



## Book Fair!



The Book Fair currently is underway in the Media Center (October 22 - November 5). We'll be open Monday night, October 26th, from 5:30 - 8:30. These terrific books are perfect for gift-giving to readers of all ages. Their high quality also makes them great additions to your home library. You can check out our Scholastic website at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/fqms>.

## Magazine Drive a HUGE Success!

Our Magazine Drive fund-raiser was a huge success -- and we have all of you to thank! Thanks so much to our students, parents, teachers and community for supporting this important fund-raiser for our school! The money raised helps us bring important educational enrichment programs to our students. It also allows us to offer refreshments at events that take place in our school, such as American Education Week, Maryland History Day, Science Fairs, musical performances, and more.

A special "Thank You" to our Chair, Laruie Moody and her terrific Committee, headed by Lisa Feinburg and Mary Jane Register.

The 6th grade earned a Pizza Party for Top Sales and the entire school was treated to a dance on October 15th!

## Hispanic Heritage Month

October is Hispanic Heritage Month and as is our tradition at Folly Quarter, Mrs. Machado's 8th Grade Spanish students treated the assembled students to a tour of this year's featured country: Ecuador. They decorated the cafeteria with scenes from Ecuador and told us all about the people and the culture of Ecuador. A distinguished representative from the Embassy of Ecuador was in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation! The students are collecting change at lunchtime to help sponsor students at an Ecuadorian school. It costs \$300 to send a child to school in Ecuador. So far, about \$600 has been collected! Mil Gracias!

## Outdoor Education

Monday evening, October 26th is the parents' meeting for Outdoor Education. For those of you planning to attend, I want to remind you that the PTA will be hosting a breakfast for you in the cafeteria the morning you are to leave for Outdoor Ed. Also, the night of the 26th, we will have Spirit Wear available for sale -- in case you needed a warm Folly Quarter sweatshirt to keep you warm! Last year's style is on sale!

The PTA, with your generous membership dues and fund-raising support, also provides the "Chesapeake Critters" program each year at Outdoor Ed. The 6th graders really enjoy this program and we know that you will too!

# Cultural Arts Chair(s) Needed! Please Help!

We still have an extremely important opening on the FQMS PTA Board, the Cultural Arts Chair. This is an important job and one that can easily be shared by a couple of people. Without someone to take on this job, our students will miss out on a lot of great programming that has made Folly Quarter the wonderful place it is to learn and grow. Please, if you feel that the "in-house field trips" your children are able to experience at school are valuable, consider volunteering for this job. You can contact Peggy Johnson at bobandpeg82@comcast.net

## Membership Forms Online

Thanks to all the families who have already joined FQMS PTA. Our goal this year is to get 100% of families to join. Please support your children and their school by sending in your membership dues today!

**If you are reading this newsletter online, you are just three clicks away from accessing the PTA Membership Form.** Click on the forms link on the left side of the home page, click on Membership Form and click to open it!. If you are reading a hard copy, go to **www.follyquarterpta.org** and click on "Forms." You'll have to print out your form and mail it in with your PTA membership dues of just \$10 per person.

Thank you,  
Karen Kelly  
Membership Chairperson

## Calendar of Up-coming Events

**October 21 - Hispanic Heritage Month Program**

**October 22 - Book Fair begins**

**October 26 - Outdoor Ed. Parents' Meeting - Spirit Wear Sales**

**October 26 - Book Fair open 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Media Center**

**October 28 - Breakfast for Outdoor Education volunteers**

**October 28 - Chesapeake Critters (6th grade)**

**November 6 - Staff Lunch**

**November 12 - PTA Board Meeting - Media Center**

**November 5 - Book Fair ends**

**November 16-20 - Artist in Residence Program (8th grade): To be Rescheduled for January or February**

**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 for Staff**

**December 10 - PTA Board Meeting**

**December 23 - Falcon Day**

*Dates that have changed are in red.*

# Relay for Life - Folly Quarter Team

As many of you may remember, Folly Quarter sponsored a Team at the Relay for Life last June. Although we came into the game a bit late and had just a few weeks to raise funds, our generous community managed to raise more than \$1,800 to help in the fight against cancer. I don't know anyone whose life hasn't been touched by cancer and I bet you don't either. We've lost treasured lives in our own community just this year to cancer. But you know what? We're not giving up! I'm heading up a Team again this year for Folly Quarter Middle School and I know we can double last year's participation and donations! We have about 6 more months to work on it this year -- it will be a piece of cake!

