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March 13, 2008

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Board Meetings

• **Monday, March 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. **NEW!**

NOTE: The Board Business Meeting of March 24 is cancelled and will now be held on March 17th (March 24th is the first day of the spring break). The Board Work Session scheduled on March 17th will be moved to April 7th. The topic will be Harford Technical High School Enrollment Capacity.

Save the Date

- The Teacher of the Year banquet program will be Thursday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant.
- The North Harford High School Rededication Ceremony will be on Sunday, April 13th, at 2:00 p.m. **NEW!**
- Bel Air Middle School is sponsoring Hoops for Heart, a program in which students participate in activities to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Hoops for Heart empowers students as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. This year, Bel Air Middle School will announce the final amount of funds raised at a culminating Hoops for Heart pep rally on Thursday, March 20th at three grade-level assemblies: 8:15 to 10:00; 10:25 to 12:10; 12:55 to 2:40. There also will be an evening teacher-student volleyball game on Wednesday, March 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The top six Hoops for Heart fundraisers (three girls and three boys) from each grade level will play against teacher volunteers. All proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association. For more information, contact Lisa Standish at 410-638-4140 or annalisa.standish@hcps.org. **NEW!**
- After 30 years, North Harford Middle School will stage its final Eighth Grade play on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. English/Language Arts teacher Ginger Huller and Social Studies teacher Tom Berg have combined to produce the plays for three decades. For more information, call Mrs. Huller or Mr. Berg, 410-638-3658. **NEW!**
- The March and April inductees into the Harford County Public School Educator Hall of Fame will be, Ronald S. Webb and Edwin C. Saunders, respectively. Mr. Webb spent 36 years in the Harford County Public Schools as a vocal music instructor, counselor, supervisor, assistant principal, and principal. He was principal at Havre de Grace High School (twice) and at C. Milton Wright High School, retiring in 1996. Mr. Webb will be inducted into the 'Hall' on March 17th. Mr. Saunders spent 31 years in the Harford County Public Schools as an English teacher, instructional supervisor, Supervisor of Curriculum, and principal of three schools – Havre de Grace Middle, Aberdeen Middle, and C. Milton Wright High. He retired in 2001. Mr. Saunders will be inducted on April 28. Both induction ceremonies will take place at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building at 6:30 p.m. Call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203, for more information.
- Board of Education Counsel Patrick P. Spicer is the featured author in the winter/spring edition of the 'Harford Historical Bulletin' with his 50-page account of the first decade of school desegregation in the Harford County Public Schools – 1954 through 1963. The "Decade of Delay" treatise will be followed by Part II in the upcoming issue of the bulletin which is published by the Harford County Historical Society. For more information, call Mr. Spicer at 410-638-4005.

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- Ofek Cohen, Bel Air High School junior, has won the Harford County High School Chess Championship for a second straight year. Ofek, 16, is wheelchair bound due to Muscular Dystrophy. He won the 2008 tournament in a final round against 20 opponents at Aberdeen High School on February 29th. For more information, call the tournament organizer, Aberdeen math teacher Bill Wardle, at 410-273-5500.
- Volunteer Jack Shagena, a retired engineer, has written a book about the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center. Mr. Shagena, who also built a log cabin at the 245-acre site near Emmorton, traces the history of the land from its earliest land grants from the King of England to its having been deeded to the school system after World War II by the Army, and the development of the outdoor education program now in place at the site. For more information, call HCPS Assistant Supervisor of Science Mark Herzog, 410-638-3903.
- The Harford County Public Schools has once again been awarded the Government Finance Officers of America (GFOA) recognition for both the preparation of its budget and its annual financial report. For more information, call the system's Chief Financial Officer, John Markowski, 410-588-5243.
- Vincent 'Vin' Brown, a 17-year-old senior at North Harford High School, won the inaugural Harford County Table Tennis Tournament, staged at Patterson Mill Middle/High School on Friday, February 29th. Vin, a football/basketball player at North Harford, topped 60 other competitors from more than a dozen local public and private schools in the first annual tournament. For more information, call tournament organizer Cindy Mare at PMMHS, 410-638-4640.
- 27 Harford County Public School Destination Imagination teams will travel to Towson University on April 12th for the State finals in the DI program by virtue of their performance at the March 1st Destination Imagination East Central Regional tournament staged at Bel Air Middle School. Eighty-six teams from Harford and Cecil County took part in the all-day regional tournament. For more information, call HCPS Coordinator of Accelerated Learning Eric Cromwell, 410-588-5354.
- Patterson Mill Middle School will be performing its first musical, "Annie, Jr." directed by Marge Phillips. Showtimes are April 11th and 12th at 7:00 p.m. and April 13th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 14 and under. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, contact Mary Iwanowski at 410-771-2608 or mary.iwanowski@phh.com.