

# Memo to Media



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Here are some story ideas in which you may have an interest:

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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](mailto:Amanda.Spencer@hcps.org).

## Board Meetings

- **Monday, May 12th 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](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.
- **Tuesday, May 13th 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](http://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.**

- 200 eighth grade science students will participate in a special day of science demonstrations and interaction with area scientists and engineers through a cooperative effort with Harford Community College, Northeastern Maryland Technology Council, SAIC, and Aberdeen Proving Ground. The event will occur on May 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at HCC beginning in the Student Center. This event is called TNT, which stands for Technology Needs Teens and the intent is to provide further inspiration and attraction to science as an area of study and exposure to the many great careers in this area. For more information, contact Supervisor of Science, Dr. Dennis Kirkwood at 410-588-5217. **NEW!**
- On Friday, May 2nd, State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy Grasmick will visit Southampton Middle School to celebrate Teacher Recognition Day for an hour between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Don Morrison at 410-588-5203. **NEW!**
- Magnolia Middle School will host its Second Annual Medieval Festival on Friday, May 23rd. The event will take place at the school throughout the entire day. For more information, contact Deanna McJilton at 410-612-1525.
- On Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Aberdeen Middle School will host a flea market in the side parking lot, as well as an American Red Cross Blood Drive and a student-run Health Fair with free health screenings from professionals. The event is part of a service learning project for 7th grade. The rain date for the flea market only is May 31st. For appointments to participate in the blood drive, contact Katie Scarborough at 410-273-5510.
- Harford Technical High School seniors, Dillon Waitkus and Brian Schafert, of the Automotive Diagnostics & Systems Repair Program, competed in the Ford/AAA Trouble Shooting Contest on Saturday, April 19th. The competition took place at the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus, and included both a practical and written test component (the written test was completed in February and served as the key to whether a school's team would advance to the State Competition). Of 26 teams that competed from around Maryland, Waitkus and Schafert finished second, earning a perfect score in having found and repaired every defect "planted" in their vehicle in a time of 48 minutes. For more information, call 410-638-3804.
- 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.



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State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy Grasmick is scheduled to attend. For more information, contact 410-588-5217.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 [tjorndorff@verizon.net](mailto:tjorndorff@verizon.net).

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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](http://www.hcps.org/gifted). Parents can register online at [www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters). For questions, contact Eric Cromwell at 410-588-5354 or [eric.cromwell@hcps.org](mailto:eric.cromwell@hcps.org).