

Calendar of Events

4/28 - 5/2 8th Grade MSA
Science Assessments in
Science Class

May 2 - Principal's Gold
Breakfast

May 4 - May 10 - Teacher
Appreciation Week

May 5 - Honor Roll Ice
Cream at lunches

May 13 - Enrichment Fair
7:00 to 8:30 and PTA
general membership
meeting

May 22 - 6:30 to 8:30 Family
Fun Night

June 6 - 1:00 - 2:20 8th
grade picnic. Transition
ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
River Hill High School

June 9 - 8th grade
luncheon/dance 12:30 -
4:00 p.m.

President's Message

As this is the last newsletter message I will write as President, I want to acknowledge what a wonderfully rewarding and unique experience it has been serving as President of the PTA the past two years. I know everyone is busy, and I, too, work full time, and have done my best to stay on top of things. I appreciate all of the assistance and support I have received from the board, the school administration, the committee chairs, and all of the wonderful parents. The PTA is a team effort - we all do our best to make each

school year as rewarding, challenging and growth-oriented as we can for the students to ensure these formative years are positive ones. I am glad I was able to do my part and hopefully make some small difference in some way. To thank everyone involved would take too much time, so a big hearty THANK YOU to all who do your part to make a difference. I will continue to serve on the board, if voted in, as 2nd Vice President next year. I look forward to continuing in this capacity and carrying on some of the great

traditions we have started. This year I am very excited to introduce the upcoming Family Night - where our 8th graders will take on the staff for a rousing game of volleyball and basketball - what a great tradition to start for our 8th graders to look forward to each year. We hope you will come and bring the whole family - a nominal fee of \$1 will be charged to help defray costs. So thanks again, and remember, everything each of you do is appreciated!

Janet Rohner

PTA President

2nd Annual Kids for Kids Yard Sale

Although we were preempted by projected inclement weather for the original date (4/5) for the 2nd Annual "Kids for Kids" yard sale, Saturday, April 12, proved to be in our favor. A few sprinkles as we were setting up made some of us wonder, but the rain stayed away and the sellers and shoppers had a great day!

This year's yard sale had 32 families participate taking 44 spots in the sale, 1/3 more than last year! We were very pleased with the interest and look forward to

seeing it grow each year.

In addition, the 8th Grade held a bake sale to earn money for their "End of Year" party and did very well. Shoppers and sellers took advantage of the hot coffee and cocoa in the morning and the cold drinks when the sun came out. Thanks to all the families that donated homemade baked goods and snacks for this fundraiser. They were enjoyed by all!

NOTE: Next year we will need a new PTA Chairperson for this event. If you are

interested in finding out what it takes please email Donna Flemister dflemister@comcast.net

"My daughter made \$75-- not shabby for 4 hours of work!! Also--I had a great time shopping at other's spaces--found great flower pots!! Thanks for organizing this!" Sue Rogan

"I made \$130, and all of it is going to the Inspiration Walk tomorrow to benefit Special Olympics Howard County. I am very happy!" Amy Korman

FQMS Cultural Arts Overview

Groovy Science - September 26 - A scientist from the Applied Physics Laboratory gave a presentation to the sixth grade class on air pressure, gravity, force and other science-related terms.

Chesapeake Critters - October 10 - The Under the Sea organization gave a presentation to the sixth grade class during Outdoor Education. Students learned why the Chesapeake Bay is so valuable ecologically and economically to everyone who lives in and around it.

Hispanic Culture Day - October 16 - Cultural Arts funded the Guatemalan musical group Marimba Pequena Internacional to perform for the entire school during FQ's Second Annual Hispanic Assembly.

Slam Poetry Residency - October 29 - November 9 - Artist-in-residence Gayle Danley met with eighth grade English classes over a two-week period teaching students how to write and perform slam poetry. Funds for this residency came from PTA Cultural Arts, and grants from both the Howard County Arts Council and Maryland State Arts Council.

Slam n' Jam Culmination Event - November 9 - Cultural Arts worked with the Eighth Grade Activities Committee to provide snacks and prizes.

Good Queen Bess - December 10 - A living history program that brought the Renaissance period and Queen Elizabeth to life. Presentation made possible through the Maryland State Arts Council Visiting Performer Arts-in-Education program and coordinated by Cultural Arts.

Art Day - February 23 - All sixth grade students participated in an afternoon of art classes taught by several visiting artists to learn various forms of art media and participate in hands-on projects. Cultural Arts helped coordinate volunteers, funded several artists and purchased arts supplies.

Black History Month Poster Contest - month of March - Provided a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift certificate given as a prize for the winner of the poster contest.

Author Roland Smith - April 18 - Award-winning author Roland Smith, writer of many books, including *Peak*, *Cryptid Hunter*, *Zach's Lie*, met with almost every student in the school to discuss his books. "Reading is revision!"

Storyteller Bill Rogers - April 21 and 22nd - Mr. Rogers met with several seventh grade reading classes to present the art of storytelling.

Cay Day - June 6 - Cultural Arts will fund the steel drummer.

Wow! What an amazing year our kids had! Thank you to Heidi Trout for coordinating these wonderful events throughout the year and for obtaining additional funding through applying for and receiving grants.

