



A Message from the PTA President

It's hard to believe that winter break is almost upon us! We've already accomplished so much this year and it's not even half over yet! November was a busy month for the PTA and for FQMS in general. We had our artist-in-residence program, culminating in the fantastic Slam & Jam event! We also hosted our parents & community members during American Education Week. Our fall Book fair was set up

in the Media Center for two weeks and saw a lot of traffic. We provided lunch and dinner to the hard-working staff, and for our hard-working students we delivered a Gold Honor Roll Breakfast, Honor Roll Ice Creams and Blue Ribbons to all Honor Roll Students. We also helped our community by collecting coats and putting together baskets full of Thanksgiving dinner items, household and personal care items for those less fortunate

than ourselves. We couldn't have accomplished any of this without the generous donations of time and talents from our terrific FQMS community of parents, teachers and students. I thank all of you for your generous spirits. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

- Peggy Johnson

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Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee is working with the SGA students in adopting several families for the upcoming holiday. **We will be placing a Giving Tree in the lobby the week of Dec 1**, which will have ornaments on the tree. Each ornament will have a wish list item for people to choose from. Students and faculty can take as



many ornaments as they wish to purchase. The unwrapped gifts, along with the ornament, should be returned to the office no later than Dec 12. We will have a wrapping/pizza party after school on Friday, Dec 12.

The Outreach Committee, along with the help of the 8th grade SGA, put together **five large laundry baskets full** of Thanksgiving dinner items, household and

personal care items for five Howard County families for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all of the student body and faculty for their support in the collection of these items. Boxes will remain in the lobby as we continue to collect for the upcoming holiday season as well.

- Karen Mobley

Community Outreach Chairperson

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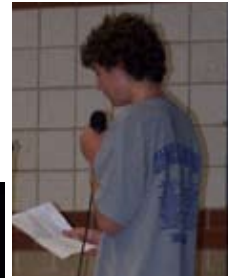
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December/January Calendar

12/11	PTA Board Meeting		
12/12	Giving Tree Wrapping Party		
12/18	Good Queen Bess - 7th grade		
12/19	Falcon Day		
1/8	PTA Board Meeting		
1/29	Aric Bostick Program		

Slam & Jam!

On November 21st, Thirty-five students bared their souls and their senses of humor for all to hear. FQMS PTA in association with grants from the Howard County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council concluded their two-week artist-in-residence program with award-winning slam poet Gayle Danley in the culminating Slam and Jam held for the eighth grade class. The poems of the students were judged, with three winners receiving prizes. **Austin Gabel** won first prize, describing his life during his mother's journey with cancer, **Meredith Pecukonis** won second prize, describing her love of music, and **Marshall Brown** happily won third prize describing his first kiss. The Eighth Grade Activities Committee provided refreshments. The Jazz Band treated the audience to some toe-tapping performances to top off the day! To view a lovely audio/visual of the 2006 program produced by The Baltimore Sun, you can go here: www.baltimoresun.com/services/site/bal-slampoetry-flash,0,5834227.flash?coll=bal-home-outerrail



Falcon Day!



December 19th is the first Falcon Day of the year! **Volunteers are needed** 12:30-2:30 to man the dance, Bake Walk, games, and serve food. We also need face painters, and volunteers to bake desserts, put in serving size baggies for the Bake Walk. Anyone interested in volunteering can email Debbi Nichols at deb.nichols@juno.com or bakers can email Kristin Robertson at ksr111@aol.com.
- **Debbi Nichols**

Civility Minute

25 Rules of Considerate Conduct

Rule #3:

Think the best - "...think the best of your fellow humans and act accordingly." --Dr. Forni

Activities:

"Nice guys finish last!"

Divide the class into small groups to discuss the following:

What do you think this statement means?

Do you agree with it? Why or why not?

Give examples to support your opinion

An excerpt from "Choose Civility in Howard County." For more information, go to: www.choosecivility.org

Green Living Tips: Resources



The holidays offer us great opportunities to recycle. Here are a couple of ideas:

- Re-use tissue paper from gifts as stuffing to help shoes and boots keep their shape in the off-season. Just place the paper where your boots would normally so you don't forget come spring.

- Re-use holiday and birthday cards as gift tags. You can cut part of the picture out or use the whole cover as a large gift tag. Make sure there's no writing on the back of the cover, punch a hole near the top and slip a piece of ribbon (recycled!) through. Be sure to put the rest of the card in your recycle bin. This is a great snowy day activity. Just keep the cards and ribbon in a box (we have lots of those

after the holidays, right?) and have it ready for that "there's nothing to do" day! You can even decorate the box with recycled wrapping paper. Practicing these kinds of recycling habits teach our kids through example and eventually will make recycling second nature -- which is good for Mother Nature!

Please send your recycling tips to: bobandpeg82@comcast.net

Thank You Very Much!

Staff Appreciation

The Staff Appreciation committee provided dinner for the Folly Quarter faculty on Monday night of Conferences. *The Casual Gourmet*, on Route 97 in Glenwood, prepared the delicious gourmet assorted sandwiches. Committee members prepared side salads and desserts. Thank you, committee. Fantastic job!

- **Jane O'Donoghue**

Staff Appreciation Chairperson

Hospitality

A great big thank you goes out to **Kim Scott, Hospitality Chairperson**, who put together a spectacular spread every day for American Education Week. She also treated our Gold Honor Roll students to a fabulous breakfast.

Book Fair

Thank you to our great community in supporting the Book Fair.

Total sales from the event were \$6,875.94. Our Media Center will receive \$1,916. Scholastic Book representative stated that most schools are reporting flat sales or a decrease in sales over last year. We *increased* our sales by \$1,750 over last year! Thank you to all parents

who volunteered their time, contributed money when students came up short, and networked with other parents to make manning the Book Fair fun. T h a n k s , too, to all our shoppers!

A huge thank you goes out to **Celia O'Brien, Book Fair Chairperson**, who worked tirelessly to bring the Book Fair together! Look for our next Book Fair this Spring!



Directory

Thanks for a wonderful job on the Student Directory go out to **Ann-Margaret Knauff, Directory Chairperson**.

Members

Thanks to all the parents and teachers who joined the PTA this year! So far we have 422 members!

All Volunteers

To the behind-the-scenes cooks, bakers, program organizers, book-keepers, and everyone who comes into our school to lend a helping hand: **Thank You So Very Much!** You make Folly Quarter the exceptional school community it is!

Boxtops



Thank you for clipping so many Boxtops in October and November. We've received so many Boxtops that we've mailed off \$92 in Boxtops for December!

Membership

Thanks to **Karen Drake, Membership Chairperson**, and her committee for getting all of our memberships processed and cards sent out!

Enjoy your winter break!



Educators' Top 100 Children's Books:

Presented in November and December '08 issues of Falcon Notes

Here is the second half of the list. Happy reading!

The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
Bunnicula by James Howe
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Charlie the Caterpillar by Dom DeLuise
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Frederick by Leo Lionni
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen
Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
I Love You, Stinky Face by Lisa McCourt
Is Your Mama A Llama? by Deborah Guarino
Jan Brett's books
Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin Jr.
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
No David! by David Shannon
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
Stephanie's Ponytail by Robert Munsch
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper
The Empty Pot by Demi
The Five Chinese Brothers by Claire Huchet Bishop
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown
The Last Holiday Concert by Andrew Clements
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
The Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
The Wide-Mouthed Frog: A Pop-Up Book by Keith Faulkner

