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October 25, 2007

***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.

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.



- On Thursday, November 8th, William Paca Elementary physical education classes are taking part in a world record attempt to try to set a new "speedstacking" record for the most people stacking on that day. Speedstacking is a newly popular activity where individuals attempt to stack plastic cups in specific patterns. Visit <http://www.speedstacks.com/> for a more in-depth explanation. For more information, contact Joe Fortier at 410-612-1566. **NEW!**
- Fountain Green Elementary School is hosting an after school community service program through the Recreation Council involving 16 students in grades 1-5 from the school making fleece lap blankets for the children in wheelchairs at the Shriner's Orthopedic Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. The blanket will be presented to the president of the organization that collects and donates them to the hospital at the last class meeting at the school on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sue Ellen Belinski at 410-638-4220. **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 were honored at the Maryland Council for the Social Studies Conference at Patterson Mill Middle-High School on Friday, October 19th. 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 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school. For more information, contact the program advisor, Leah Beaulieu, at 410-612-1510.
- 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 wear red, white, and blue and will sing/sign several patriotic songs. For more information, contact Joy Richardson at 410-273-5530.
- 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 the students. For more information, contact Kay Smith at 410-638-4170.
- 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, Octo-



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ber 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.