Family Fun Night

May 22 6:30 to 8:30 - Come cheer your 8th grade students on to victory against the FQMS staff in what hopes to be a great FQMS tradition for our 8th graders. All are welcome to attend to see the students take on the staff/administration in basketball and volleyball. We are looking for parent referees. Contact Luanne Paci if you are interested in officiating at luannepaci@comcast.net

\$1 per ticket goes toward 8th grade activities. Snacks and FQMS bracelets will be available for purchase.

PTA Board 2008-2009

Laurie Lehman and Leah Healey have worked hard to put together next year's PTA Board of Directors. The slate of officers will be voted on at the Enrichment Fair, Tuesday, May 13.

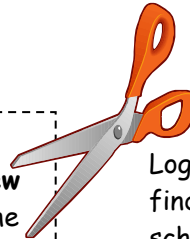
President - Peggy Johnson
 1st Vice President - Cathy Corrao
 2nd Vice President - Janet Rohner
 Corresponding secretary - Kathy Doughty
 Treasurer - Becky Reich
 Recording secretary - Maureen Turney
 Delegate (1) - Debbie Brock
 Delegate (2) - open

Boxtops

Thanks for your support of Boxtops and the Ecycle program for inkjet/toner cartridges. Look for our **new** large Boxtops container that has been placed near the lobby front stairwell for students who have been asking, "Where is the Boxtops receptacle?" You may still deposit your Boxtops in the office as well.

We have received \$336 from Boxtops this year. Next year we will be offering a "free pizza" incentive for Falcon Day if we can reach our goal of \$600 for Boxtops. All Boxtops brought in now work toward that goal. Please send in all your Boxtops by May 31, as some labels expire June 30, 2008. Check out Boxtops Marketplace online. They offer occasional free shipping and different specials for online purchases. www.boxtops4education.com Thank you for your support!

We are making one last submission to Campbell's Soup Labels, but please don't clip any longer. Campbell's requires huge quantities of labels to make it worthwhile to participate in their program.



Did you know?

Log onto MdReportCard.org and you can find out the performance of all Maryland schools for 2007.

Next time you're in the front office, take a moment to look at the beautiful wall hanging created by our sixth graders under the expert guidance of Katherine Dilworth and Heidi Trout. The piece is made out of dyed wool batting using a technique known as needle felting

Mrs. Trout entered the wallhanging on behalf of Folly Quarter MS in the Fine Arts Competition at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival last weekend and it won 2nd place! Way to go, sixth graders!

PTA Committee Chairpersons

Thanks to our many dedicated parents who give their time to our school, and agree to do it for several years in a row! It is so appreciated! If you see an opening that appeals to you but are reluctant to be solely responsible for it, let us know. There are other parents that feel the same, but working in tandem lightens the load considerably.

After School Programs - Susan Joseph

Book Fair - Celia O'Brien

Boxtops, Giant/Safeway, toner/jet - Rita Morsberger

Brick Garden - (open) Oversee checks received by families, ordering bricks and coordinating the installation of bricks to our Brick Garden

Communications, Directory/website - Dana Potts, Ann-Margaret Knauff

Newsletter - Rita Morsberger

Community Outreach - Karen Mobley

Cultural Arts - Kim Clawson

Falcon Day - (open) Coordinating/overseeing games/movies/snacks/crafts for student incentive/reward activity

Fundraising - (open) Coordinate/decide which fundraisers the school will participate in

Grade Activities - Coordinating various activities for each grade

6 th Grade - (open)

7 th Grade - (open)

8 th Grade - (open)

Hospitality - (open) Setup coffee/light snacks for American Education week and various events

Staff Appreciation - (open) Coordinating meals for staff for Back to school Night, Teacher/Parent conferences, Teacher Appreciation Week

Magazine Drive - Karen Kelly, Laurie Moody

Marquee Sign - Cathy Frederick-Bittner

Membership - (open) oversee receipt of checks for PTA membership and sending out PTA membership cards

Reflections - (open) Art Program sponsored by the National PTA. Oversee receiving submissions to contest, procuring judges to judge submissions. Winners move on to county contest.

School Store - Diane Meghan, Cindy Faulconer

Spiritwear - Leah Healey

Volunteer Coordinator - Chris Geibel

Ben Carson Scholar Fund

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that eighth grader **Emily Schweich** was a recipient of the Ben Carson Scholars Fund in which she received a \$1,000 scholarship. She received an additional \$500 award, which is bestowed to a Ben Carson Scholar, entitled the Vicki Rosen Memorial Award. Vicki Rosen was a co-director of the Carson Scholars Fund, and Dr. and Mrs. Carson oversee the Vicki Rosen Memorial Fund. This award goes to the nominee who displays compassion, kindness, love of life and sense of humor that Vicki Rosen, their dear friend and colleague, displayed every day of her life. FQMS has entered one student each year for the past four years, and Emily is the first winner of the Ben Carson Scholars Award. Qualifications for the award are 3.7 GPA and a demonstration of humanitarian qualities. Emily was one of 600 students across 26 states to receive the Ben Carson scholarship, and the sole winner of the Vicki Rosen Memorial Award. Congratulations, Emily! What an honor!