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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, August 4th 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.

• The Maryland Summer Center for Gifted and Talented students are researching habitat restoration in Harford County during its program, July 14-25th. The program takes place at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center in Bel Air. This is a day program running from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for Gifted and Talented students entering grades 5 - 8. The program develops primary research skills using Harford Glen as its focus. There will be a formal presentation of student research on Thursday, July 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Harford Glen's dining hall. If you have questions about the program, contact Eric Cromwell, Coordinator of Accelerated Learning Programs at 410-588-5354 or eric.cromwell@hcps.org. *NEW!*

• The Harford County Alliance of Black School Educators is sending four representatives to the National Alliance's African American Male Youth Leadership Summit on July 31st - August 3rd. The event will be held at Prairie View A&M University, a historically black university located approximately sixty miles from Houston, Texas. The three day summit includes interactive workshops that focus on academic achievement, communication skills, financial responsibility, and career exploration. Two HCPS students, Dominique Henson and Michael Barnes Adams, as well as two HCPS teachers, Matthew Byrd and Marcus Sherrod have been selected to attend. For more information, contact Hattye Knight at 410-588-5238 or Hattye.Knight@hcps.org. *NEW!*

• Harford County Public Schools Summer School Rainbow Graduation for 2008 will be held in the Aberdeen High School auditorium on Friday, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. Contact Mark Buzminsky at 410-273-5594 for more information.

• Meadowvale Elementary School in Havre de Grace has been selected to receive a Ben Carson Reading Room. Mayor of Havre de Grace, Wayne H. Dougherty, recommended Meadowvale Elementary for the award and will attend the ceremony in addition to County Executive David Craig. For more information, contact Principal A. Blaine Hawley at 410-939-6622. These Reading Rooms are designed to encourage young people to discover the joy of independent reading in a warm, inviting atmosphere, with rewards given for minutes read. For more information on the Ben Carson Reading Room program, visit www.carsonscholars.org/rooms.php.

• Ring Factory Elementary students in Bel Air are learning real-life business and financial lessons from a Junior Achievement program being delivered from the kindergarten through 5th grade. Ring Factory classroom teachers, volunteer parents, and community volunteers joined Freedom Federal Credit Union employees to dedicate their time to a 5-session class, designed particularly for each grade and age level. This is the ninth year that Ring Factory has participated in the in-class portion of the Junior Achievement (JA) program, but this is only the second year that every grade participated during the same year. Six other schools in Harford County are participating in JA programs during the 2008-09 school year. For more information, contact Kathy Farrand at 410-420-2648.

• The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) will honor 36 schools as new "Maryland Green Schools". This year, Aberdeen High School will join the ranks of other schools in Maryland, be-



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coming a Green School for the first time. In a three year effort by a dedicated group of students that call themselves the "Green Team", this vision was realized following an extensive application process and documentation through MAEOE. The Maryland Green School program recognizes and supports public and private schools that use their campus and the local environment as a place to learn, model environmental best management practices and work with community partners to enhance learning and stewardship. For more information, contact Linda McDonough at 410-273-5500.

- The 2008 Harford County Public Schools Teacher Night at Ripken Stadium will be held on Saturday, August 30th. On that evening, the Ten 2008-09 Harford County Public School Teacher of the Year Finalists will be honored and the Teacher of the Year will throw out the first pitch. It is also the Harford County Education Association (HCEA) night at the Stadium. Forty tickets have been reserved for Harford County Public School teachers – 20 each at \$9.50 per ticket in the Reserved Section and \$12.50 per ticket in the Loge Section. The price of admission includes a free Ironbirds cap, a game program, and free parking. To purchase tickets, call Jenna Raglani, Ironbirds Account Executive, at 410-297-9292, ext. 317.