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**\*NOTE:** To help us track the usefulness of the Memo to Media, we ask that you inform us if you will be covering any of the events or information listed in the memo. Please send all correspondence to [Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org](mailto:Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org).

## Hold the Date

- The Formal Dedication Ceremony for the new Patterson Mill Middle/High School Building will be on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new playground at Hickory Elementary School will take place on Wednesday, October 31st at 2:45 p.m.
- Harford County Public Schools' All-County High School Jazz Choir will perform at Harford Community College, Joppa Hall on Sunday, October 21st starting at 2:00 p.m. **NEW!**
- George Toepfer, HCPS Supervisor of Social Studies has won the Maryland Council for the Social Studies Distinguished Social Studies Educator Award. Additionally, Gifted and Talented Teacher at Youth's Benefit Elementary Jan Truzzolino has won the Social Studies Educator of the Year Award. The two will be honored at the Maryland Council for the Social Studies Conference at Patterson Mill Middle-High School on Friday, October 19th from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Social Studies department at 410-588-5223. **NEW!**
- The opening celebration of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Magnet Program at Joppatowne High School will be held on Tuesday, November 27th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school. For more information, contact the program advisor, Leah Beaulieu, at (410) 612-1510. **NEW!**
- On Wednesday, October 24th, Fallston High School will host a German Fair showcasing projects completed by students using their knowledge of the German language. The projects will be on display from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the South Cluster of the school. Examples of student work include scale models of the symbol of Munich, the Church of Our Lady, the center of Munich, and the Olympic Stadium. Several German teachers throughout the county will be present as judges and will present certificates and ribbons to students who have participated. For more information, contact Rick Jones at 410-638-4120. **NEW!**
- The winner of a new computer as part of a promotion coordinated by Green's Ice Cream, Mr. Edward Zaras, a customer of Saubel's Markets in Whiteford, has donated his prize to North Harford Middle School. In lieu of a computer, the school will receive a \$1,000 gift card from Best Buy. The gift will be presented to the school on Wednesday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m. Manager of Saubel's Markets, Earl Bell along with a representative from Green's Ice Cream and Mr. Zaras will be present at the event. For more information, contact Karl Wickman at 410-638-3658. **NEW!**
- The kindergarten classes at George D. Lisby at Hillsdale Elementary School will be presenting a **Patriotic Program** for parents and the community on Thursday, October 25th at 2:15 p.m. The students will all be wearing red, white, and blue and singing/signing several patriotic songs. For more information, contact Joy Richardson at 410-273-5530. **NEW!**
- On Saturday, November 10th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hickory Elementary School will host its Second Annual "Driven to Read!" This is an event connecting a "car show" theme with reading, designed to encourage students to read. Some activities include pine wood derby and remote control car races for students, a book character costume contest, a DJ, and refreshments along with funny jokes and poems from



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the students. For more information, contact Kay Smith at 410-638-4170.

- Quintor Winds woodwind quintet, featuring four HCPS music teachers, will be performing at the Bel Air Barnes and Noble on Saturday, October 20th from 12 to 12:45 p.m. The performance will include guest narrator, HCPS Supervisor of Music Jim Boord. From 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. a percentage of the sales at Barnes and Noble will go to the Band Together Program. Band Together will be accepting instrument donations. For more information, contact Jim Boord at 410-588-5277.

- Villa Maria Harford County's Third Annual Building Bridges for Children Gala Event will be held on Friday, October 19th at the Bulle Rock Golf & Country Club from 8:00 p.m. - midnight. The evening will feature live music, food stations, a silent auction and special raffle items. Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas, Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, will also be honored during the evening. Proceeds will support Villa Maria Continuum's behavioral health and special education programs in Harford County. Tickets are \$125 per person. For information or tickets, please contact Nicole Gorski, Development Coordinator, at 410-252-4700 ext. 134 or [ngorski@cc-md.org](mailto:ngorski@cc-md.org).

- Thomas F. Cline will be the October inductee into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame. He is a former social studies teacher at Aberdeen and Harford Technical high schools and work experience coordinator at Harford Tech. He will be honored at the October 22, 2007 Board meeting (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building).

- The Harford County Public Schools and the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a Special Education Forum on Tuesday, October 23rd at the Center for Educational Opportunity in Aberdeen. There will be a light supper and networking time from 6 - 7 p.m. followed by roundtable discussions from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ann-Marie Spakowski at 410-588-5246.

- As part of a nationwide effort to support school choirs, North Harford Middle School was selected as the winner of a workshop with Dr. David Brunner. The composer/conductor will visit the school on Friday, October 26th. Workshops will be provided to the choral students during the day and that evening the students will present a concert. For more information, contact Angela Jones at 410-638-3658.

- In an effort to disseminate information about educational opportunities at Harford County High Schools, HCPS will be conducting a series of evening informational presentations within the county. The objective is to give parents and students an introduction to the magnet programs available to students in Harford County beginning in the fall of 2007.

The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:

- October 25, 2007: Patterson Mill Middle/High
- November 1, 2007: Edgewood High

Presentations start at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Open House schedule for each magnet program is:

- November 7, 2007: Harford Technical High
- November 13, 2007: Global Studies at Edgewood High
- November 20 & 28, 2007: Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High

For more information, contact Frank Mezzanotte at 410-809-6069.

- Maryland has been chosen as the site for the 17th Annual International Conference of the National Association for Multicultural Education. This conference will be held from October 31st - November 4th at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore. The theme is "Charting the Course to Academic Excellence and Equity through Multicultural Education." For more information, contact the Department of Equity and Cultural Diversity at 410-809-6065.