



March 5, 2009

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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, March 9th 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.
- **Monday, March 23rd 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.

Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website www.hcps.org!

Save the Date

The 2009 HCPS Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace!

- The 2009 Commencement Ceremony schedule has been revised. [View the new schedule here.](#)
- North Harford Middle School annually hosts a talent show in conjunction with the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) in March. This year, the school is holding the "NHMS Who's Got Talent?" featuring local 'celebrity' judges. Last year, the school coordinated the "MSA Idol" where all three assistant principals acted as the three American Idol judges, Simon, Paula and Randy. The show will take place on Friday, March 20th at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Angie Jones at 410-638-3658. **NEW!**
- Patterson Mill High School will present its first musical entitled "Bye Bye Birdie," which will be performed March 13th at 7:30 p.m., March 14th at 7:30 p.m., and March 15th at 3:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, seniors and children. Contact Shane Jensen at 410-638-4640 or shane.jensen@hcps.org for additional information. **NEW!**
- The Annual Young Authors Writing Contest Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 (snow dates: March 19th & March 25th) in the Board Room at the A.A. Roberty Building on Hickory Ave in Bel Air and on Saturday, March 14th (snow dates: March 20th & 27th) at Barnes & Noble in Bel Air. The celebration on March 11th at the Board Meeting will be in two sessions, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for grades six through 12 and 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for pre-k through fifth grade. The distinguished honor as a winning author is quite an accomplishment for the 79 Harford County authors and poets. Hundreds of writing pieces were submitted and only three were selected from each grade level for each category. At this time, students will receive certificates and be honored by the Harford County Reading Council's Young Authors Writing Committee. On Saturday, March 11th, part two of the celebration sponsored by Barnes & Noble in Bel Air, will be a large gala event for all of the authors who entered as well as the winners. **NEW!**
- The Greater Edgewood Education Foundation, Inc. will be holding its Business After Hours Student Art Exhibition and Sale to Benefit Education in Edgewood on March 11, 2008 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. This event, which is being sponsored by Provident Bank and SAIC, will feature student artists from each of the six Edgewood schools. The show will include works of art in a variety of formats including paint, sketch, sculpture, and charcoal. Tickets are available for \$25 and space is limited. Select corporate sponsorships are available and are limited. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Deb Merlock by phone at 410-322-7743 or by email at deb.merlock@comcast.net. For additional information about the Greater Edgewood Education Foundation, Inc. visit the foundation's website at www.geefinc.com. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for Edgewood

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High School students. **NEW!**

- Ashley Eidsmore, a senior at the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High School, was recently selected as a 2009 Super Teen Winner by Next Step Magazine. Representing the Mid-Atlantic Region along with a group of fellow teens, Ashley's picture and write-up will be featured in the March issue of the magazine as well as its website, www.nextstepmagazine.com. This annual contest selects winners from regions across the country based on extracurricular activities, accomplishments and plans for the future. The Next Step Magazine helps students plan for college, careers and life. Next Step Magazine is a national publication for high school students, which is distributed in 20,500 high schools in 50 states. **NEW!**
- Fourth Grade Teacher at Joppatowne Elementary School, Mrs. Donna Forster, was recently selected as the district level recipient of the 2009 Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Forster was selected as the winner for VFW Post 5838 in Joppatowne and also received the top prize for District 14 of Maryland. This award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. For her accomplishment, she was presented with a check from each of the local VFW post and the district totaling \$200. For more information, contact Joppatowne Elementary School at 410-612-1546.
- The Office of School Counseling for Harford County Public Schools in partnership with the Office of Advising, Career and Transfer Services at Harford Community College, will host the Tenth Annual Career Opportunity and Information Fair on Tuesday, March 31st from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center at HCC. This career awareness program for high school and community college students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from local educational, business and military communities. For more information, call 410-588-5245.
- The Third Annual Harford County High School Chess Tournament will take place on Friday, March 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Aberdeen High School Media Center. This chess tournament will feature 40-minute games as well as individual and team championships with trophies awarded to the top players and teams. It is open to any high school student in Harford County. To register or for more information, contact Mr. Wardle at Aberdeen High School at 410-273-5500 or william.wardle@hcps.org.
- Intent to Rename Campus Hills/Schucks Road Elementary Announced - According to Board policy, the official announcement of the intent to rename the elementary school that is being constructed off of Schucks Road, near Churchville, was made at the Board meeting held Tuesday, January 20. The school was originally approved to be named Campus Hills Elementary School by the Board on Monday, December 8, 2008. The motion to rename the building was brought forth by Board member Robin Rich, who suggested the facility be named after the late Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas, HCPS superintendent of schools from 1999 - 2008. Board policy suggests that the name of a public school facility should "give proper recognition to the community which it serves," but also provides for a building/ground to be named for a person, living or dead, who has made "significant contributions to education in the Harford County Public Schools." The policy further requires the intent to name be widely publicized in the community with an invitation for the public to submit names in writing or in person during Board meetings in the 60-day interim between announcing the intent to name and action being taken. The Superintendent will provide the Board with a complete list of names suggested along with her recommendation at the Monday, March 9th Board meeting. Allowing for 60-days required prior to naming the building, the Board will take action at its March 23, 2009 business meeting (6:30 p.m.), HCPS/A.A. Roberty Building). Click here to submit a suggestion to rename the school.