



## A Message from the PTA President

On October 14th I'll attend an annual Principal's Meeting which includes PTA Presidents and Central Office leaders. This year's theme is: *"Working Together to Develop as a Culturally Proficient School System"* Two nationally known consultants will be working with us to enhance our understanding of:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Articulation

I'm pleased to be able to attend this important seminar with Mr. Wilson on behalf of Folly Quarter Middle School. It will be an excellent opportunity for us to share ideas, learn from each other, and reinforce our common mission of ensuring excellence for all our children.

I enjoyed meeting so many of you at Back-to-School Night. Thanks to those of you who came out for the General Membership

Meeting. We passed our budget for the 2008-2009 school year and now: on with the task of putting those dollars to good use!

Until next time,  
**Peggy Johnson**  
 FQMS PTA President  
 bobandpeg82@comcast.net  
 410-489-4140



## Volunteer Positions Still Available!

We still have a couple of openings on the Executive Board:

- **Falcon Day Chair:** Coordinates all Falcon Day and Night activities with the staff.
- **Fundraising Chair:** Reviews fundraising promotional materials received by the PTA for possible future use.

If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing either of these committees, please contact Peggy Johnson at 410-489-4140.

**Janet Rohner**, 2nd Vice president, has agreed to chair the **Reflections Committee**. Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition & achievement program for students. It's basically an art, literature and/or music contest that runs from the start of school until sometime in December when entries are sent for judging. If you are interested in **volunteering** to help with this valuable program, please drop Janet a line at: janet.m.rohner@verizon.com

Thanks to **Lisa Coangelo** for volunteering to chair the Garden Committee and to **Robin Wilson and Debbi Nichols** for co-chairing the 8th Grade Activities Committee. You can view a listing of all the PTA committees on our website:  
[www.follyquarterpta.org](http://www.follyquarterpta.org)



## Book Fair Coming!

Save the Date for the November **Book Fair**. November 10 – 21, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm **Volunteers** wanting to help in the Media Center for an hour or so during the school day can email **Celia O'Brien** at rco-brien@yahoo.com



## October Calendar

- 10/1 Magazine Drive Final turn-in day
- 10/2 @7 pm, PTA Board Meeting, Media Ctr.
- 10/14 Breakfast provided by PTA Hospitality for Outdoor Education Volunteers in the cafeteria.
- 10/14 Chesapeake Critters at Outdoor Education
- 10/15 Story-teller at Outdoor Ed.
- 10/20 Hispanic Heritage Assembly

## Thank You Very Much!

### Magazine Drive

Thank you to the volunteers helping tally all the magazine orders for the Magazine Drive. Thanks to **Carolyn Derrenbacher, Leah Healey, Anne Heydrick, Rita Morsberger, Debbie Oldhouser, Sherry Stull, Barb Lee, Jen Stadler, Lora Houck, Melissa Lala, Yvonne Harding, Dora Stidham, Laura Hulett, Ginger Lewis, Linda Hoyt, Barbara Gallagher**  
- **Karen Kelly & Laurie Moody**

### Membership

Thank you to all parents and staff who make our membership drive so successful by promptly joining the PTA. *Membership cards will go home with the students sometime in October.* - **Karen Drake**

### Hospitality

Thank you to all of the great parents who took the time to bake or bring in brownies, cookies, and treats. They were very appreciated.

**Marcy Carl** put the extra goodies in the Staff Lounge, and she heard they were VERY appreciated the following morning!!



## Earn Dollars for FQMS By Clipping & Shopping!



### Box Tops

There is no longer a Boxtops collection box in the lobby. Please have students drop their Boxtops at the front office. The cutoff date for the first of two Boxtops submissions for the 2008-2009 school year is October 16. - **Rita Morsberger**

### 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.

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bonus bucks  
by Giant

Bring in your used **toner or inkjets** and drop them off in the front office. We earn money for used toner/inkjets. There is a list in the front office of toner/inkjets that are accepted.

### Brick Garden

*Preserve your child's legacy at FQMS for \$35 per brick or 3 for \$100. This includes three lines of personalization. This is a great way for students, teachers and staff to leave a lasting memory of their time at FQMS! You'll find the order forms on the PTA website ([www.follyquarterpta.org](http://www.follyquarterpta.org)) or contact **Holly Kohr** at [hollykohr@comcast.net](mailto:hollykohr@comcast.net).*

### Staff Appreciation

Many thanks go to **Zan**, owner of the **Casual Gourmet** in Glenwood. She provided three delectable trays of assorted French pastries for the morning after Back-to-School Night! Thanks to the awesome custodial staff for prepping the staff room and keeping us ready for the teachers!

- **Jane O'Donohue, Staff Appreciation Chair**

## Cookies for Cancer

**Matthew Beck**, a Howard County public school system student, was at our FQMS Back to School Night. He is baking and selling cookies to raise money for the American Cancer Society. "I began, with the aid of my mother, Cookies for Cancer to help gather donations for the American Cancer Society in the fall of 2007. Last year, through all of your gracious donations, Cookies for Cancer was able to raise \$5,550

for the ACS. My goal for this year is to raise \$10,000.

