



## We're Ba-aaaack!

Wow! Is it me or are the summer's getting shorter? I can't believe I'm sitting here writing an article for the first newsletter of the 2009-2010 school year! I hope you all are rested up and ready 'cause here we go!

The PTA has been busy over the summer. Like many of you, we are trying to do more with less. It's been a challenge to try to offer the same programs and services we've all come to expect with fewer and fewer dollars coming in. It was a lot of hard work, but together, I think we can make it work. Watch the PTA website: [www.follyquarterpta.org](http://www.follyquarterpta.org), for a posting of the **budget** sometime after our first board meeting on September 10. We'll vote on it at the General Membership Meeting at BTS Night on September 23rd.

One thing that will help keep our budget working is for our parents and community at large to support or fundraisers. We have two planned for this year, our annual **Magazine Drive** which will kick-off on September 11th and a new **Enjoy the City coupon book** which will be available in November. *See page 2 of this newsletter for Magazine Drive details.*

The FQMS PTA is going a bit **Green-er** this year! We took a big step in saving on paper use last year by posting the monthly PTA newsletter online (a copy also is tacked up on the PTA Bulletin Board at the school).

*This year, we are going a step farther by putting the traditional First Day of School packet information: the communications sheet, the membership form, the directory form, and the volunteer form -- all online as well.* Not only will that save a bunch of paper and money, it will make the processing of all that information more efficient. **Go to the PTA website, [www.follyquarterpta.org](http://www.follyquarterpta.org), to join the PTA, get in the directory and volunteer for PTA activities.**


At our General Membership Meeting last May, we voted in a new slate of Officers. Here they are, along with the rest of the Board Members:

### OFFICERS

**President** - Peggy Johnson • **Treasurer** - Tania DuBeau  
**First VP** - Cathy Corrao • **Second VP** - Janet Rohner  
**Recording Secretary** - Becky Reich • **Corresponding Secretary** - Kathy Doughty  
**First Delegate** - Debbie Brock • **Second Delegate** - Lisa Scepura

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>After School Activities/Intramurals</b> - Susan Joseph	<b>Hospitality</b> - Susan Hopkins & Laura Hulett
<b>Book Fair</b> - Celia O'Brien	<b>Magazine Drive</b> - Laurie Moody, Lisa Feinberg, MaryJayne Register
<b>Boxtops, Cartridges</b> - Jenn Hutnik	<b>Marquee Sign</b> - Cathy Frederick-Bittner
<b>Brick Garden</b> - Holly Kohr	<b>Membership</b> - Karen Kelly
<b>Communications/Website</b> - Dana Potts	<b>Reflections</b> - Rena Heneghan
<b>Communications/Directory</b> - Ann Margaret Knauff	<b>School Store</b> - Cindy Faulconer & Kathy Kirn
<b>Communications/Newsletter</b> - Open	<b>Spirit Wear</b> - Heidi Trout & Michele Herwig
<b>Community Outreach</b> - Karen Mobley	<b>Staff Appreciation</b> - Jane O'Donoghue
<b>Cultural Arts</b> - Open	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> - Leah Healey
<b>Falcon Day</b> - Debbi Nichols	<b>6th Grade</b> - Maureen Turney
<b>Fundraising</b> - Open	<b>7th Grade</b> - Kristin Robertson
<b>Garden</b> - Lisa Colangelo	<b>8th Grade</b> - Laura Hulett
	<b>School Improvement Team (ad-hoc)</b> - Stephen Lee

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to keep things running smoothly on the PTA! **Please note that there are 3 vacancies on the Board.** If any of these positions interest you, please contact Peggy Johnson immediately via email at: [bobandpeg82@comcast.net](mailto:bobandpeg82@comcast.net). Of course, there are many, many other volunteer opportunities available throughout the year, so be sure to fill out your volunteer form on the PTA website! - Until next time, 

# Spirit Wear



Did you notice? We have a new logo! Our Spirit Wear Chairperson, **Heidi Trout**, has been hard at work this summer designing some great new Spirit Wear for us to enjoy. Bring your checkbook or cash to **New Student Orientation** on August 27<sup>th</sup> and **BTS Night** on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and stop by the Spirit Wear Table to pick up some of the latest stuff!

