



Gymkana is Coming !

The FQMS PTA Cultural Arts Committee is pleased to bring The University of Maryland's "**Gymkana Troupe**" to Folly Quarter on February 26th! This amazing group of student-athletes who have pledged to remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free, will present performances at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am. For more information on Gymkana, visit their website at; www.gymkana.umd.edu.



Eat Dinner with Your Family & SAVE!

Did you know ...

- The more often children and teens eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.
- Children and teens who have frequent family dinners are less likely to have friends who drink alcohol and use marijuana.
- Teens who are eating dinner with their family are almost 40% more likely to say that future drugs use will never happen.

Join the *Western Howard County Safety Committee* as they spend the month of February celebrating "Eat Dinner with your Family" by visiting Pizza Hut (Lisbon or Clarksville locations) or Cattail Creek Country Club.

Pizza Hut 20% off coupons are available on the PTA website for use throughout the month of February. Go to: www.follyquarterpta.org and follow the link for "Coupons." At Cattail Creek (and at the participating Pizza Huts), just mention that you are supporting the WHCSC Eat Dinner with Your Family Campaign to receive a discount.

Valuable Resources

Here are some websites to visit for information about what your community is offering parents and students:

www.ptachc.org - Keep up with what the PTA is doing at the county, state and national levels.

www.hcdrugfree.org - A great resource for parents and teens.

http://hcpsstv.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 - View HCPSS Board Meetings online.

<http://www2.hcps.org/met/media/srlbkawds.htm> - Summer Reading lists for Kindergarten - Adult

<http://hclibrary.org/index.php?page=22&nd=1> - For classes, events, reading programs, and more.

Outreach



The Outreach Committee and the Leo Club would like to thank the students, faculty, and parents for a tremendous response to our Giving Tree Project held in December. Gift cards totaling \$715 was collected and dispersed to families in the Grassroots Homeless Shelter Motel Program, Howard County School System, and the Johns Hopkins Bay View Child Psychiatry Outreach Program. FQMS adopted 3 families and provided them with wonderful gifts. A Pizza Wrapping Party was held to Thank those students who participated and to give them the opportunity to wrap all of the wonderful gifts provided. - **Karen Mobley**

Upcoming Event: Book Drive 3/1/10 thru 3/26/10. Collection boxes will be placed in the lobby for your convenience.

Box Tops!

Calling all Boxtops! The second half of our year has begun and we'd like to reach our goal of \$500 from boxtops and inkjets. Please send in your unexpired Boxtops and gently used inkjet cartridges as soon as you can! Here's an easy way to get your Box Tops to school: Put them in your child's lunchbox! A Box Tops box will now be located in the cafeteria making it easy for them to remember to drop them off at school. - **Jenn Hutnik**



Please Join the PTA!

Our membership numbers are down this year. It's not too late to join the PTA! Forms are on the PTA website at www.follyquarterpta.org. We'll put your membership dues to good work at Folly Quarter, supporting myriad events and services for our students, faculty and families.

Parent Education

Our newly formed parent Education Committee kicked-off its first forum on January 27th. Dr. Davina Pruitt-Mentle, well-known researcher and expert in the field of Cyberethics and Internet Safety, presented "Online Communications and Middle School Children" which focused on computer use, what's happening, latest trends, pitfalls and consequences, and parental controls. More than 40 Folly Quarter Middle School parents and guardians attended this very informative forum. Watch your email for announcements of up-coming forums.

If you would like to submit a topic for discussion, volunteer as a speaker, or can suggest a speaker with expertise on an issue, please contact any one of the following parents:

Mary Jayne Register, Parent Education Committee Co-Chair, at 410-715-6502 or via e-mail at jrmj-moose@aol.com

Alex Ross, Parent Education Committee Co-Chair at 443-765-5754 or via e-mail at alexande_ross@comcast.net

Karen Mobley, Community Outreach Committee Chair, at 443-506-7394 or via e-mail at highest-pointhc@aol.com

HC Drug Free

Save the Date!
Teen Job & Volunteer Fair
Saturday, March 6th, 2010
Long Reach High School
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This annual FREE event offers high school and college-age teens the chance to seek information on jobs, volunteer opportunities, camps, sports, classes, and services. More than 1,500 teens and parents attended last year's Fair!



Qdoba Night!

Enjoy dinner at Qdoba and support HC DrugFree.

On Monday, March 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The proceeds from sales will go towards programs and events that empower the community to raise drug-free teens.

Qdoba Mexican Grill • Suite 101

9050 Baltimore National Pike • Ellicott City, MD 21042 • (410) 203-0010

Summer Camps!

Meet Representatives from Howard County Recreation & Parks Summer Camps

How will your child remember the summer of 2010? Start making those memories. Come meet representatives from Howard County Recreation & Parks Summer Camps during the Baltimore's Child Camps and Summer Programs Fair at the Glenwood Community Center on Saturday, February 6th from 11am-2pm. Free Admission.

The Glenwood Community Center is located at 2400 Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21732. For additional information, please call 410-313-4840.



Keep on Clipping, Shopping & Recycling!



Keep on clipping those **Box Tops**. You can drop them off in the front office & cafeteria.



Food Lion

To register your Food Lion card, go to: 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. Then, click on *register your card* and follow the instructions.



Safeway

To register your Safeway card, go to: 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.



Martins

To register your Martins card, go to: www.martinsaplus.com - after September 6th. Click on "Designate" Follow the instructions.

***You also can drop your ink cartridges off in the front office.
All monies we receive for recycling our ink cartridges goes into our
Green Initiative budget!***

Up-Coming Events

The PTA is in the process of planning several events for February and March. Here's what we're working on:

- 2/5 Maryland History Day Breakfast for Judges/Day & Evening Refreshments (Hospitality)
- 2/9 2nd Quarter Gold Honor Roll Breakfast (Hospitality)
- 2/9 Honor Roll Ice Cream (Hospitality)
- 2/10 Conference Dinner for Staff (Staff Appreciation)
- 2/18 PTA Board Meeting at 7 pm in the Media Center (Board)
- 2/26 Gymkana Troupe (Cultural Arts)
- 3/11 PTA Board Meeting at 7 pm in the Media Center (Board)
- 3/26 8th Grade/Faculty Volleyball & Canned Food Donation Night (8th Grade Activities/Outreach)



Joining the Folly Quarter Relay for Life Team: \$10

Getting a really cool T-shirt: The same \$10

Being part of ending cancer forever: Priceless

Please consider joining the Folly Quarter Relay for Life Team this year - or make a donation. Your contribution is tax deductible and the experience is very rewarding. Visit our Team Page here: <http://tinyurl.com/RelayforLifeTeam>.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.