_and_Parks/2015%20Camp%20Guide.pdf

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION SUMMER CAMPS 2015

Over 20 different camps offering nature, art, sports, adventure trips and much more! OPEN HOUSE May 13 • 6-8pm at the Columbia SportsPark. <http://www.columbiaassociation.org/services/camps>

UMBC SUMMER DAY CAMP

The UMBC summer Day Camp will be celebrating it's 36th year of existence in 2015, and we hope that you will send your child to spend all or part of the summer with us. Please let us know if you have any questions 410-455-2638 or email us at summercamp@umbc.edu

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS

2015 Lady Eagles Basketball Camp, girls ages 8-14, July 13-17, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., Centennial HS, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD. For information contact Bobby Macheel, 443-474-5558, macheelr@gmail.com.

YOUTH ULTIMATE DISC LEAGUE

6-17 years/8 weeks/\$64 at Lime Kiln MS. More information here: www.howardcountymd.gov/rap