




## Note from the PTO President

The kids should be starting to grumble about doing their homework or practicing violin or clarinet, and they may be cutting it a little closer when it comes time to catch the bus in the morning. You may have made a special trip up to school to drop off a forgotten lunchbox. In other words, everyone has settled into the school year. You may also be hearing outlandish tales from your child that his teacher had him chew gum as part of an experiment or that your third grader was blowing a crumbled up piece of paper across the floor. Folger is focusing on science this year and in the spring the school will be hosting the first Science Fair in many years!

In early September, the PTO Cultural Arts Committee brought in the "Urban Dance" group in for an assembly. A big thank you to Lise Chaisson for arranging this. Feedback was good—some students claimed it was their favorite assembly ever and another declared, "It was AWESOME!"

The PTO hosted a "We're Number One" lunch for Folger teachers in celebration of the school's finishing first in Maryland for Math MSAs and first in Anne Arundel County for Reading MSAs. Thanks so much to Sandy Gaudet, Susan Hartley, Anna O'Connor, Jacqui Riley and Sue Wright for organizing the amazing buffet lunch, and to our wonderful teachers who gave us such a good reason to celebrate!

Back-To-School Night went smoothly and hopefully you had the chance to meet your child's teachers and have a better idea of what is expected of your child for this school year. Remember to check your child's Home Folder every day for important school announcements.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to  Folger in the Facebook/Kleenex contest. Kimberly Clark is in the process of verifying that Folger McKinsey is a valid entry and eligible to receive the \$5,000 prize. Many thanks to Erin Jacobs for organizing. Mrs. Bachmann is hoping to plan a school-wide field trip—stay tuned for details!

Please consider attending October's PTO meeting to be held on October 12 at Woods Church. We'd love to get some help on upcoming events including Give a Hoot Night, Junior Achievement Day and the Halloween Bash. If you would like to get involved, attending a PTO meeting is a great first step.

The purpose of the PTO is to support the educational needs and well-being of the students at Folger McKinsey Elementary School. It is through your support that we make that happen. Please consider joining the PTO and making Folger McKinsey a great place to grow and learn.

Maureen Whittington  
FMES PTO President



In my hurry to get the September newsletter out before Hurricane Irene hit, I managed to leave out some very important thanks in particular to the 2010-11 board for all their time and effort over the past year.

Thank you to:

**Karen Reynolds**,  
Past President—who made this job look so easy.

**Michelle Patschorke**,  
for her continued help in transitioning all Treasurer responsibilities to Sandy Gaudet

**Kelly Cornacchia**,  
former VP of Administration

**Kim Burton**,  
former VP of Finance

## YOU HAVE QUESTIONS???

### GIVE A HOOT NIGHT....HAS THE ANSWERS

**OCTOBER 19th, 7:00pm at Whitehurst Clubhouse**

Why **YOU** should give a HOOT!!!!!! What can be more important than your child's education?

**\*PARENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

Find out what makes an effective teacher.

How to support an effective teacher.

How to report a teacher failing to meet the needs of the children.

How to give your child a voice in their education.

**How YOU can make a difference in your child's education!**

**AND WHY YOU SHOULD!!!!**

**\*MSA Testing:** Why are they so important?  
What does it mean for MY child?  
What does it mean for the school?

**\*New Families: Please come!**  
Meet new friends and find out the answers to these and other important questions.

If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Anna O'Connor [annaro@msn.com](mailto:annaro@msn.com).

## Aluminum Recycling

Mr. Edwin Takemori has been tirelessly collecting aluminum cans and donating all profits to Folger McKinsey for many years. He will be continuing to do so this year. Collection will start in October, so get a trash bag and start collecting those cans! **Remember to put the name of student, teacher and grade on bags of cans so he can give the students credit.**

Mr. Takemori's address is  
54 Robinson Landing Road (Berrywood South)  
Severna Park and he can be reached at 410-431-7360 or  
[takemorijudo@verizon.net](mailto:takemorijudo@verizon.net).

### **2011-2012 PTO Board of Directors:**

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Economics and business will be the lesson of the day on October 28 – Junior Achievement Day. For a second year, Folger will sponsor “JA Day”. Fun, interactive lessons about business will be delivered by volunteers who follow lesson plans developed by JA while incorporating their own real-life experiences into the curriculum. This allows our students to gain an understanding of the importance between education and their future success. Students learn the basic concepts of business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace. The activities build on studies and activities from each preceding grade and prepare students for lifelong learning.

Thank you to the many volunteers who already stepped forward to participate. Training for the program will take place on Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm at the Whitehurst Community Club House. At this meeting, each volunteer will receive all the necessary materials to implement the program, as well as the classroom specific details and tips for making JA Day a success.

The goal is to have two volunteers per class. Additional volunteers are still needed for all classes (except MacQuilliam, Rodger, Brant, Woods, Caroland, Grieve, and Whisman).

