We hope you had a relaxing & rejuvenating summer! Enjoy your last weekend before school starts on Monday! Here is some information for your first week of school:

**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.

**HOMEROOMS**

Homeroom assignments will be posted on our website this afternoon.
HCPSS CONNECT
If you haven’t done so yet, please visit HCPSS Connect at http://www.hcpss.org/connect/ to complete your emergency cards.

LOCKER SET-UP
Students will be able to set-up & and decorate the inside of their lockers if desired after school each day next week between 2:25 & 4 pm. Parents must accompany their children during the locker set-up.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE AT FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
For its second year, Folly Quarter will run FIRST Lego League robotics teams and the start date is near! Meetings will occur primarily on Thursdays from 2:30-5:30pm.

Auditions for spots on the team will run Thursday, September 3rd from 2:30 – 3:30pm. Students need to bring in a signed permission slip by September 2nd and will require prompt pickup at 3:30pm. Permission slips can be picked up from the front office or outside Mrs. Copanic’s Tech Ed classroom (across from cafeteria).

No previous robotics or programming experience necessary. Auditions will be looking for students with positive and caring attitudes with the ability to problem solve cooperatively with a teammate.

What does one do in FIRST Lego League? Each year FLL releases a new Challenge for teams. The Challenge is released in late August and focuses on a different scientific topic or question each year. The Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project, and the FLL Core Values.

Robot Game - In the Robot Game, the kids build and program an autonomous (no remote control) LEGO MINDSTORMS® robot to score points by performing mission tasks.

Project - Through the Project, teams learn more about the science behind the Challenge theme. The kids use their creativity to design a solution (or modify an existing solution) to solve a real-world problem.

Core Values - While FLL teams work on the Robot Game and the Project each year, they are guided by the FLL Core Values.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS
Welcome to the start of a new school year and a year of A+ School Rewards. Starting in October and running through March, FOLLY QUARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – ID 04546, will have the opportunity to earn cash through GIANT A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:
Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and select CUSTOMER REGISTRATION to register online using your BONUSCARD

NEW THIS YEAR: If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don’t forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean more Cash for our school!

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.

RIVER HILL HEALTH FAIR
Saturday, September 12th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. River Hill Village Center. Health screenings including BMI, blood pressure, bone density, and vision screenings. Scavenger hunt, games and inflatable bounce for kids; demonstrations, and door prizes. FREE!