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Board Meetings

• Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m. - Board Budget Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits, and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• Monday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. - Board Business Meeting at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits, and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• Lynn Taugher from Bel Air Middle School and Scott Powers from Prospect Mill Elementary School have been named 2007 Simon McNeely State Physical Education Teachers of Excellence. The program involves two teachers from each sub-division in the state being honored by the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) each year based on their contributions in the area of physical education. For more information, call Ginny Popiolek, Supervisor of Elementary and Middle School Physical Education and Health, 410-588-5274. **NEW!**

• The Patterson Mill Middle School Knowledge Masters Open (KMO) team finished as the top middle school team in the state's fall KMO Tournament, topping 11 other schools who took part in the on-line, general knowledge test; and finishing 17th out of 711 teams who took part around the world. The academic tournament, founded in 1983, provides teams with questions on a variety of topics such as American and World History, Recent Events, and "Useless Trivia." For more information, contact Don Morrison, 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• LeRoy H. Jones will be inducted as the 136th member of the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame during ceremonies to be conducted during the January 28th Board of Education meeting (HCPS A.A. Roberty Building, 6:00 p.m.). Mr. Jones taught for his entire 32-year career at Aberdeen High School where he helped bridge the gap in the newly integrated school. He also coached cross country and track and field at Aberdeen High where he once went 19 straight years without missing a day. Call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203 for more information. **NEW!**

• Naomi Knight, Harford Technical High School Agri-Business teacher, is one of six teachers nationwide to receive the 2007 Outstanding Teacher Award from the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). Mrs. Knight is a 23-year Agri-Business teacher at Harford Tech. For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• Mercedes Figueroa, Richard Desire, and Justin Campbell of Edgewood High, finished first, second, and third in the Regional VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest recently. For more information, contact Jamie Childs at Edgewood High, 410-612-1500. **NEW!**

• The Army Blues Jazz Ensemble will be performing a concert at Bel Air High School on Jan 17th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tony Domenico, Jr. at 410-638-4600. **NEW!**

• The Fallston High Dance Team earned first place for the second year in a row at the Maryland State Championship at the 1st Mariner Arena last Saturday, January 5th in both the Varsity Jazz and Varsity Pom

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divisions. The team will compete in another competition in Washington, D.C. this weekend. For more information, contact Fallston High Dance Team Coach Carrie Cummings at 410-638-4120. **NEW!**

- Tuesday, February 19, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - The Parent Involvement Committee at C. Milton Wright High School will host its Fifth Annual College Night, free to all Harford County Public School students and parents. (snow date Feb. 20). More than 80 colleges and universities will be present along with scholarship information for students. For information, contact the school at 410-638-4110.

- Linn Griffiths, science teacher at C. Milton Wright High School has been named one of Maryland's finalists for the 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics and Science by the Maryland State Department of Education. The names of the three finalists have been submitted to the White House for consideration as the state winner for Secondary Science. For more information, contact Don Morrison at 410-588-5203.

- Hickory Elementary in Bel Air has been named one of Maryland's six "Blue Ribbon" schools by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a state and national program that recognizes and honors schools that exhibit high performance and/or significant improvement in reading and mathematics achievement as measured by Maryland's assessments. Schools must meet rigorous standards developed by the Maryland State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. These schools are either extremely high achievers in reading and mathematics or economically disadvantaged schools exceeding norms and dramatically closing achievement gaps of their students in reading and mathematics. The Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools go on to compete for National Blue Ribbon Awards, which will be announced by the U.S. Department of Education next September. For more information, contact Don Morrison at 410-588-5203.

- Six Harford County Public School educators have recently been notified that they have achieved National Board Certification as teachers following a rigorous process that took at least a year to complete. The teachers achieving the status are Lori McNeil of Magnolia Elementary School, Robert Bruce of Joppatowne High School, Karla Weinhold of Patterson Mill Middle School, Christine Baker of Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School, Michael Schul of Church Creek Elementary School, and Mary Beth O'Donnell of Harford Technical High School. For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203.