



A Message from the PTA President

Just a quick note this month as December was relatively quiet due to winter break. **The Giving Tree**, which was coordinated by Community Outreach and the SGA was a huge success! Thanks to all

who worked so hard to make it so. See page 2 of this newsletter for some shots of **Falcon Day**. It was a great way to kick off the break! The Cultural Arts Committee featured **Good Queen Bess** for the

7th grade on December 18th. The PTA handed out Blue Ribbons to Honor Roll Students at lunch on December 2nd.

- **Peggy Johnson**
FQMS PTA President

Mrs. Machado's Spanish class students collected change during lunchtimes in October - December to raise money for school supplies for a needy school in El Salvador. They were able to raise an amazing **\$1321.50!** **Hats off to all the students who worked so hard on this program and especially to all the FQMS students who so generously donated their change!**

Due to her savvy shopping skills and nose for a bargain, Mrs. Machado was able to purchase a bounty of backpacks and other school supplies – more than a dozen boxes worth – to send off to the Panchimalco School in El Salvador.

A group of student volunteers gathered on January 12th after school to box up and ship out the supplies. But the generosity didn't

end there. FQMS parent, **Robert Twigg from Conquest Technologies, Inc.** not only picked up all the boxes to be shipped, he **picked up the tab as well!** Mr. Twigg also included a digital camera in the shipment so the school can take pictures of the students to send back to FQMS!

A great big thank you to everyone involved!



January Calendar

- 1/8 PTA Board Meeting
- 1/14 Science Fair
- 1/29 Aric Bostick Program



Falcon Day!



The first Falcon Day of this school year was celebrated on December 19th. As you can see from the photos below, a good time was had by all!



Camp Fair

Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 11am – 3pm.

Discover the possibilities of Howard County Camps! Camp Fair is a free exhibition where families can learn about local camps and camp-related organizations. It's a chance to meet camp staff and see what their programs have to offer. Childcare is available, and by regis-

tering for a Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks camp, you can be eligible for gift certificate drawings!

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



Cyber Safety & Civility

The Horizon Foundation and Howard County Library present - Cyber Safety and Civility.

This program brings together parents and middle school teens to discuss risky online behavior, how to prevent it, and what to do if something happens to your family. This workshop is prepared in cooperation with NetSmartz.

*Free dinner included.
Reservations required.*

**Thursday, February 5th
Dinner 6:30 pm
Workshop 7-8:30 pm
Howard County Library,
Miller Branch
410-313-1950**

**Wednesday, February 11th
Dinner 6:30 pm
Workshop 7-8:30 pm
Howard County Library,
Elkridge Branch
410-313-5077**

**Thursday, February 19th
Dinner 6:30 pm
Workshop 7-8:30 pm
Howard County Library,
Savage Branch
410-880-5975**

**Tuesday, February 24th
Dinner 6:30 pm
Workshop 7-8:30 pm
Howard County Library,
Glenwood Branch
410-313-5577**

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Looking Ahead

- 2/4 *Report Cards Issued*
- 2/11 *Gold Honor Roll Breakfast*
- 2/11 *Honor Roll Ice Cream at Lunch*
- 2/12 *PTA Board Meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center*
- 2/13 *Maryland History Day*
- 2/25 *Conference Dinner for Teachers*