Please consider giving your time to a day that will be memorable for both students and you! Contact Chris Myers at [myerschris@yahoo.com](mailto:myerschris@yahoo.com) to get more information or sign up to be part of JA Day.

## Box Tops

Our goal this year is to raise over \$1200. The collection box is currently located in the lobby by lost and found. Our first contest this year is an easy one and will end on October 31st. For every 20 box tops brought in your child’s name will be entered in a drawing for a prize to be awarded to one student. Please make sure to label the bag or envelope clearly with their name and grade. Attached to this newsletter is a collection sheet that can also be used. A great way for the younger children to practice counting.

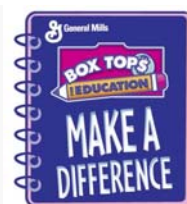
If you are unfamiliar with box tops, there are three easy ways you can help raise money for our school.

**CLIP** - Clip the box top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10 cents.

**SHOP ONLINE** - Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace ([boxtops4education.com/marketplace](http://boxtops4education.com/marketplace)).

**READ** - Buy books online through the Reading Room, a partnership between Box Tops and Barnes and Noble.

Sign up at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com), it is easy and free. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hussey at 410-793-5159 or [hussbus5@comcast.net](mailto:hussbus5@comcast.net)



## Fundraising Lite:

Giant/Safeway/Food Lion/Target Receipts, Ledo's Pizza & Franklin's Toys: Sign us up, Baby! We all shop—let's earn money back! The PTO needs a volunteer to register Folger with each store, and then encourage Folger parents to register their card, eat pizza or shop for toys. It's that simple. It doesn't take long. Each month you would put a reminder in the newsletter and also in the weekly e-mail blast. It's that simple—an easy job that can be done from home! Ms. Bachmann uses this money to purchase new programs for our school. Let's help her out! Contact Susan Hartley if interested: [susanwhartley@gmail.com](mailto:susanwhartley@gmail.com)



### Internet Safety Night

Are you in the field of computer security?

### YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!!!

If you would like to help with this program on January 11<sup>th</sup>, Please contact Anna O'Connor.

[annaro@msn.com](mailto:annaro@msn.com)

# October At-a-Glance

Date	Day	Event	Time
4	Tuesday	Jr. Achievement Training @ the Whitehurst Community Club House	7:00pm
10	Monday	Bus Driver Appreciation	
12	Wednesday	PTO Meeting Woods Church	6:30pm
12	Wednesday	CAC Meeting Woods Church	7:30pm
12	Wednesday	Ledo's Pizza Night	
13	Thursday	Race To Nowhere (Oak Hill Elementary PTO)	7:00pm
19	Wednesday	2 Hour Early Dismissal	
19	Wednesday	"Give A Hoot" Night Whitehurst Clubhouse	7:00pm
21	Friday	No School	
21	Friday	PTO Newsletter Deadline to Stella Glady	
28	Friday	2 Hour Early Dismissal (End of 1 <sup>st</sup> marking Period).	
28	Friday	Jr. Achievement Day	
28	Friday	Folger Halloween Dance @ CBMS	6-8pm



**I WAS WORKING AT THE SCHOOL LATE ONE NIGHT  
WHEN MY EYES BEHELD SUCH AN EERIE SIGHT  
THESE LITTLE MONSTERS & WITCHES BOLTED DOWN THE HALL  
ON THEIR WAY TO A FOLGER HALLOWEEN BALL**

