



Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night is this coming Wednesday, September 23rd! Please join the PTA at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria for an important General Membership Meeting. We will present our proposed budget for the year and take a vote on it. YOUR vote is important! We hope to see you there! The vote will take place at about 6:15pm. The budget is available to view on the PTA website.

Also that night, we will have a PTA **Membership** Tables and a **Spirit Wear** table in the hall outside the cafeteria. We are looking for 100% participation this year! Spirit Wear will feature our brand new items with our new falcon logo as well as some bargains on out-going items such as **\$12 sweatshirts!** That's a real value! Remember to **bring your check-books or cash** for Spirit Wear and PTA Memberships.

Dinner is Served!

Chick-fil-A will be offering **dinner at BTS Night** this year! Forget about rushing around to get the family fed before you head off to the school – stop by their table in our front hallway and pick up a delicious dinner – **at school!** A portion of the proceeds will benefit Folly Quarter!

Fall Magazine Drive Fundraiser

Parents, we need your help! The funds we raise through our magazine drive will finance TeacherEase, TeacherWeb, Falcon Day, cultural arts programs, and more.

Take a moment to review the green **"Sales Tip Sheet"** which was included in your child's QSP package. This year, we are also soliciting donations to the PTA in lieu of subscriptions and renewals. As an equal alternative to selling magazines, cash donations of around \$25 are welcome and will count towards individual and overall drive goals and rewards.

Our first sales period was a big success, thanks to 99 of our students and their parents. Over \$15,000 in gross subscriptions (40% comes back to FQMS PTA) and \$464 in donations were received. The next three Fridays are student "Prize Days" and the next two Tuesdays are "Collection Days". We still have a way to go and will track sales and donations through the end of the month to reward students, homerooms, and grades. If every student could sell several magazines, we'll exceed our goals and reward them with a QSP/PTA sponsored DJ Dance Party. **We will also recognize the top selling class with a pizza party before the dance.**

If you have questions or need help getting started, please call on one of our three co-chairs who will be happy to assist!

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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

The Book Fair is Coming!

The Book Fair will be set up in the media center and will be open for business beginning **October 22 and will run through November 4th**. **There will be evening hours on Monday, October 26 which is also the parent meeting for 6th grade Outdoor Ed.** Books make great gifts and these Scholastic books are just ideal for everyone on your list. The prices are excellent and the school benefits from the sales. There is a book for everyone at the Book Fair! Open daily in the Media Center from October 22nd - November 4th.

Celia O'Brien
Book Fair Chairperson



The School Store Needs Help!

Would you like a fun volunteer opportunity that lets you see the daily activity at FQMS? Then the School Store is for you! The store is open **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** You can specify the day of the week you prefer and the frequency you want to work (e.g., once per month). Please contact **Cindy Faulconer** at cindyfaulconer@msn.com or **Kathy Kirn** at kkirn@smart.net.

Cultural Arts Chair(s) Needed

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

Fall Intramurals at Folly Quarter

This year FQMS will be offering a variety of after school Intramural programs which provide academic enrichment or artistic exploration opportunities for FQMS students. These classes allow students to interact with their peers while they continue to learn in the familiar surroundings of school. Parents and children benefit from the convenience of these programs. The Intramurals program is divided into three sessions: fall, winter, and spring. Our goal this year is to offer a variety of programs during each of these sessions. Below is a listing of all of the fall activities being offered:

ACADEMICS!

Homework Club
Memory Book Production
Cultural Awareness Club
STEM: Design Your Own Adventure
FQMS Newspaper
Best Buddies
Cooking Club
Leo Club

ARTS!

Art Club
Improv

MUSICIANS!

Gold Jazz Band
Blue Jazz Band
Jazz Combo and Chamber Ensemble
Music Intensive
Percussion Ensemble

ATHLETICS!

Running Club
Lifetime Fitness Club
Girls on the Go
Pom Squad

A minimum of 11 students must participate for an intramural to take place. Look for details on these intramurals in your Friday Folly Quarter Newsletters. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Susan Joseph at: susan.joseph@vdtg.com

Calendar of Up-coming Events

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 10 - PTA Board Meeting

December 18 - Falcon Day

Community News

The Columbia Association would like to inform you of the audition dates for our seventh annual **Hear My Voice Teen Idol Competition**. Please encourage your school's talented teens to audition for this exciting event that will award the next Columbia Teen Idol a \$300 cash prize! Please let me know if you have any questions or are in need of more information.

Sincerely,
Kelly Cooper
Communications Specialist
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Multi-Cultural Festival!

The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew MULTI-CULTURAL Festival

Saturday, October 3rd; 11:00 am – 9:00pm

Sunday, October 4th; 1:00 – 7:00 pm

Kings Contrivance Village Center

7271 Eden Brook Drive; Columbia, MD 21046

www.stmatthewfestival.org • 410-381-2284

Free Live Entertainment

Ethnic Food: Greek, Russian, Romanian, Mexican, Lebanese and American • Traditional Ethnic Desserts and American Favorites • Wine and Beer Garden • Children's Activity Area • Silent Auction (over 150 items) • Hand-made Crafts Icon Painting Demonstration • Guided Church Tours • Variety of Vendors • Four Different Raffles Including 42" LCD HDTV and Wii. See website for details.

Saturday, October 3rd

1:00 pm Greek: Evangelakia Dancers
2:00 pm Mexican: Bailes de Mi Tierra Dancers
3:00 pm Greek: Diamatera
4:00 pm Eastern Europe: Balti Mare Folk Music
5:00 pm Russian: Russkie Musikanti Balalaika
6:00 pm Spain: Arte Flamenco
7:00 pm Poland: Krakowiaki Dancers
8:00 pm Greek line dancing. Come join us. "Opa!"

Sunday, October 4th

1:00 pm Columbia International Dancers
2:00 pm Greek: St. Demetrios Demetrakia 1
3:00 pm Japan: Misako Ballet
3:30 pm Greek: St. Demetrios Demetrakia 2
4:00 pm Polynesia: Meki's Tamure
5:00 pm Ireland: Ceili Club - Irish Step Dancing
6:00 pm Greek line dancing. Come join us. "Opa!"