## Fundraisers CAN be Fun!

We're gearing up for our Annual Magazine Drive! This fundraiser provides most of the money the PTA will need to operate for the 2009-2010 school year. The Kick-off will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>. That's when the students will receive their packets. But you don't have to wait until then to order or renew your magazines! PTA volunteers are already tracking magazine sales for the 2009 – 2010 school year! **Beat the busy start of the school year and buy now!**

### HOW?

- Go to [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com)
- Click on "Register Now!"
- Fill out the registration page using the school/organization# 425066895

### REWARDS?

- Students who make online sales over the summer will be rewarded with prizes at the first collection day on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Students from TRES, Dayton Oaks, and FQMS, with the highest summer online sales, will earn a special bonus prize during the first prize giveaway day on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The ultimate rewards go to FQMS, with 40% of all sales feeding back into our school.



### WHY WAIT?

- Don't wait until the busy part of the school year is upon us! Go online NOW and have fun placing your orders.

### QUESTIONS?

- Contact one of the magazine committee chairs: **Laurie Moody 443-286-7528**, **Mary Jayne Register 410-715-6502** or **Lisa Feinberg 410-531-7672**.

## Glenwood Community Center Afterschool

### Glenwood Community Center Offers Afterschool Teen Zone

Check out the Glenwood Community Center's Teen Zone, an afterschool program for teens ages 12-up. Activities will take place in the center Gymnasium and Game Room, which was designed for Teens by Teens. The room features a pool table, ping pong, bumper pool, and video game area around a big screen television. Bring your friends!  
**Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 5:30 pm • Center ID required**

### Back to School Family Fun Run/Walk - 5 yrs+ / Saturday, September 19th / 8am / \$6

Join us for our exhilarating early morning "Back to School" 1-mile fun run/walk. All runners/walkers who finish will be entered into a prize drawing for "Back to School" supplies and equipment. Event held rain or shine.

### Outdoor Flea Market

Shop or sell at Glenwood Community Center's outdoor flea market on Saturday, September 12th. Free for shoppers. Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Call 410-313-4840 for information or to register.

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

# Stay Informed

**HCPSS News** - Be sure to get the latest information from FQMS and HCPSS by signing up for email alerts. **You need to sign up each year** for each school you wish to hear from. Go to: [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) and follow the links to HCPSS News.

**PTA Yahoo Group** - The PTA uses a members-only Yahoo group to communicate PTA-specific information about school events, volunteer requests, grade-specific information, and the like. To subscribe, send an email to: [FQ-PTA-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com](mailto:FQ-PTA-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com). You will receive an invitation to subscribe & be directed to the Yahoo site for further information.

# Keep in Touch

PTA's are fluid organizations. They make decisions each month that determine the types of programs and services that will be offered to students, parents and teachers. The Folly Quarter PTA is no different, and we need you help us make the best decisions possible. Using the "Wisdom of the Crowds" theory, we believe that **diversity of opinion** is the key to successful programming - an **you** are the key to that diversity. Please take a minute to look at our meeting schedule for the up-coming school year. We'd love to have you attend and let us know your opinion. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, begin at 7:00 pm in the FQMS Media Center.