Who's with me? It takes place right in our own backyard at Western Regional. We have a fabulous party tent, lots of food and beverages, sleeping bags and pillows, chairs, cards, candles, live music, a DJ. If that's not the recipe for a fun all-nighter, I don't know what is!

Please watch the PTA website and your HCPSS News alerts for more details. In the meantime, the Relay Committee wants you to know this:

**On November 8, 2009, the Western Howard County Relay for Life Committee is holding a rally at the Glenwood Community Center from 4 pm to 5:30 pm to kick-off planning for the June 2010 event. Relay for Life is a non-competitive overnight walk-a-thon charity event benefiting the American Cancer Society. In 2009, Western Howard County Relay raised over \$97,000.**

**The entire community is welcome to attend the rally to learn about Relay for Life and the 2010 event including opportunities to help plan or run activities, team registration, sponsorship or how to make a donation. There will be games for the kids and Fall-themed activities for the entire family. In addition, hamburgers, hot dogs and a birthday cake, celebrating the American Cancer Society's "less cancer, more birthdays" campaign, will be served.**

For more information, please visit [www.relayforlife.org/westernhoward](http://www.relayforlife.org/westernhoward) on the web or contact the Relay Committee (410) 781-4316 or by email at: [whcrelay@aol.com](mailto:whcrelay@aol.com).

Thanks!  
Peggy

PS: Also, the committee was wondering if I thought there would be interest in a FQMS student volunteering to help out with planning for the relay this year. They could use some help planning and running kids activities. Please email me if your child is interested in volunteering: [bobandpeg82@comcast.net](mailto:bobandpeg82@comcast.net)



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.

## YAHOO - Sign Up!

Don't forget to register to receive Yahoo messages from FQMS. The Yahoo Group is different from the HCPSS news as Yahoo will send PTA messages to specific communities -- messages about outdoor education will just go to parents/guardians of 6th graders; messages about 8th grade end-of-year activities will just go to families of 8th graders, etc.

To subscribe, send an email to: FQ-PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive an invitation to subscribe & be directed to the Yahoo site for further information.

## "Thank-You"

Please consider taking a few minutes to write a note to a teacher or other staff member who has gone the extra mile to help you and or your student here at Folly Quarter. It's human nature that when things are going along swimmingly, we take it for granted and only pick up pen and paper if we have a concern that we want addressed. You might be surprised what a quick Thank You Note could do to make the day of someone and let them know that their efforts were noticed and appreciated!

## HC Drug Free

### Alcohol, Drugs, and All In Between

A panel of young adults in recovery, sharing their experience with alcohol and other drugs. They will speak about their lives and methods of recovering from their addiction, and answer questions and discuss topics of interest to the audience.

Tuesday, November 3rd • 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Miller Library • (9421 Frederick Rd.)

*HC DrugFree programs are free and no registration is required. All Howard County parents and teens are invited.*



## Ombudsman to Speak in December

**Rose Dennison**, MSW, LGSW, the **Ombudsman for the Howard County Public School System** will speak at our Board Meeting on December 10 at 7:30. All FQMS parents/guardians are welcome to attend. She'll explain the Ombudsman program and give advice on how to resolve any concerns or conflicts we might have the the school system.

## Poster Contest

### "Images of Freedom Poster Contest"

The "Images of Freedom" poster contest, held in partnership with Corridor Transportation and the Howard County Office of Public Information, is open to all Howard County middle and high school students. The contest challenges students to visually express what freedom means to them. Five winning entries will be selected to be displayed on the sides of Howard Transit vehicles throughout February. All participants and their family members will be honored with an award reception at Columbia Art Center in February. All entries will be featured as part of a gallery show at Columbia Art Center Feb. 18 – 28 in honor of Black History Month. You can view video from last year's event at [http://www.columbiamatters.org/\\_files/videos/2009/March/CM0309\\_Teens.html](http://www.columbiamatters.org/_files/videos/2009/March/CM0309_Teens.html).