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Hold the Date

• **Monday, December 17th at 6:30 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.

• **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.

• Bel Air Middle School will participate in the **Wreaths Across America** campaign on Friday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. This non-profit organization began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of fallen soldiers across the nation through donations and fundraising. For more information, contact the school at 410-638-4140. **NEW!**

• On Thursday, December 20th, Hickory Elementary School will present a check from their fundraising efforts to a representative from the charity organization called Anna's House. The event will take place at the school at 1:50 p.m. The school participated in a fundraising effort called **Kindergarten Marketplace** to raise money for the charity. For more information, contact Cyndi Freeman at 410-638-4170. **NEW!**

• 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. **NEW!**

• Richard 'Rick' Raulie of the Harford County Public School Purchasing Office, has recently passed the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) test and is certified as a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) – the highest certification given by the organization. Mr. Raulie completed required course work, a written exam, and an oral exam given by three peer CPPOs. For information, contact Don Morrison at 410-588-5203. **NEW!**

• Fountain Green Elementary School is collecting soda can pop-tops to be recycled and donated as part of a program to support the Shriner's Hospital in Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m. the first donation of pop-tops will be presented to the Ladies Oriental Shrine at the school. For more information, contact Sue Belinski at 410-638-4220.

• The late Paul R. Skarzenski, 22-year principal at Bel Air High School and 34-year HCPS educator, will be honored at the December 17th Board Meeting as the December inductee into the HCPS Educator Hall of Fame. For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203.

• The State and Regional interscholastic athletic champions from the Harford County Public Schools will be recognized at the December 17th Board Meeting (6:30 p.m., HCPS A.A. Roberty Building). In addition, the

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HCPS teams that won Upper Chesapeake Bay Athletic Conference Sportsmanship awards will be honored. For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203.

- The artwork of Wilbur Catud, Deerfield Elementary School third grader, has been chosen to be used as the cover for the annual Superintendent/Board of Education's holiday greeting card. Wilbur's pencil drawing of a snowman was chosen by a committee at the central office from among the dozens of entries submitted in the annual contest. Wilbur will be honored at the Dec. 17th Board Meeting. For more information, call Teri Kranefeld, HCPS Public Information Office, 410-588-5213.

- The student pages from Harford County who will serve the House and Senate during the 2008 General Assembly were introduced during the annual Student Page Breakfast held at Fallston High School on November 29th. The pages are McKenzie Hull, Fallston High; Steven Hunt, Bel Air High; Gabriel Lincoln-DeCusatis, Harford Technical High; Ashley Massey, Joppatowne High; Megan Novak, C. Milton Wright High; and Troy Shuman, C. Milton Wright High. For more information, call Pat Whitehurst, coordinator of the program, at Fallston High, 410-638-4120.