With each \$25 donation on your part, you will receive a dozen of my gourmet cookies (Triple Chocolate Chip and Mint Triple Chocolate Chip) of your choice. Thank you very much for your participation. Together WE CAN make a difference."

*\*To order cookies, please call Matthew at: (410) 489-4959 or*

*email:*

*matthewbeck123@yahoo.com*

*or marleenbeck@hotmail.com*



## Green Living Tips

Here are a couple simple things you can do today to start living "green":

∞ Re-use the blank side of any printer paper you've only printed one side of and no longer need. You can run it through your printer again (if it doesn't matter that the back side has already been used), or use it for scratch paper, shopping lists or notes. When both sides have

been used, remember to put it in your recycle bin.

∞ It's easy to remember to recycle cans and bottles in the kitchen, but don't forget to recycle bottles & toilet paper rolls/tissue boxes from the bathroom and bedroom too.

Do you have any "green" ideas to share? Any of your ideas for recy-

cling, reusing or renewing would be greatly appreciated! Please email them to me at: bobandpeg82@comcast.net. If we use it in the newsletter, we'll give you credit! Do you have photos of FQMS students or staff "being green?" Send me a jpeg and we'll include it!



## Hispanic Heritage Month - Outreach



Each year, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, FQMS adopts a country in Latin America for study. This year's country is **El Salvador**. The Spanish students at FQMS are now preparing for an *assembly which will take place October 20th at 7:50 and 9:25* to teach the school about El Salvadorian culture, traditions and language. There will also be a group that will demonstrate dance in traditional clothing and we expect a member from the Embassy of El Salvador to also be in

attendance. All faculty, students, and parents are invited to attend. In addition to the assembly, the Spanish students and Mrs. Machado would like to do something for a less-fortunate school. Mrs. Machado has located a school in Panchimalco that needs school materials. The school has 730 students in grades Kindergarten through 9th grade with only 17 teachers.

They are beginning a drive called "Change for Change in Panchimalco." If students or adults have any loose change, they are invited to bring it to lunch any day in October and it will be collected

and sent to the school in Panchimalco. We have strict controls in place to make sure that the money goes to the proper authorities and we will be able to verify that it is spent on school materials.

If parents want to help with this very worthy project, they can contribute to the cause by check or cash and submit it to Mrs. Machado's attention.

For details on the Hispanic Month Celebration Assembly at FQMS, please contact **Mrs. Machado**, World Languages Teacher at FQMS at: imachado@hcpss.org.

## After School Programs

*The FQMS PTA After School Programs will be providing the following three programs for the fall:*

### **After School Circus Arts by Mystery Academy**

This course is an exciting introduction to the Circus Arts. Children will learn many of the skills that they see at the circus, the carnival, and in variety shows. The course will teach many physical and artistic skills including ball juggling, spinning rope poi, face painting, balloon sculpture, puppetry, diabolo (giant yo-yo), juggle sticks, hula hoop, object balancing, tightrope walking, and many more. Circus acts have been proven to build hand-eye coordination, improve mental focus and concentration, and encourage children to overcome stage fright. If you attended Back to School night, two gentlemen from Mystery Academy were performing in the main hallway. They were the ones juggling and doing card tricks. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a talent for the Folly Quarter Talent Show that is held in the spring. The class will be held on Fridays after school in Classroom

#1 starting Oct 10 and running through December 12. The cost is \$120.

### **Drama Club by Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts (CCTA)**

CCTA will be working with students to perform the musical Footloose. Footloose is a fun and energetic musical that lets the kids lead a fight against something they really believe in: dancing. Footloose is based on a true story. In 1979, when the high school students in Elmore City, Oklahoma wanted a senior prom, the city council said that it was against the law to dance within the city limits, thanks to a late 1800's ordinance. This pitted the city council, lead by the local pastor, against the students. All students who audition will receive a role in this musical. The final performance will include professional lighting, sound, scenery, and costumes. Students will work with a professional choreographer, director, and musical director. The class will be held on Fridays after school and will begin Oct 10 through December 12. The performance date will be announced soon. The cost is \$185.

### **Teenzart Fashion Design by KidsArt**

Teenzart is a fashion design and drawing program that allows students to create their own fashion designs, while learning sketching techniques, artistic styles and the language of the fashion industry. Students will gain a greater understanding of the fashion industry through the creativity and excitement that goes into learning about fashion illustration. Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school starting October 14 and run through November 17.

Registration forms for these program were handed out to the students during the week of October 3. Registration forms can also be picked up at the front office or downloading from the PTA After School Programs web page. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Joseph at [susan.joseph@vdtg.com](mailto:susan.joseph@vdtg.com).



## Civility Minute

### 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct

#### Rule #1:

*Pay attention - "Only after we notice the world can we begin to care for it." --Dr. Forni*

#### Activities:

*Play I Spy to demonstrate paying attention to what is around us.*

*Ask students to list the subtle differences between two similar pictures. For pictures visit <http://www.2flashgames.com/f/f-426.htm>*

*An excerpt from "Choose Civility in Howard County." For more information, go to: [www.choosecivility.org](http://www.choosecivility.org)*