



## A Message from the PTA President

Welcome to *Falcon Notes*! We have a lot to be excited about this year at Folly Quarter. First of all, we have a new Principal! We're delighted to have Mr. Rick Wilson at FQMS. He's got a lot of good ideas for our students, our school and our community. One project that Mr. Wilson and I are excited to bring to Folly Quarter is a recycling initiative. We are in the process of becoming a pilot recycling school

for Howard County and have applied to the state to be a green school. Students will notice new recycling bins throughout the school this year. Please reinforce the importance of recycling at home as well. I'll have "Green Living Tips" here each issue. I hope you find them helpful.

I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout this school year. If you have any ques-

tions about the FQMS PTA, what we do, how you can join, or how you can help, please feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Board Members or Committee Chairs.

Have a great year!

*Peggy Johnson*

FQMS PTA President

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## Executive Board Positions Still Available!

We still have a few openings on the Executive Board:

**Reflections Chair:** Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition & achievement program for students. It's basically an art, literature/music contest that runs from the start of school until sometime in December when entries are sent for judging. The Chair and committee will start the program

up, collect entries, get local judges to judge them and submit entries to PTACHC.

**8th Grade Activities Chair:** This committee organizes all the special activities of the 8th grade class, including end-of-year activities.

**Garden Committee Chair:** This person would be in charge of maintaining the plantings around the school building. I you are interested in Chairing any of these

important Executive Board Committees, please call or email Peggy Johnson at 410-489-4140, / bobandpeg82@comcast.net. Another important responsibility of all Executive Board Members is helping to mold the FQMS PTA by bringing your experience, knowledge, and vote to important PTA initiatives. Please consider volunteering today!

## Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee is looking forward to a year full of activities in which students engage in rewarding experiences that help to foster community awareness. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or are interested in Co-Chairing the committee, please contact **Karen Mobley**, Chairperson (443-506-7394).



## September Calendar

9/11 @7 pm, PTA Board Meeting, Media Ctr. ■ ■

9/12 Magazine Drive Kick-off ■

9/23 @ 6:30 pm, PTA General Membership Meeting in school cafeteria. Vote on proposed budget.

9/23 @ 7:00 pm, Back to School Night

9/24 @ 9:30 am, Groovy Science, 6th grade

## Staff Appreciation

The Back to School Staff Appreciation Breakfast for the teachers on 8/18 was a great success. The Staff Appreciation committee



organized this breakfast for the teachers' first day back. Many Folly Quarter families lent their wonderful baking skills to the event. I'd like to thank the following families for their incredibly helpful participation: Kunze, Rolla, Crovo, Hulett, Lehmann, Healey, Hoyt, Neil, Dry-Wasson, Perlman, Grimes, Johnson, Kelly, and Potts. Kudos to the custodial staff for helping with set

up and cleanup!! Our next Staff Appreciation event is the morning after Back to School Night with coffee and bagels for our late-working staff!

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



## BoxTops & Toner Cartridges



Please clip, with expiration dates intact, and send in your Boxtops with your middle schooler. We have a box for Boxtops in the front office and a large Boxtops display in the front hallway for student drop-off as well. *We are no longer accepting Campbell's Soup Labels.* **Back to School Night** is a good

night to drop off your Boxtops! Also, our first submission date is late October, so start clipping!

Want to help the easy way? Just shop for back-to-school clothes and supplies online at favorite stores like *Old Navy, Target, Walmart, Office Max,* and more through the Box Tops Marketplace. When you do, a percentage of your purchase goes back to your school at no cost to you. How great is that? Learn more at [btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace). - **Rita Morsberger**



## Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will be available for sale at **Back to School Night**. Get your hoodies and t-shirts to show your Falcon spirit this year at Folly Quarter! We accept cash and checks. Sorry no credit cards. Spirit Wear also is available at the School Store. If you are interested in being a part of the Spirit Wear Committee, please contact **Leah Healey** at [leah.healey@verizon.net](mailto:leah.healey@verizon.net). Thanks!



*Eric is really enjoying his FQMS t-shirt! Long-sleeved t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, flannel pants and more are available at the School Store.*

## 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).

## Marquee Sign

We are looking for volunteers to help with the school marquee. We need nine people who are willing to give a few hours one month out of the school year. Please email **Cathy Frederick-Bittner** at [cathylfb@gmail.com](mailto:cathylfb@gmail.com) if you can help out.

## After School Programs

We hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to the upcoming school year. The FQMS PTA will be sponsoring the after-school programs again this year and we are just starting to put together our list of programs that will be offered. The programs that have been identified for the Fall include:

- TeenzArt Fashion Design
- Drama Club
- Magic/Variety Arts Program

We are working on identifying when the programs will start, what day they will be held, and where they will be held. Once we have confirmed the list of programs for the Fall, information will be distributed to the students, announced in eSchoolnewsletters, and be available in the front office. **We will also be hosting a table during Back to School Night** where parents can pick up registration forms and speak to representatives from

some of these activities. If you have any questions or know of a program that you think we should bring into the school please contact the PTA After School Programs Coordinator: **Susan Joseph** at [susan.joseph@vdtg.com](mailto:susan.joseph@vdtg.com). Thank you!



## Green Living Tips

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

- ∞ Re-use the blank back side of flyers, old homework and test papers, junk mail and any other papers that come to your home as scratch paper for homework, shopping lists, notes. Cut the papers into sizes that work best for you. When both sides of a piece of paper have been used,

remember to put it in your recycle bin.

- ∞ Re-use newspapers, with vinegar, for the best (not to mention the greenest and cheapest) glass cleaner around. Vinegar also is a great natural mold killer. If you don't like the smell of vinegar, add a few drops of essential oil to vinegar in a spray bottle. Remember to wear gloves!

Do you have any "green" ideas to share? Please email them to me at: [bobandpeg82@comcast.net](mailto: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!

**-Peggy**



## Civility Minute

Remember the "Bicentennial Minute?" Those little tidbits of US History read by some famous person in one-minute TV spots all throughout 1976? They were very informative and civil - managing to serve up an interesting and memorable tidbit of knowledge while taking up less than 60 seconds of our time! Inspired by our own County-wide initiative, "Choosing Civility," we will offer a *Civil Minute* each month for your enjoyment! For more information on Choosing Civility in Howard County, you can visit this website: [www.choosecivility.org](http://www.choosecivility.org). You also can check out either of P.M. Forni's books; Choosing Civility, or The Civility Solution: What to Do When People Are Rude, at any Howard County Public Library.

**"If you have learned how to disagree without being disagreeable, then you have discovered the secret of getting along — whether it be business, family relations, or life itself."**

— **Bernard Meltzer**

## Upcoming Events

**10/14** @ Outdoor Ed. - Chesapeake Critters by Under the Sea.org (6th grade)

**11/10-11/21** - Gayle Danley, Slam Poet Artist-in-Residency, (8th grade)

**11/21** - Slam n' Jam, Residency culminating event