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Board Meetings

- **Monday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session at the HCPS A.A. Roberty Building. For agenda, exhibits, and more information, log onto www.hcps.org or call 410-588-5203.
- **Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Work Session; **8:15 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.
- **Monday, April 14th at 7:00 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.

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.
- The North Harford High School Rededication Ceremony will be on Sunday, April 13th, at 2:00 p.m.
- Abingdon Elementary will host an Earth Day Family Night on Tuesday April 22nd from 5:00-7:30 pm. 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. **NEW!**
- 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 develops 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. **NEW!**
- 11th grader at Fallston High School, Allen Jennings, was chosen as 2007 Rookie Firefighter of the Year for the Fallston Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company, Inc. He received an official citation from the General Assembly, the County Executive's Citation, and a Harford County Proclamation. For more information, contact Joseph A. Schmitz at 410-638-4120.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.