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Hold the Date

- The 2007 Teacher Bonus Reception will take place on Wednesday, November 14th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers. **NEW!**
- Board Business Meeting - Monday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits, and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• Jacqueline C. Haas, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Harford County Public Schools, has been named Maryland Superintendent of the Year for 2007 by the American Association of School Administrators. Dr. Haas was named in a surprise announcement October 25th at the annual Maryland Negotiating Service fall conference. She has been a teacher, helping teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in the Harford County Public Schools, serving for 36 years – the last ten as superintendent. Dr. Haas was nominated by the entire leadership team of the Harford County Public Schools including both administrator employee associations, the HCPS Senior Staff, and the Board of Education of Harford County. For more information, read the story on the HCPS website – www.hcps.org. **NEW!**

• Penelope M. "Penny" Ekey, retired 30-year English teacher at Edgewood Middle School, will be inducted into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame on Monday, November 19th (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). Mrs. Ekey continues as a home/hospital teacher and para-educator in the Alternative Education/summer school programs of the Harford County Public Schools. Call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203 for more information. **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 Board Meeting on Monday, November 19th (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). For more information, contact the Social Studies department at 410-588-5223. **NEW!**

• 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.

• 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.



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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:
- 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.