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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.

Board Meetings

- **Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.
- **Monday, April 28th 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!**

Save the Date

- The Combined Groundbreaking Ceremonies for Edgewood High and Deerfield Elementary will take place on Tuesday, June 3rd from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- The Teacher of the Year banquet program will be Thursday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant.

Ten Finalists tabbed for 2008-09 TOY

NEW!

A panel of 13 judges has selected the ten 2008-09 Finalists in the Harford County Public School Teacher of the Year program. The Finalists will be honored during a banquet/program at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace on Thursday, April 24th. At the conclusion of the 14th Annual Teacher of the Year banquet – again provided to the school system free of charge by the Bayou – the 2008-09 HCPS Teacher of the Year will be announced. The Finalists for 2008-09 HCPS Teacher of the Year are:

Kristina L. Bilderback

Bel Air Elementary School, Fifth Grade

Mary Jo Day

Abingdon Elementary School, Fourth Grade

Mark D. Evans

Aberdeen High School SMA, Mathematics

Yvonne K. Gabriel

Aberdeen High School SMA, Earth Science

Peter F. Griffiths

C. Milton Wright High School, Social Studies

Sharalyn R. Heinly

North Harford Middle School, Mathematics

Christopher A. Hoover

Fallston High School, Social Studies

Donna L. Hott

Havre de Grace Middle School, Life Sciences

Sarah H. Lovelidge

North Bend Elementary, K-5 Enrichment

Ronald C. Wooden

George D. Lisby Elementary School at Hillsdale, Fifth Grade

• Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick will visit Hickory Elementary School **TOMORROW**, Friday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. as part of the Blue Ribbon Tour of Excellence. Hickory Elementary is one of six schools to receive Maryland's 2008 Blue Ribbon School Award. For more information, contact Principal Gail Connolly at 410-638-4170.

• The staff and the 2008 inaugural graduating class of the Science and Mathematics Academy will host a Gallery Walk of Senior Capstone Projects at the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School on Tuesday, May 20th in the lobby from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. A celebration banquet and ceremony will follow the walk. State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy Grasmick is scheduled to attend. For more information, contact 410-588-5217. **NEW!**

• Janet Lord Lenzi, the author of 'A Pebble to Polish' is coming to Patterson Mill Middle/High School on Thursday, April 24th to do a book talk on autism to celebrate Autism Awareness Month. The event will be in the auditorium and the times will be 10:45 - 11:35 a.m., 12:55 - 1:45 p.m. and 1:45 - 2:35 p.m. For more information, call 410-638-4640. **NEW!**



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- The Fourth Annual Abby and Amanda Gilland Benefit basketball game will be staged at Joppatowne High School on Friday, May 2nd, doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The game is played in memory of two sisters who died of rare kidney diseases in June 2003 and November 2003 while in their sophomore and senior years at Joppatowne High, respectively. Cost of admission is \$5.00. The game will pit the faculty versus the students with all proceeds going to the Johns Hopkins Research program (over \$7,000 has been raised and contributed during the first three years of the effort). This year, two Ravens cheerleaders and three Baltimore Blast players will take part and be available for pictures and autographs. Raffles and door prizes will be provided along with a silent auction. For more information, contact Faculty sponsor Kerrie Bauer, 410-612-1510. **NEW!**
- On June 5th at 7:00 p.m., Youth's Benefit Elementary is hosting Mark Wood, of the Tran Siberian Orchestra, for a concert at Fallston High School. Mark Wood has come to YBES the past two years for a concert and workshops with our string students. The concert is a fundraiser for our arts programs at YBES. The cost is \$15 per seat. For more information, call Brad Stinar, Assistant Principal at YBES, at 410-638-4190. **NEW!**
- In celebration of its Patriot Program, Churchville Elementary School is supporting the military serving overseas by joining together with "Soldiers Angels" to collect and send out care packages. Each month the students can bring items to be sent in care packages. For more information, contact Trisha Orndorff at 410-836-2324 or jtorndorff@verizon.net. **NEW!**
- Nine Harford teams earn Global DI berths - Nine teams from Harford County have qualified for the Global Destination Imagination Tournament by virtue of finishing first, second or third at the state tournament. The schools are North Bend Elementary, Ring Factory Elementary, Hall's Cross Roads Elementary, Southampton Middle, North Harford Middle, Bel Air Middle and Patterson Mill High (North Bend and Bel Air Middle each have two teams). For more information, call 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- On Friday, April 18th, Prospect Mill is holding it's Nationally Ranked Jump Rope for Heart outside the school. The event was ranked ninth in the United States last year with \$48,500 raised for the American Heart Association. The school has been ranked in the top 10 for five years in a row. For more information, contact Scott Powers at 410-638-3817. **NEW!**
- The Harford County Delegation Outstanding Scholar Dinner will take place on Monday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Level Volunteer Fire Company in Havre de Grace. For more information, call 410-841-3289. **NEW!**
- Several high schools in the county work with elementary schools in their feeder areas in a World Language Induction program where the older students in advanced language courses introduce languages other than English to elementary students – some as young as first grade. At Fallston High, students from nearby Youth's Benefit Elementary come to the high school once a week for this introductory instruction. For more information on the world language induction program, call World Language Supervisor Harve Bennett, 410-588-5218. To follow up on the Fallston High/YBES program, call Fallston High Principal Joe Schmitz, 410-638-4120.
- Abingdon Elementary will host an Earth Day Family Night on Tuesday April 22nd from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Students and their families are invited to come participate in fun and educational activities that help us to learn and appreciate our environment, as well as ways to care for and protect it! For more information, contact Jodi Johnson at 410-638-3910.
- The Maryland Summer Center for Action Investigation is currently accepting applications for their program July 14-25th. The program is located at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center. This is a day program running from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Students entering grades 5th-8th are encouraged to apply. The program de-

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velops primary research skills using Harford Glen as its focus. Last year students conducted research on the pine tree infestation and whitetail deer population. To view last year's reports, go to www.hcps.org/gifted. Parents can register online at www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters. For questions, contact Eric Cromwell at 410-588-5354 or eric.cromwell@hcps.org.

- 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.

- The April inductee into the Harford County Public School Educator Hall of Fame will be Edwin C. Saunders. 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 28th at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building at 6:30 p.m. Call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203, for more information.