**COME TO OUR MASH  
THE  
FOLGER MCKINSEY MASH**

**IT WILL CATCH ON IN A FLASH  
IT'S A HALLOWEEN SMASH**

**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 6-8PM**

**PLACE: FOLGER MCKINSEY ELEMENTARY @CBMS**

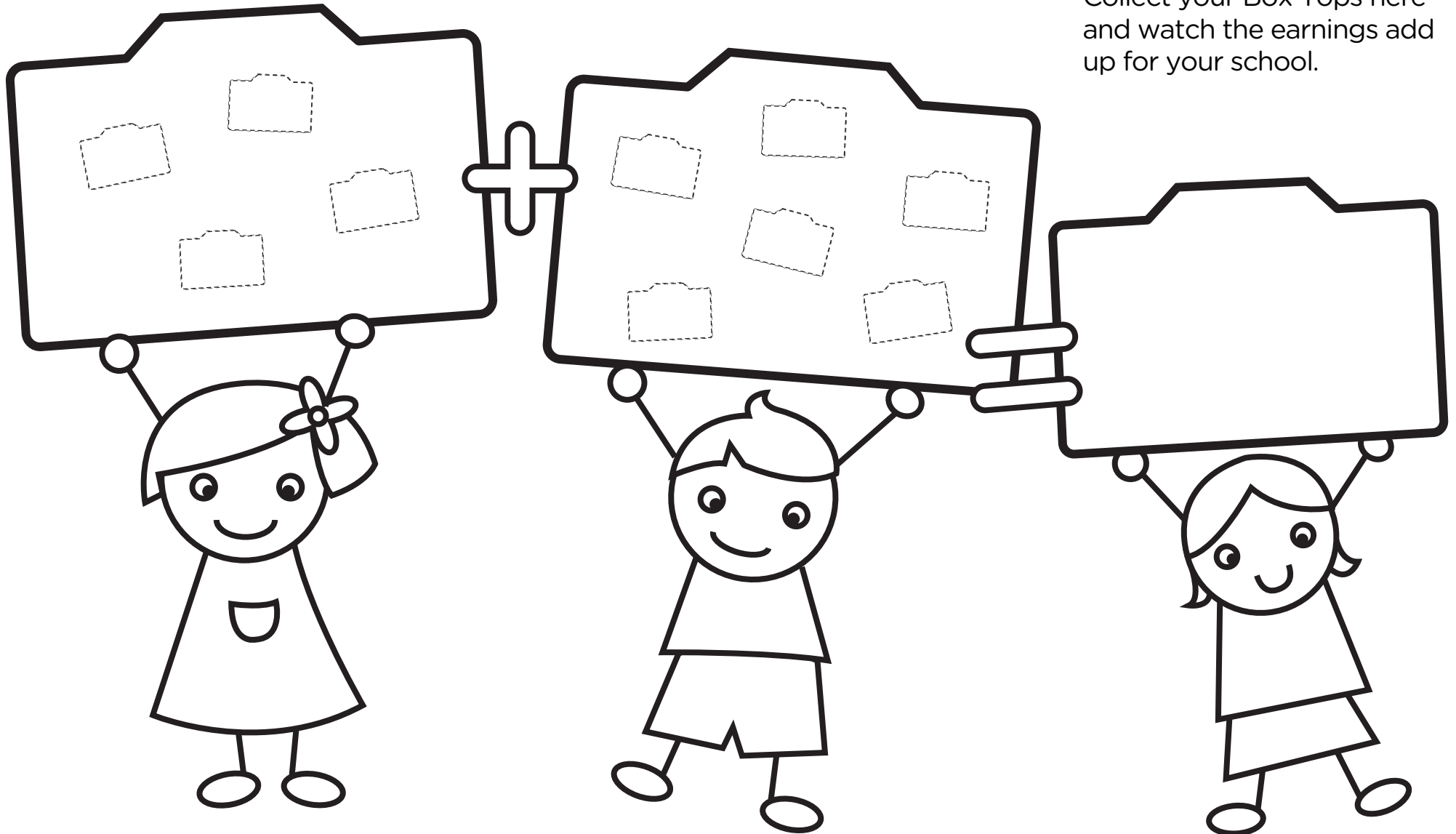
**DJ, DANCING, SNACKS, COSTUME CONTEST AND MORE**

**PLEASE CONTACT SHERRY LEIKIN AT [sherryleikin@yahoo.com](mailto:sherryleikin@yahoo.com)  
TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT!**



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The Folger McKinsey Drama Club Announces  
**AUDITIONS FOR SEUSSICAL JR.**

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (for director use only)

Please print

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate best #)

**Those auditioning should attach a recent photo and prepare 30 seconds of a song and/or act out 4-6 lines of any Dr. Seuss book.**

**Auditions open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and will be held onstage at the Woods Church in two sessions on Saturday 10/15 (10am-noon & 1pm-3pm) Callbacks will be held Monday 10/17 from 7-9pm at Woods Church. The performance weekend is Thursday 3/1 – Sunday 3/4**

Please list any special skills (cartwheels, round-offs, juggling, unicycle, funny voices, creative writing, sports, puppetry, pogo stick etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list performance experience here (any community theatre, Church choirs, dance, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

Mark weekly conflicts with an "X" in the table below. Use back of this form to mark all other events (weddings, vacation travel etc.)

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10am	X	X	X	X	X		
11am	X	X	X	X	X		
12pm	X	X	X	X	X		
1pm	X	X	X	X	X		
2pm	X	X	X	X	X		
3pm	X	X	X	X	X		
4pm	X	X	X	X	X		
5pm							
6pm							
7pm							
8pm							

Audition song: \_\_\_\_\_

Role you are auditioning for: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you accept an ensemble role (yes or no): \_\_\_\_\_

If not cast, would you like to work backstage or in any other way (yes or no): \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring this completed form to audition at Woods Church (611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd) at 10am or 1pm on Saturday October 15. To reserve a spot at either the 10am or 1pm audition sessions, please email [pkittiver@gmail.com](mailto:pkittiver@gmail.com) with your child's name and time slot preference.**

**NOTE:** If your child is cast and accepts a role, there will be a supply fee of \$50 per child due by first rehearsal.

Questions? Please email Philip Kittiver at [pkittiver@gmail.com](mailto:pkittiver@gmail.com)