## FQMS Board Meetings through April 2010

September 10  
September 23 - General Membership Meeting at BTS Night  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10  
January 14  
February 18  
March 11  
April 15

# Calendar of Up-coming Events

**August 25 - Staff Appreciation Lunch**  
**August 27 - New Student Orientation**  
**September 10 - PTA Board Meeting**  
**September 11 - Magazine Drive Kick-Off**  
**September 14 - Full Faculty Meeting**  
**September 23 - General Membership Meeting at BTS Night (vote on proposed budget)**  
**September 24 - Staff Breakfast**  
**September 16 - Groovy Science (6th grade)**  
**October 2 - PTA Board Meeting**  
**October 28 - Breakfast for Outdoor Education volunteers**  
**October 28 - Chesapeake Critters (6th grade)**  
**November 6 - Staff Lunch**  
**November 12 - PTA Board Meeting**  
**November 2-13 - Book Fair**  
**November 16-20 - Artist in Residence Program (8th grade)**  
**November 15-21 - American Education Week**  
**November 30 - Gold Honor Roll Breakfast (parents invited) and Honor Roll Ice Cream at lunch**  
**November 23 - Conference Dinner**  
**December 7 - Full Faculty Meeting**  
**December 10 - PTA Board Meeting**  
**December 18 - Falcon Day**

# Relay for Life

Many of you will remember that FQMS took part in the American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** on the last day of school in June. I'm proud to be able to tell you that we raised more than **\$1,800!** Thanks to all the Folly Quarter family and community members who supported us. I took some pictures of events at our tent and also was able to get a shot of one of the many luminaries that were dedicated to FQMS alumni **Amanda Post** who passed away last spring. I'd like to see this become an annual event for FQMS, so **if anyone is interested in organizing a team for next year's Relay**, please let me know. They start planning and building teams this fall. It truly was a rewarding experience.



Amanda's Luminary



Ray Yuan - Super Relayer!



A pair of Ms. Relays!



Bob Johnson cookin' up some dogs

# Keeping our Community Safe



This grass-roots community organization is working on behalf of all of us to help make this dangerous stretch of road in our community safer. Go to: [www.makeroute32safe.com](http://www.makeroute32safe.com) to register to get email updates, find out which community leaders are involved, when meetings are scheduled and what you can do to help.



*Here is a message from the HCPSS Security Coordinator, Kevin A Burnett:*

I am a firm believer that accurate and timely dissemination of information is critical to the effective operations of any organization. Currently, notifications of sex offenders moving into our school communities have to be processed through the State System then local Police Department who forwards the information to the school system. This can be a time sensitive process. There is an alternative way we can be more efficient and increase our awareness to these potential threats to our children.

The State of Maryland has a toll free Sex Offender Alert Line 1.866.559.8017. All you have to do is call this number and enter your phone number and zip code. When the Maryland Department of Public Safety receives notice that a registered sex offender is moving into that area, you will automatically receive a phone notification. You can then go to the Maryland Sex Offender Registry ([www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch/](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/sorSearch/)) for detailed information related to name, address, and other personal identifiers of the offender.

# Earn \$\$ for FQMS by Clipping & Shopping!



Keep on clipping those **Box Tops**. You can drop them off in the front office.



## Food Lion

To register your Food Lion card, go to: [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com)

1. Click on blue "MVP" tab at the top of page.
2. Click on "Food Lion Corporate"
3. Click on "Community Involvement"
4. Click on "Register MVP card"
5. Click "select organization" and follow the prompts.
6. Or if you are changing school designations, click on "change your organization" after step # 3.

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to your organization.



## Giant

To register your Giant Food card, go to: [http://www.giantfood.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/tools\\_for\\_schools.htm?opco=GNTL](http://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/tools_for_schools.htm?opco=GNTL). Then, click on *register your card* and follow the instructions.



## Safeway

To register your Safeway card, go to: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

1. For new people signing up: On center screen, under "Make A Difference" click on number 1. For group name, type in "Folly Quarter Middle School", or for group ID number, enter 153522078. Follow instructions to complete.



## Martins

To register your Martins card, go to: [www.martinsaplus.com](http://www.martinsaplus.com) - after September 6th. Click on "Designate" Follow the instructions.

***You also can drop your ink cartridges off in the front office.  
All monies we receive for recycling our ink cartridges goes into our  
Green Initiative budget!***