



A Message from the PTA President

On the surface, winter looks like a very quiet time for the FQMS PTA. But think of us as daffodils. They toil, unseen, just beneath our feet all winter long in order to provide us with a delightful show each spring. If you could look behind the scenes at FQMS, you'd see that we're actually pretty busy too!

We currently are reviewing our **Bylaws**. Soon, you'll have a chance to read them online before the general membership votes on them next month.

We also have formed a **Nominating Committee**, something we do this time each year to find volunteers to fill positions on the Executive Board. Look for an eSchoolnewsletter in the coming weeks listing the Board positions that will be available for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact **Cathy Corrao** if you are interested in serving.

I'm working as a member of the *Western Howard County Safety Committee* on an **8th-grade dance** for students at Folly Quarter and

Glenwood. The date is May 29th at the Glenwood Community Center. **Janet Rohner** and **Karen Mobley** are working on our **Annual Kids-for-Kids Yard Sale** on May 9th. See *page 3 for details on both*.

Holly Kohr has ordered three **benches** to spruce up our **Brick Garden** area and we've funded the materials for the production of two **picnic benches** (to be built by our Tech Ed. department) so the staff can lunch outside when the weather is nice. **Lisa Colangelo** has placed **bluebird houses** in our wetland area and the **bulbs** she planted out front are popping up!

We have lots of on-going business as well. Our Treasurer, **Becky Reich** pays our bills and balances our checking account. **Kathy Doughty** lets the press in on all our activities. Our PTA Council delegates, **Lisa Sceपुरa** and **Debbie Brock** attend meetings and keep us informed on what is happening at the county level. **Celia O'Brien** is working on bringing us another **Book Fair** May 18-22.

Jane O'Donoghue and **Kim Scott** keep all of us refreshed and fed! The **School Store** volunteers are working hard all year long to make sure we have all our pencils, pens and t-shirts! **Rita Morsberger** collects our **BoxTops** (we earned \$65 in February!). **Maureen Turney** writes up detailed minutes from each of our Board Meetings. **Grade Activities Chairs** organize lots of fun activities for our students like Falcon Day and Cay Day. And an army of volunteers work to make all of our events happen. It takes a lot of folks and a lot of time to get it all done.

So this spring, enjoy the flowers, take some time to smell them, and if you find you still have some time on your hands -- consider volunteering to serve on your PTA - there's a lot to do!

Peggy Johnson
President,
FQMS PTA



Reflections

Two Folly Quarter students, **Meredith Pecukonis** and **Victoria Rodriguez** submitted entries in the National PTA's annual Reflections Program.

Meredith Pecukonis' musical entry won at the state level and she will be recognized at an awards ceremony held in May. Congratulations, Meredith!

April Calendar

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| 4/16 | Board Meeting, 7 pm Media Center |
| 4/24 | Volunteer Breakfast |
| 4/29 | Gold Honor Roll Breakfast |
| 4/29 | Honor Roll Ice Cream at Lunch |

FQMS at the Ensemble Festival!

We had over 50 students participate in the Howard County Solo & Ensemble Festival and were so proud of all their performances! Each and every one of the students received either a "Superior (I)" or "Excellent (II)" Rating for their efforts!

The following students received "Superior (I)" Ratings (the highest possible) and have qualified to go to the State Solo & Ensemble Festival in May.

Jordan Kim
Bauer Xiong
Sumon Chaki
Steven Hines
Tanner Putman
Rebecca Pfeiffer

FQMS 7th Grade Brass Ensemble

(Karl Brown, Bauer Xiong, Natalie Romine, Sinclair Mills and Eric Fiege)

FQMS Cobalt Brass Ensemble

(Sumon Chaki, Steven Hines, Daniel Weaver, Isabelle Yourick and Max Schell)

Logan Faulconer
Thomas Wissman
Zachary Snyder
Lindsay Chatkewitz

FQSM 8th Grade Saxophone Duet

(Eleanor Brown & Meredith Pecukonis)

Selby Stout
Alicia Ouyang

FQMS 6th Grade Saxophone Duet

(Kevin O'Brien & Sam Cook)

Trevor Mott

FQMS Clarinet Trio

Jackie Cohen, Joshua Waldman, and Timothy Geurtin



Kids-for-Kids Yard Sale @ FQMS

Yard Sale

May 9, 2009 • 8am - 12pm

Clean out your closets and help out the community at the same time! Sell your stuff, keep your proceeds - \$5 per table. *Donations of items (or cash) gratefully accepted.* Drop off is Friday, May 8th, at FQMS

from 6-8pm. *This applies only to people wishing to donate items.* Sellers should bring their items Saturday – also bring your own tables/blankets, etc.). The FQMS students will sell the donated items and the **profits will go to Congregations Concerned for the Homeless**, a

Howard County nonprofit organization. *Tax donation forms will be available.* Registration forms available at: www.follyquarterpta.org (under *Announcements*).

This event is sponsored by your PTA Outreach Committee.

8th Grade Event at Glenwood Community Center

8th Grade Dance

May 29, 2009 • 7-10 pm

This event, for all 8th-graders at Folly Quarter and Glenwood Middle Schools, is sponsored by the Western Howard County Safety Committee, Glenwood Community Center and the Horizon Foundation. All students will receive a free ticket from their homeroom teachers just prior to the event. Parents

must sign their 8th-graders in and may pick them up by 10 pm. Parents also are welcome to stay and pick up some information on teen safety and/or chat with other parents of soon-to-be high-schoolers in the community. 8th-graders will enjoy a fun **Ice-breaker activity** hosted by local personality and motivational speaker **Brenda von Rautenkranz**, **live music from a**

local band, dancing and refreshments in the multi-purpose rooms. This event is free and open to all 8th-graders from Folly Quarter and Glenwood.

The WHC Safety Committee hopes that this can be the first in a series of fun & safe alternative activities for teens in Western Howard County. Please come out and support our efforts!

Glenwood Community Center

Flea Market

April 25, 2009 • 9 am - 1 pm.

Join us for a fun day of shopping at Glenwood Community Center's outdoor flea market on Saturday, April 25th. Free for shoppers.

Saturday Night at the Movies

May 16, 2009 • 7-9 pm

Join us at the Glenwood Community Center for an evening filled with drama, excitement and action as we watch **Iron Man**.

Your movie ticket includes popcorn and a drink. Pre-registration preferred. All ages / \$2 per person.

For more information on all of these programs, please contact the front desk at 410-313-4840. The Community Center is located at 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21732.

25 Rules of Considerate Conduct

Rule #5: Be Inclusive

"One of our strongest yearnings is to be accepted by others." --Dr. Forni

Activities:

- *Mix It Up.* Students pick a number from a hat when they enter the cafeteria for lunch; the number coincides with numbers on the tables; students sit at the numbered tables rather than their usual spots.
- *Have students group themselves quickly and in different ways, according to your directions. Ask students to get into groups of 4's or 6's. Then ask them to regroup by shirt color or type of shoe. Ask them to regroup by eye color. Then ask them to regroup by birthday month. (Groups can take a quick break and sing "Happy Birthday".) Then ask them to regroup by favorite ice cream flavor. How fast were you able to regroup? Which were the easiest groups to get in? The most difficult? Were you in very different groups or did you stay with the same people? (Great Group Games)*

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